

Rachel's Ballet 2022 SHOWCASE

TRAINING AND INSPIRING DANCERS AND TEACHERS OF TOMORROW



MAY 28, 2022

Ohlone College Jackson Theater

43600 MISSION BLVD • FREMONT, CALIFORNIA



2022 ENSEMBLE WINNERS — PPDC SHOWCASE

Capriccio

Zoe Huang, Audrianna Fung, Shreya Gulati, Samantha Perez
Allison Low, Emily Nguyen, Daisy Kim, Charlotte Cheung
Jordan Chen, Cassidy Johnston, Clarice Lai, Elisha Tan
(Mika Nikari at Icon and YAGP Finals)

The Meddlesome Three

Emily Zhang, Evangaline So, Eleanor Huang

Rock Bottom (Lyrical)

Bhavya Shah, Ariel Webb, Lauren Meager

Choreographer: Ariel Webb

Slideshow Presentation

Flight (Fremont Contemporary)

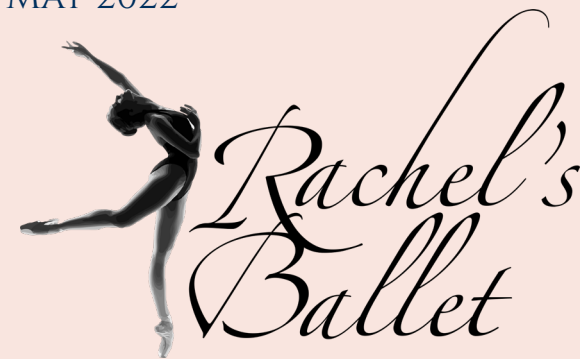
Claire Lin, Cara Wang, Bhavya Shah, Samantha Perez
Daisy Kim, Alyson Tan, Audrianna Fung, Shreya Gulati
Emily Ung, Emily Nguyen, Vivian Sun
Choreographer: Samantha Lim

La Danza (Dublin Contemporary)

Elisha Tan, Mika Nakari, Adhya Yerrabommanahali
Jordan Chen, Charlotte Cheung, Cassidy Johnston
Clarice Lai, Victoria Huang, Tiffany Yang
Leeane Yang, Isla Yates
Choreographer: Samantha Lim



DIRECTOR'S NOTE – MAY 2022



Dearest Parents & Friends:

We are grateful to be returning to live performances at the theater. We will be sending off three of our wonderful dancers who have been with us for many years. To the seniors who are graduating this year: Emma Walker, Maya Basu, and Lauren Meager, we will miss your presence.

Our Nutcracker continues to inspire the community with beautiful performances, and magical experiences for all during the days of Christmas at Temple Hill.

This year, the teachers continue to take on the challenge of teaching students with their masks on, as well as dealing with zoom and the technological challenges that sometimes come with it. Thanks so much for your patience when waiting for teachers to invite you in.

Our annual mock exam marks an important milestone for our dancers. Teachers, thank you for your hard work and dedication to preparing our dancers. We are so happy that the Royal Academy of Dance exams is back live with Angela Walkin as our examiner for the exam sessions. The teachers have been busy with exam prep to ensure all the students have a wonderful and successful exam.

I also want to extend congratulations to our 2022 PPDC team members, who had an amazing time participating in the finals at Tampa, Florida. Thank you to our coaches, and to our PPDC director, Isabelle, for working tirelessly to prepare the costumes and choreography! Everyone performed so beautifully on stage. Bravo to all and all the parents who went to the final to support our girls.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE – MAY 2022 (CONTINUED)

As I reflect on the end of the school year, I want to extend my gratitude to a couple of specific teachers: Ms. Connie for her wonderful services and support to our younger students in Dublin, Ms. Bambi/Ms. Samantha/Ms. Ariel for their dedicated hard work in teaching our young ones in Fremont, Ms. Jeanie/ Leigh Ann/ Isabelle /Vivian/Samantha for vocational students to prepare them for the professional field of dance, Ms. Danielle, and Ms. Anna Gamma for their excellent Acro and Conditioning classes to help our student's body get stronger. Finally, I am especially grateful for Ms. Carol, who assists in many of our classes and helps out when

able. We love you, Ms. Carol. You continue to surprise us with your gift of teaching and you support our team of teachers in miraculous ways. We will miss you as you move on to your next adventure in DC with your son this summer.

