

*Dance N Beyond Presents:*

*Once Upon a Dream*



Spring 2026 Showcase

# Hello Dance Families,

The performance is approaching quickly and we know you're all just as excited as we are. To keep everyone informed, we've included all the important information you will need regarding dress rehearsals, showcase day, tickets, guests, hair and makeup, etc. Please carefully read in full, and do not hesitate to reach out to the Dance N Beyond team if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you!

## Official Dress Rehearsal and Show Dates

Dress rehearsals are **mandatory** for all participating students as they allow everyone to become familiar with the stage and venue, and rehearse as a full class. Please be sure to make necessary arrangements prior to rehearsals to ensure your dancer's attendance. Reach out to us ASAP if you have any concerns regarding dress rehearsals.

### VENUE

Five Points Art Center  
855 University Dr, Torrington, CT  
06790

### Studio Rehearsal:

Wednesday, June 3rd 2026

4:30 - 8:00PM

### Dress Rehearsal:

Thursday, June 4th 2026

4:30 - 8:00PM

For studio rehearsal:

- Hair must be in a neat bun and leotard and tights are required. No baggy cover-ups please.
- Tiny tots are not required to come to this rehearsal.
- Call time for ALL dancers is 4PM. Rehearsal will wrap up around 7:30PM - soloists and classes that need extra rehearsal time will have the opportunity to stay until 8PM.
- Parents/Guardians **MUST** sign their child in at the dancer drop off station upon arrival, and sign them out after rehearsal.
- Please do not bring any messy snacks or beverages. Drinks must be clear and snacks must be peanut-free. Bring plenty of water!

For dress rehearsal:

- Show hair and makeup is **REQUIRED**. Please show up exactly as you would for the show.
- Students should arrive promptly at 4PM with all of their costumes, shoes and tights prepared. Changing spaces and small activities will be provided. Early arrival ensures time to make sure you're stage-ready and warmed up.
- Parents/Guardians **MUST** sign their child in at the dancer drop off station upon arrival, and sign them out after rehearsal.
- Tiny Tots can leave rehearsal at 5:30. Parents/guardians must stay for the duration of their rehearsal.
- All costumes must be placed back in their garment bags and hung up on the provided garment racks before you leave. Any snacks and drinks should be tossed so that the venue is tidy.
- Please do not bring any messy snacks or beverages. Drinks must be clear and snacks must be peanut-free. Bring plenty of water!

### **PERFORMANCE NIGHT**

Saturday, June 6th 2026

6:00PM - End of Show

- Tiny Tots can arrive at 5:30PM. All other students should arrive by 4:30 the latest.
- Tiny Tots should be picked up from the dressing room after their number. They can view the rest of the performance from the audience with their families.
- Our staff will host a mandatory warm up on stage at 5:00PM.
- Please follow the above hair, makeup, costume and cleanup guidelines.
- Please do not take your costumes home with you after the show.

### **SIGN-INS**

- Students must be signed in at the same drop-off location as during dress rehearsal. Signs will be posted directing you to the location.
- After signing your child in at the sign-in table, dancers will be released to DNB staff and our volunteers. Dancers will stay in their dressing rooms until it's time for them to perform.
- Parents/guardians are not permitted backstage or in the dancer waiting areas. All parents and guests should exit the building after drop off and may return once theatre doors open at 5:45pm. There will be no exceptions.
- After the show, **ONE** parent/guardian should return to the sign-in table to pick up their child and sign out.

## Tiny Tots

Tiny tots are allowed to arrive later and leave earlier than all other students to limit time away from their parents and ensure a calm environment. Tiny Tots will have their own play area where multiple DNB volunteers will look after them and get them to and from the stage when it's their turn to dance. There is bathroom access for all children. We know that showtime can be a bit nerve-wracking for parents of little ones, and we want to assure you that your tiny dancer will be cared for!

There will be two halves of the show separated by a brief intermission. Tiny Tots will perform early in the first half, and can be picked up from the sign-in station during intermission. Then they can watch the rest of the show from the audience. We encourage you to stay for the duration of the show, so you don't miss the award ceremony at the end!

## Older Students

All other students will be assigned to a dressing room where they will be able to change between numbers. DNB staff and volunteers will be monitoring all dressing rooms and available to assist with quick changes. Dancers will be shown their dressing rooms on the first rehearsal day, and names will be posted in the area where they should leave their costumes.

## Stage Makeup, Hair, Tights and Shoes

Now for the fun part! Keep in mind that makeup is only required because stage lights are very bright, and people on stage can look faceless to the audience and on camera without it.

**Everyone's hair should be in a slicked back medium/low bun, unless your teacher asks otherwise. Avoid using any scrunchies or barrettes, as many dances will have hairpieces. Please refer to your individual dancer details sheets for more information.**

## Our Recommendations

- Don't be afraid to be bold with your eyeshadow! Neutral eyeshadow colors like brown and gold are great, as long as they're not too dark.
- Eyeliner and mascara help accentuate the eyes.
- Red or pink lipstick is a must.
- Red or pink blushes are great, and you should be very heavy handed.
- Make sure to have hairspray/gel, hair ties, bobby pins and hairnets on hand.

## Things To Avoid

- Going bare-faced. We won't be able to see you!
- Dark eyeshadow colors like black, dark purple, dark blue, etc.
- Nude lipstick, light blush and eyeshadow colors
- Flyaways due to lack of hairspray/gel

## Ticket Sales and Guests

Our ticket presale week concludes on 05/17/26. Please reach out to Illy at 860.960.6970 to purchase tickets if you haven't already. Tickets purchased during the pre-sale will be held at the door under your family name on show night.

- If you choose not to purchase your tickets during presale week, you can get them at the door on show night for \$20 each.
- There is no guest limit for this performance. Feel free to invite all your friends and family members- the more the merrier!

## Keep in mind...

Showtime is always accompanied by a little bit of chaos, which makes it that much more fun! Our dancers are creating memories with their friends that they'll cherish forever. We do our best to move as quickly as possible with sign-ins, sign-outs, etc. and we ask for your patience and thank you in advance for your consideration. Our #1 concern is the safety and happiness of our students.

Don't be discouraged by little things like wardrobe malfunctions, ripped tights, or stage fright. These things happen, and you should reach out to any member of our staff if you need help at any time.

## Contact us

We know showcase season can come with lots of questions, and we are always happy to help! Please never hesitate to reach out to us. The quickest and most effective way to get in touch with us is by text message at 860-960-6970, day or night. You are also welcome to call and leave a voicemail or send us an email- whatever works best for you. Please note that texting is our preferred method of communication during this busy time.

We truly appreciate your support and communication as we prepare for an amazing showcase!