

Rachel's Ballet 2023 SHOWCASE

TRAINING AND INSPIRING DANCERS AND TEACHERS OF TOMORROW



MAY 26, 2023

Ohlone College Jackson Theater
43600 MISSION BLVD
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA

SELECTED PPDC ENSEMBLE — PPDC SHOWCASE

Grande Valse Brillante

Adhya Yerrabommanahalli, Audrianna Fung, Cassidy Johnston,
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SLIDE SHOW

Fremont Contemporary — Samantha Lin

Pink + White

Audrianna Fung, Marissa Gani, Alexa Gani,
Emily Nguyen, Samantha Perez, Yuki Tanaka

Fremont Contemporary — Ariel Webb

Killer Dollz

Aoi Osugi and Avantika Prasad

Dublin Contemporary — Samantha Lin

Dream A Little Dream

Elisha Tan, Cassidy Johnston, Isla Yates, Charlotte Cheung,
Adhya Yerrabommanahalli, Ashley Choe,
Vaishnavi Srinivasan, Maria Novak, Jordan Chen, Nova Cui,
Caitlyn Wong, Mika Nakari, Leeane Yang

Fremont Jazz — Ariel Webb

Break it Off

Ms. Ariel Webb, Lauren Meager, Malina Kitchens, and Zoe Xu



DIRECTOR'S NOTE – MAY 2023



Dearest Parents & Friends:

What an absolutely fantastic year it has been!

Our Annual Nutcracker in December 2022 was a heartwarming success, with a large turnout from the audience. It was such a joy to see so many people coming together to enjoy the magic of dance.

This year's competition brought new heights and unexpected surprises, resulting in numerous awards for our students. We were also thrilled to receive an invitation to the California Dance Classic gala performance at the Irvine Barclay Theater. Those students who attended had an unforgettable time participating in master classes and watching gala performances. I extend my gratitude to the parents who helped with last-minute costume needs, carpooling, and driving

to support our youth. We were fortunate to have Mr. Philip's support at the event.

I would like to extend a special thanks to Ms. Ashley Bishop for her excellent organizational skills in handling our registration entry for PPDC this year. We also couldn't help but miss our past teacher, Ms. Carol, Ms. Melissa, Ms. Karen Millar & Ms. Isabelle, who was with us in spirit and continues to check in with our students, sending lots of good wishes to our school.

I am excited to share some fantastic news that Ryan McGuire has finally finished the advanced film from a few years ago, Nadia Bianco & Emma Walker helped to create the title: "MOSAIC" follows inner/outer landscapes of lock-down, isolation, navigating post-pandemic contact, and finally

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE – MAY 2023 (CONTINUED)

reconnecting with the power of in-real-life ensemble dance. It is a stunning piece of art, and I cannot wait for everyone to see it! We plan to showcase it in August, as well as submitting it to dance film festivals. Ryan McGuire was fantastic, and I am proud to say that he included the Rachel's Ballet logo at the beginning as one of the production houses.

Our students were treated to two well-organized ballet outings to see Giselle and Romeo and Juliet at the San Francisco Ballet. Thank you, Ms. Leigh Ann, for organizing another fantastic outing that all students and parents enjoyed. Congratulations to our four beautiful and wonderful seniors graduating this year: Zoe Huang, Emily Nguyen, Charlotte Cheung, and Katelyn Chang. It is always bittersweet to bid farewell as they

leave our nest, but I know they will go on to do great things. I am proud of all their accomplishments and grateful for the memories we have shared together.

The 2023 RAD exam went smoothly, and our students were well-prepared for their syllabus work. Thank you to my wonderful staff and team teachers who provided opportunities for our students to perform and inspired a unique environment where lessons were learned and their passion for dance grew. Your dedication to your children helped them achieve their best, and I am deeply grateful to you all.

Thank you for being a part of our vibrant community! I cannot wait to see what the next year brings, and I am thrilled to continue our journey together.