We look forward to another exciting year! As you read this program I hope you are able to reflect on this year and all we have learned as we continue to grow as a school and community.

On behalf of all our staff, we wish everyone good health and safe travels this summer. We look forward to working with you in the coming year.

Gratefully Yours,

Rachel Tan

Director, Rachel's Ballet

FACULTY



LEIGH ANN KOELSCH
RB Exam Coordinator/Director



ISABELLE SJAHSAM
PPDC Coordinator/Director



VIVIAN ARAGON



DANIELLE DE OJEDA



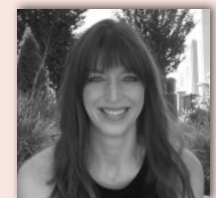
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CAROL HOWARD



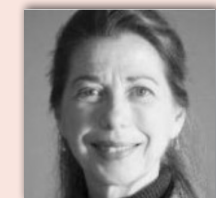
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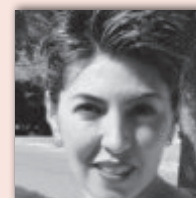
MARIA LaMANCE



SAMANTHA LIN



JEANIE PORS



LILIANA VINUEZA



ARIEL WEBB



CONNIE ZAUG

SHOWCASE

Coppelia

Coppelia is a comic ballet originally choreographed by Arthur Saint-Leon with music by Leo Delibes. The story takes place in a small village where an inventor named Dr. Coppelia lives with his daughter Coppelia. Coppelia sits by a window each day and reads but never speaks. A town boy named Franz falls in love with her. His girlfriend Swanilda is heartbroken. Determined to find out who Coppelia is. She gains access to the workshop of Dr. Coppelius and learns Coppelia is really a wind-up doll.

Franz uses a ladder to enter the window of the workshop. He asks Dr. Coppelius for Coppelia's hands in marriage. Dr. Coppelius gives him a sleeping potion so that he can find a spell to bring Coppelia to life. Swanilda has been hiding behind a curtain. She puts on Coppelias dress and begins to dance. Dr. Coppelius thinks Coppelia has come to life. Meanwhile, Franz and Swanilda turn on all the other wind-up toys to distract Dr. Coppelias. They run out. The next day Frantz and Swanilds are married. Dr. Coppelius comes to the wedding demanding to be paid for the damages to his workshop. The lord of the manor pays him. He returns to his workshop and vows to keep trying to bring his dolls to life.

ACT 1

The Village Summer Daisies Fremont — DTL1

Teacher: Ariel Webb
Penelope Huckabay, Gillian Wang
Chloe Geng

Swanbilda Variation — A2 Solo
Emma Walker

Little Village Children Fremont — PP

Teachers: Ariel Webb & Bambi Fleeman
Itzayana Perez-Torres
Maggie Wang, Viviana Kharपुरi-Chavel
Ahana Khaitan, Mahalakshmi Lokesh
Kiara Menon, Fiona Dharmalingam
Rebekah Noor, Neya Tamilselvan
Sage Wouden, Miranda Huang
Saisha Singal

Village Children Fremont — DTL1

Teachers: Ariel Webb & Bambi Fleeman
Kayleigh McCarthy, Elaine Xin,
Chinmayi Vaidyanathan, Alora Dun,
Adelynn Dun, Bharati Krishna,
Mohini Singh, Kylie Kitagawa, Alina
Bhatia, Kirat Vinayak, Alice Chen,
Vrinda Kapoor, Amelia Chettiar

Mazurka

Fremont — G6+INT+AF+AI+SS
Teacher: Anna Gemma
Abby Stewart, Katelyn Chang
Marissa Gani, Alyson Tan
Emily Ung, Audrianna Fung
Shreya Gulati, Allison Low
Samantha Perez, Maya Basu
Emily Nguyen, Daisy Kim
Avantika Saxena, Nadia Bianco
Emma Walker, Zoe Huang

Fairies

Fremont — DTL2
Teacher: Ariel Webb
Kiara Thomas, Lily Adams, Grace Xu
Areerada Jirathramakul, Jennie Liu

Fairies

Dublin — DTL1
Teacher: Connie Zaug
Madeline Sepull, Amira Sekhon
Parnika Batchala, Celine Lum

SHOWCASE

Rag Doll Fremont — G1

Teachers: Ariel Webb & Bambi Fleeman
Rebecca Chang, Taia Kao, Kailea
Kao, Jaqueline Chen, Nora Li
Malina Kitchens, Aoi Osugi

Swanbilda Variation: A2 Solo
Maya Basu

Scottish Character Dolls Fremont — G2

Teachers: Samantha Lin & Bambi Fleeman
Prisha Saini, Evangeline So Sanaya
Joshi, Aria Joshi
Abhinaya Karthikeyan
Jinghan Emily Zhang, Aishvari Jayanti
Sana Bhat, Zoe Xu

Music Box Ballerina Dolls Dublin — G1+G2

Teacher: Connie Zaug
Isabella Zhang, Michelle Jin
Cosima Sepull, Dawa Sangmo
Madalyn Kurtze

Ballerina Dolls Dublin — G4

Teacher: Anna Gemma
Elaine Yang, Nova Cui
Michelle Ma, Isla Yates
Vaishnavi Srinivasan

Spanish Ballerina Dolls Dublin — G5+G6

Teacher Anna Gemma
Victoria Huang, Briana Wilson
Whitney Wang, Tiffany Yang
Avani Jain, Chloe Madlansacay
Michele Yang, Ashley Choe

Little Peasant Friends Dublin — PP

Teacher: Connie Zaug
Sarah Sangmo, Amelie Sepull
Anniston Sanchez
Jessica Veresov, Ivory Li

Peasant Friends Dublin — Primary

Teacher: Connie Zaug
Mia Serene Zhang Rhea Sarma
Angelina Wu, Jenny Shen
Sarah Cui, Colette Lum
Shale Kurtze, Ridhi Batchala

Czardas

Dublin G6+INT+AF+AI
Teacher: Anna Gemma
Michele Yang, Maria Novak
Ashley Choe, Caitlyn Wong
Mika Nakari, Adhya
Yerrabommanahalli, Cassidy
Johnston, Charlotte Cheung, Jordan
Chen, Clarice Lai, Elisha Tan

ACT 2

The Toy Shop *Coppelia* Eleanor Huang

Little Friends Fremont — G5

Teacher: Anna Gemma
Minlu Zhao, Riddhi Rvishanka
suki Tanaka, Claire Lin, Cara Wang,
Aditi Chaturvedi

Mechanical Dolls Fremont — G3+G4

Teachers: Samantha/Bambi)
Saanvi Kapoor, Joselyn Ma
Eleanor Huang, Annabelle Koh
Natalie Nolan, Avantika Prasad
Nikalet Pabla, Audrey Xiao,
Alexa Gani

SHOWCASE

ACT 3

The Village

Waltz of the Hours

INT+G6

Michele Yang, Maria Novak

Ashley Choe, Caitlyn Wong

Mika Nakari

Adhya Yerrabommanahalli

Katelyn Chang, Marissa Gani

Alyson Tan, Emily Ung, Abby Stewart

Dawn, Prayer, Work, Village, War

AF-SS

Dawn: Charlotte Cheung

Maya Basu, Emily Nguyen

Prayer: Emma Walker, Nadia Bianco

Work: Daisy Kim, Samantha Perez

Allison Low, Audrianna Fung

Village: Cassidy Johnston,

Jordan Chen, Clarice Lai, Elisha Tan

War: Shreya Gulati, Avantika Saxena

Swanhilda Solo: SS Solo

Zoe Huang

Finale: All Vocational

Michele Yang, Maria Novak

Ashley Choe, Caitlyn Wong

Mika Nakari

Adhya Yerrabommanahalli

Katelyn Chang, Marissa Gani

Alyson Tan, Emily Ung, Abby Stewart

Cassidy Johnston, Charlotte Cheung

Jordan Chen, Clarice Lai

Elisha Tan, Audrianna Fung

Shreya Gulati, Allison Low

Samantha Perez, Maya Basu

Emily Nguyen, Daisy Kim

Avantika Saxena, Nadia Bianco

Emma Walker, Zoe Huang

PRE-PROFESSIONAL DANCE COMPANY



DUETS, TRIOS, QUARTETS & ENSEMBLES

Waltz of the Princesses & Sad Machine

Charlotte Cheung Jordan Chen

Cassidy Johnston

Clarice Lai, Elisha Tan

Clarice Lai

(Samantha Perez at Icon)