Gratefully Yours,

Rachel Tan

Director, Rachel's Ballet

FACULTY



VIVIAN ARAGON



BARBARA CAMPBELL



DANIELLE DE OJEDA



BAMBI FLEEMAN



ANNA GEMMA



LEIGH ANN KOELSCH



MARIA LaMANCE



SAMANTHA LIN



PHILIP PEGLER



JEANIE PORS



ISABELLE SJAHSAM



MIRANDA TAN



ARIEL WEBB



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CONNIE ZAUG

SHOWCASE

ACT 1

In the Castle Grounds

Mother Duckies

Dublin — DTL2

Teacher: Connie Zaug

Helen Hai, Parnika Batchala, Amira Sekhon & Celine Lum

Teddy Bears

Fremont — DTL1

Teacher: Ariel Webb

Elina Jain, Chloe Wang, Mehar Moudgil, Tatum Delaat, Aavya Arora, Yuri Hsien, Riyana Hemnani, Ritu Ramana, Amaira Narula, Willard Wang

Baby Dolls

Fremont — DTL2

Teacher: Ariel Webb

Mabel Wang, Ruhani Singh, Abigail Huang, Chloe Geng, Lucia Paloma Leon, Olivia Atrash, Karlie Ko, Penelope Huckabay

Kittens

Dublin — Pre-Primary

Teacher: Connie Zaug

Zoey Qiu, Zara Siu, Fiona Fong, Vaanya Sharma

Toy Soldiers

Fremont — Pre-Primary

Teacher: Ariel Webb

Penelope Fernandez, Sehr Hemnani, Gillian Wang, Maximillian Chan, Kira Yung, Tilia Chu, Molly Liu, Kayla Han, Ellie Ding, Victoria Wilson, Leila Aguilar, Stacy Wong, Saanvi Bala, Kylie Ji

Posh Poodles

Dublin — Primary

Teacher: Connie Zaug

Luna Lu, Sarah Sangmo, Ivory Li, Hannah Kuo, Jessica Veresov

Raggedy Ann Dolls

Fremont Primary

Teacher: Ariel Webb

Rey Yung, Rebekah Noor, Miranda Huang, Fiona Dharmalingam, Ajooni Ajravat, Gloria Barreto, Ahana Khaitan, Saisha Singal, Kiara Menon, Claire Chen, Melissa Zhang, Itzayana Perez Torres, Neya Tamilselvan, Niara Patel, Maggie Wang, Evelyn Lu, Mahalakshmi Lokesh, Olivia Liao, Charlotte Zhou, Sage Wouden

Flower Fairy Dolls

Dublin — Grade 1

Teacher: Connie Zaug

Angelina Wu, Sarah Cui, Ridhi Batchala, Rhea Sarma, Mia Zhang, Jenny Shen

Clowns

Fremont — Grade 1

Teacher: Ariel Webb

Kirat Vinayak, Angelica Henderson, Chinmayi Vaidyanathan, Alina Bhatia, Alora Dun, Adelynn Dun, Vrinda Kapoor, Mohini Singh, Alice Chen, Audrey Wilson, Kylie Kitagawa, Bharati Krishna, Amelia Chettair, Shriya Shankar, Natalie So, Ella Han, Elaine Xin, Kayleigh McCarthy

Village Children

Dublin — Grade 2 & Grade 3

Teacher: Connie Zaug

Laurie Fu, Michelle Jin, Audrey Yu, Dawa Sangmo

Peasant Children

Fremont — Grade 2

Teacher: Samantha Lin

Aoi Osugi, Nora Li, Jessie Zhou, Jacqueline Chen, Ella Zhang, Rebecca Chang, Riya Shringi, Malina Kitchens

SHOWCASE

ACT 2

In the Castle's Ballroom

Waltz

Fremont Grade 4, Grade 5, & IF

Teacher: Anna Gemma

Saanvi Kapoor, Natalie Nolan, Joselyn Ma, Pari Aneja, Avantika Prasad, Audrey Xiao, Riddhi Ravishankar, Alexa Gani, Nikalet Pabla, Jocelyn Thio, Yuki Tanaka

Czardas

Fremont Vocational

Teacher: Anna Gemma

Marissa Gani, Alyson Tan, Allison Low, Shreya Gulati, Avantika Saxena, Daisy Kim, Samantha Perez, Audrianna Fung

Spanish Dance

Dublin INT/ADV

Teacher: Anna Gemma

Ashley Choe, Maria Novak, Michele Yang, Adhya Yerrabommanahalli, Mika Nakari, Clarice Lai, Jordan Chen, Elisha Tan

Princesses

Dublin Grade 5 & IF

Teacher: Anna Gemma

Isla Yates, Nova Cui, Maia Murad, Vaishnavi Srinivasan, Elaine Yang, Aglaya Zhyliaieva, Avani Jain, Chloe Madlansacay, Whitney Wang, Briana Wilson, Tiffany Yang