Choreographer & Coach:

Isabelle Sjahsam

(Sad Machine)

Leigh Ann Koelsch (Waltz)

Swanhilda's

Friends & Cadence

Mika Nakari

Ashley Choe

Adhya Yerrabommanahal

Emily Ung

Masha Novak

(Caitlyn Wong & Jordan

Chen at Spotlight, Elisha Tan at Spotlight)

Choreographer:

Samantha Lin (Cadence),

Coach: Leigh Ann Koelsch

Vivian Aragon (Swanhilda's)

Capriccio

Zoe Huang

Audrianna Fung

Shreya Gulati

Samantha Perez

Allison Low

Emily Nguyen

Daisy Kim

Charlotte Cheung

Jordan Chen

Cassidy Johnston

Clarice Lai, Elisha Tan

(Mika Nakari at Icon &

YAGP Finals)

Choreographer:

Isabelle Sjahsam

Perpendicular Points

Nova Cui, Isla Yates Tif-

fany Yang

Victoria Huang

Choreographer:

Leigh Ann Koelsch

The Meddlesome Three

Emily Zhang

Evangelina So

Eleanor Huang

Choreographer:

Samantha Lin

Precious Stones

Charlotte Cheung Cas-

sidy Johnston

Daisy Kim

Choreographer:

Isabelle Sjahsam

Swiss Trio

Claire Lin

Yuki Tanaka

Cara Wang

Choreographer:

Leigh Ann Koelsch

DUO: ELISHA TAN &

JORDAN CHEN

Title: Cy-chology

Choreographer:

Isabelle Sjahsam

Kitri's Friends

EMILY NGUYEN &

ADRIANNA FUNG

Choreographers:

Isabelle Sjahsam &

Leigh Ann Koelsch

PPDC SOLOS

Waltz of the Princesses & Sad Machine
Charlotte Cheung
Jordan Chen
Cassidy Johnston
Clarice Lai, Elisha Tan
Clarice Lai
(Samantha Perez at Icon)
Choreographer & Coach:
Isabelle Sjhsam
(Sad Machine)
Leigh Ann Koelsch (Waltz)

Swanhilda's Friends & Cadence
Mika Nakari
Ashley Choe
Adhya Yerrabommanahal
Emily Ung
Masha Novak
(Caitlyn Wong & Jordan Chen at Spotlight, Elisha Tan at Spotlight)
Choreographer:
Samantha Lin (Cadence),
Coach: Leigh Ann Koelsch
Vivian Aragon(Swanilda's)

Capriccio
Zoe Huang
Audrianna Fung
Shreya Gulati
Samantha Perez
Allison Low
Emily Nguyen
Daisy Kim
Charlotte Cheung
Jordan Chen
Cassidy Johnston
Clarice Lai, Elisha Tan
(Mika Nikari at Icon & YAGP Finals)
Choreographer:
Isabelle Sjhsam

Perpendicular Points
Nova Cui, Isla Yates Tif-fany Yang
Victoria Huang
Choreographer:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

The Meddlesome Three
Emily Zhang
Evangaline So
Eleanor Huang
Choreographer:
Samantha Lin

Precious Stones
Charlotte Cheung Cassidy Johnston
Daisy Kim
Choreographer:
Isabelle Sjhsam

Swiss Trio
Claire Lin
Yuki Tanaka
Cara Wang
Choreographer:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

DUO: ELISHA TAN & JORDAN CHEN
Title: Cy-chology
Choreographer:
Isabelle Sjhsam

Kitri's Friends
EMILY NGUYEN & ADRIANNA FUNG
Choreographers:
Isabelle Sjhsam & Leigh Ann Koelsch

Something Lost, Something Found
ADHYA YERRABOMMANAHALI
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Revolve
ALLISON LOW
Choreography:
Isabelle Sjhsam

Uno
ASHLEY CHOE
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Lilac Fairy Variation
AUDRIANNA FUNG
Choreography:
Isabelle Sjhsam

Balancing Act
CARA WANG
Choreography:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

Peasant Pas Variation
CARA WANG
Choreography:
Jeanie Pors
Leigh Ann Koelsch

Radium
CASSIDY JOHNSTON
Choreography:
Isabelle Sjhsam

Rites
CHARLOTTE CHEUNG
Choreography:
Isabelle Sjhsam

Variation from Le Corsaire
CHARLOTTE CHEUNG
Choreography:
Leigh Ann/Isabelle

Medora Variation
CHARLOTTE CHEUNG
Coaches:
Isabelle Sjhsam
Leigh Ann Koelsch

Revolve
CLARICE LAI
Choreographers:
Leigh Ann
Isabelle Sjhsam

Qui Non Fleuret
CLARICE LAI
Choreography:
Isabelle Sjhsam

Snow Fairy
ELEANOR HUANG
Choreography:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

La Ma Mille Garde
ELISHA TAN
Choreography:
Jeanie Pors

The Dance
ELISHA TAN
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Trotro
ELISHA TAN
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Kitri Variation from Don Quixote
ELISHA TAN
Choreography:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

PPDC SOLOS

Last Chance
EMILY NGUYEN
Choreography:
Vivian Aragon
Samantha Lin

Shade Variation
EMILY UNG
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Pigalle
ISLA YATES
Choreography:
Connie Zaug

Caspian
JORDAN CHEN
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Dulcinea Variation
JORDAN CHEN
Choreography:
Leigh Ann
Isabelle Sjhsam

Face Ties
MIKA NAKARI
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Pas de Quatre
MIKA NAKARI
Choreography:
Isabelle Sjhsam

Fairy Variation from Sleeping Beauty
NOVA CUI
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Le Onde
NOVA CUI
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Hidden Notes
SHREYA GULATI
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Swanilda Variation
SHREYA GULATI
Choreography:
Vivian Aragon
Samantha Lin

Strongman
YUKI TANAKA
Choreography:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

Variation from Giselle
YUKI TANAKA
Choreography:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

Momentary
ZOE HUANG
Choreography:
Zoe Huang

Sarielle
ZOE HUANG
Choreography:
Isabelle Sjhsam

Variation from Raymonda
ZOE HUANG
Coaches: Isabelle Sjhsam and Leigh Ann Koelsch

2022 COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

IBC: YOUTH INTERNATIONAL BALLET COMPETITION SEATTLE REGIONALS

2nd Place in Junior Contemporary Division
Elisha Tan with Troto
Choreographer: Samantha Lin

3rd Place in Junior Ballet Division
Elisha Tan with Kitri Variation
Coach: Leigh Ann Koelsch

CALIFORNIA DANCE CLASSICS
SAN FRANCISCO
Gaynor Minden Notable Improvement
and Progress Award
\$250
Elisha Tan

Gold Award in Contemporary Duos and Trios
14 yrs and older
Jordan Chen and Elisha Tan for Cy-Chology
Choreographer: Isabelle Sjahsam

Silver Award in Duos and Trios
11-13 yrs
Eleanor Huang, Evangaline So, Emily Zhang
for The Meddlesome Three
Choreographer: Samantha Lin

Special Honorable Mention in Neo-Classical Solo
15 yrs and older
Zoe Huang for Sarielle
Choreographer: Isabelle Sjahsam

Honorable Mention in Contemporary Solo
13-14 yrs
Elisha Tan for The Dance
Choreographer: Samantha Lin

2022 COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

YOUTH AMERICA GRAND PRIX SAN FRANCISCO REGIONAL Top 12 Ensembles: Capriccio

IBC: YOUTH INTERNATIONAL BALLET COMPETITION
FINALS IN FLORIDA
Elisha Tan Performed Kitri Variation and Troto

ICON DANCE AWARDS, SAN FRANCISCO EVENT
1st Place in Junior Classical
Elisha Tan with Kitri Variation
Coach: Leigh Ann Koelsch

1st Place in Junior Contemporary
Elisha Tan with Troto
Choreographer: Samantha Lin

3rd Place in Junior Classical
Mika Nikari, Pas De Quatre
Coaches: Isabelle Sjahsam and Leigh Ann Koelsch

Top 10 in Senior Classical
Zoe Huang Raymonda
Coaches: Zoe Huang, Isabelle Sjahsam, Leigh Ann Koelsch

Top 10 in Youth Classical
Yuki Tanaka in Male Variation from Peasant Pas
Coach: Leigh Ann Koelsch

Icon Convention Dancers
Jordan Chen, Nova Cui, Cassidy Johnston, Audrianna Fung
Shreya Gulati, Eleanor Huang, Clarice Lai, Elisha Tan
Yuki Tanaka, Isla Yates

Icon Dance Awards, Gala Dances
Capriccio
Variation from La Fille Mal Garde

2022 COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

INTERNATIONAL FINALS FOR YOUTH
AMERICA GRAND PRIX
TAMPA, FLORIDA
Capriccio

John Selya Awarded 98 points for Artistry
(one of our highest scores ever for an ensemble at YAGP)

SPOTLIGHT DANCE CUP SAN JOSE EVENT

NOVICE GEMS
1st Place in Junior Classical
Elisha Tan with Kitri Variation
Coach: Leigh Ann Koelsch

1st Place in Junior Contemporary
Elisha Tan with Troto
Choreographer: Samantha Lin

3rd Place in Junior Classical
Mika Nikari with Pas De Quatre Variation
Coaches: Isabelle Sjahsam and Leigh Ann Koelsch

Top 10 in Senior Classical
Zoe Huang with Variation from Raymonda
Coaches: Zoe Huang, Isabelle Sjahsam, Leigh Ann Koelsch

2nd Overall in Junior Duos/Trios
Eleanor Huang, Evangaline So, Emily Zhang
The Meddlesome Three
Choreographer: Samantha Lin

FUTURE GEMS
3rd Overall in Junior Small Group
Swanilda's Friends
Coaches: Vivian Aragon, Samantha Lin, Leigh Ann Koelsch

4th Overall in Junior Solos
Yuki Tanaka in Male Variation from Peasant Pas
Coach: Leigh Ann Koelsch

2022 COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

5th Overall in Teen Solos
Mika Nakari in Pas de Quatre Variation
Coaches: Isabelle Sjahsam, Leigh Ann Koelsch

10th Overall in Junior Solos
Nova Cui in Fairy Variation
Coach: Samantha Lin

CATEGORY AWARDS
Le Onde (Nova)
Male Variation (Yuki)
Swiss Trio
Cadence, Kitri

ELITE GEMS
1st Overall in Teen Duos/Trios
Jordan Chen and Elisha Tan for Cy-Chology
Choreographer: Isabelle Sjahsam

2nd Overall in Teen Solos
Elisha Tan with Kitri Variation
Coach: Leigh Ann Koelsch

9th Overall in Teen Solos
Mika Nakari in Faceties

CATEGORY AWARDS
Troto (Elisha), Kitri's Friends (Emily, Audrianna), Rites (Charlotte)
Variation from Raymonda (Zoe), Kitri Variation (Elisha)

SPECIAL AWARDS
"Cut Above" Award for Cy-Chology
"Unique" Award for Faceties
"Technical Skill" Award for Troto

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS — MAYA BASU



I have been dancing at Rachel's ballet for 6 years. It has been a great experience for me and I know ballet has contributed to making me who I am in many ways. Not only has ballet made me a stronger person physically but I think it has also made me more mature. I am really grateful for all of the support and care that my teachers have given me over the years and I appreciate all of the time they invested in helping me become better. You all believed in me and supported my best interests and I am really grateful for that. To me, ballet has been a second home because of the wonderful people here. To all of my friends here, thank

you for being such an integral part of my life. So many times, coming to ballet and dancing with you all was the best thing that happened that day. I really admire all of you and if it is true that you are the average of the people you spend the most time with, I would be delighted. I hope you realize how grateful I am to have such amazing friends and I wish you all the best in finding and pursuing your passions.

Maya is still unsure about where she will go to college but will probably major in math and physics at the University of California, Berkeley.



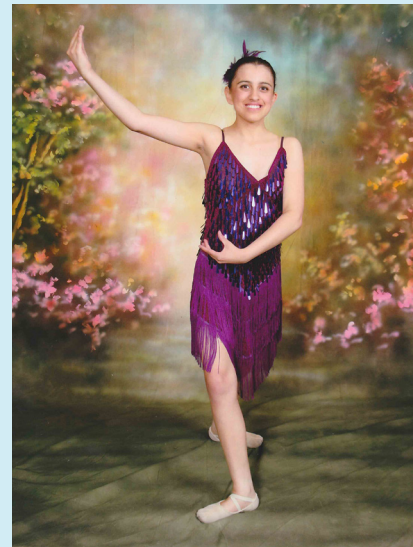


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS — LAUREN MEAGER

I recently graduated from American High School in Fremont. My introduction to Rachel's ballet was in 2009 at six years old. I attended pre-primary through grade 5 in the RAD program. Since then, I've enrolled in Contemporary, Hip Hop, and most recently Jazz/Lyrical classes.

I love dancing and have enjoyed learning from all the great teachers at Rachel's. My most memorable

experiences include being in the annual Showcases and especially the Nutcracker performances in 2015 and 2016. I love to dress up and be on stage with everyone. My future plans are to attend the Fremont Unified School District Young Adult Program for four years. I also plan to continue dancing whenever possible.





CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS — EMMA WALKER

When Ms. Rachel emailed me asking to compose a summary of my years here I thought to myself, 'How can I possibly fit the past 13 years into a paragraph?'. Truth be told, I'm not sure I can, but here's my shot at it:

Perhaps my parents wanted to calm their little bundle of energy or wanted to instill the values of graceful discipline and dedication. Either way, once my heart entered the studio, it never left.

I am so grateful to call Rachel's my home, to call it a safe space to explore my body's movements. However, so many years instilled in me more than just perseverance, tenacity, and patience. Training in contemporary, ballet, and character for over 12 hours a week, and for the past 13 years, has taught me not only how to find physical and mental strength but to push the boundaries of movement, music, and choreography. By teaching me strong technique and aiding me in building a solid foundation in ballet, Rachel's has helped me use dance for greater change. Some of my most rewarding efforts include addressing domestic violence, human trafficking, and mental health all through my body's movement. Throughout the years, I have seen my own individuality being shaped by my developing artistry. I am pushed to explore perspectives and ideas I would have never thought of. I have grown in my ability to create, lead, and direct. I can draw from my experiences in leadership,

performance, and collaboration to creatively problem solve inside or outside the studio.

In addition to strong character traits, I know the relationships I have made over the years will last me lifetimes and I am proud to call my peers my best friends. Thank you for always being by my side and making me genuinely happy. And of course, none of this would be possible without the constant dedication of my teachers. Thank you for entrusting with me years of wisdom that couldn't possibly be learned anywhere else.

For me, dance has been a method of self exploration and discovery, an expression that has supported the development of crucial skills I bring to any situation. After graduating from Notre Dame San Jose High School, I hope to spend the next four years studying psychology with hopes of becoming a psychiatrist. I intend to use my creativity in my career by exploring dance as a type of therapy and healing. I truly believe that every person can derive something useful from movement and if one of my passions can help make a difference, I want to be a part of it.

This is a bittersweet farewell, but I know Rachel's will always have a very large part of my heart and everything I have learned will continue to aid me in pursuit of my dreams. There's no way to describe Rachel's Ballet other than simply that, it's Rachel's Ballet.

Studio Locations

MV: 40057 Mission Blvd. • Fremont CA 94539 (At Las Palmas Avenue)
LP: 7230 San Ramon Road • Dublin CA 94568 (At Almador Valley Road)



REGISTER NOW FOR SUMMER CAMP
AND FALL/SPRING SCHOOL YEAR



Rachel's Ballet

If the pandemic policies allow: as part of our commitment to community outreach,
two full-length Nutcracker ballet performances will be presented
to the general public in early December.

RachelsBallet.com (510) 656-0920