Neopolitan Dance

Fremont — Grade 3

Teacher: Samantha Lin

Evangelina So, Prisha Saini, Jinghan Zhang, Sanaya Joshi, Olivia Liu, Aishvari Jayanti, Sana Bhat, Zoe Xu, Abhinaya Karthikeyan

Pas De Trois

Teachers:

Samantha Lin & Vivian Aragon
Charlotte Cheung, Emily Nguyen,
Yuki Tanaka

ACT 3

On the Banks of the Lake

Entrance of Swans & Waltz

IF, INT, ADV

Teacher: Phillip Pegler

Aglaya Zhyliaieva, Avani Jain, Chloe Madlansacay, Whitney Wang, Briana Wilson, Tiffany Wang, Ashley Choe, Maria Novak, Michele Yang, Adhya Yerrabommanahalli, Mika Nakari, Cassidy Johnston, Clarice Lai, Jordan Chen, Elisha Tan, Jocelyn Thio, Marissa Gani, Alyson Tan, Allison Low, Avantika Saxena, Shreya Gulati, Daisy Kim, Samantha Perez, Audrianna Fung

White Swan Solo

Zoe Huang

Cygnets (Small Swans)

Audrianna Fung, Cassidy Johnston,
Mika Nakai, Avantika Saxena

Big Swans

Daisy Kim, Elisha Tan, Jordan Chen,
Marissa Gani

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Fremont: 10:30 am-12:30 pm
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➤ **August 7-10**

Dublin: 12:30 pm-2:30 pm

Wear comfortable, well-fitting clothes
and socks (or leotard & ballet shoes)
Hair is to be neatly pulled back
Please bring water and a snack!

Teachers: Ms. Connie / RB Staff

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Fremont: 40057 Mission Blvd
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PRE-PROFESSIONAL DANCE COMPANY



DUETS, TRIOS & ENSEMBLES

Breathe

Zoe Huang and
Cassidy Johnston

Choreography:
Danielle de Ojeda

With the Wind

Isla Yates and Nova Cui

Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Volcano

Mika Nakari
& Elisha Tan

Choreography:
Danielle de Ojeda

Valse de Soir

Joselyn Ma, Alexa
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Aoi Osugi, Elaine Xin,
Emily Zhang,
Evangeline So,
Kylie Kitagawa,
Malina Kitchens, Nora Li,
Sanaya Joshi, Zoe Xu

Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Aquarium

Yuki Tanaka, Ashley
Choe, Maria Novak,
Tiffany Yang

Choreography:
Vivian Aragon

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Audrianna Fung,
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Daisy Kim, Elisha Tan,
Emily Nguyen,
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Mika Nakari,
Samantha Michelle Perez,
Shreya Gulati, Zoe Huang

Choreography:
Philip Pegler

Mombasa

Adhya Yerrabommanahalli,
Audrianna Fung,
Cassidy Johnston,
Daisy Kim, Elisha Tan,
Emily Nguyen,
Jordan Chen, Marissa Gani,
Mika Nakari,
Samantha Michelle Perez,
Shreya Gulati,
Zoe Huang

Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Won't Be a Thing to Become

Ashley Choe,
Tiffany Yang,
Maria Novak,
Yuki Tanaka

Choreography:
Samantha Lin



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A Thousand Years
Adhya
Yerrabommanahalli
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Nikiya's Death
Variation
Ashley Choe
Coach:
Samantha Lin

Awakening of Flora
(M.Petipa)
Audrianna Fung
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Lilac Fairy Variation
Audrianna Fung
Coach:
Samantha Lin

Aurora Act III
Sleeping Beauty
(M.Petipa)
Cassidy Johnston
Coach:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

Medora Variation
Cassidy Johnston
Coach:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

Ephemeral
Cassidy Johnston
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Ave Maria
Elisha Tan
Coach:
Samantha Lin

Gamzatti Variation
Elisha Tan
Coach:
Jeanie Pors

Museum
Elisha Tan
Choreography:
Elisha Tan
Coach:
Samantha Lin

Giselle
Elisha Tan
Coaches:
Leigh Ann Koelsch
& Jeanie Pors

Je Te Laisserai
Elisha Tan
Choreography: Kike
Coach:
Samantha Lin

Kitri Act III
Don Quixote
(M.Petipa)
Elisha Tan
Coach:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

Eyes Wide Shut
Emily Nguyen
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

La Bayadere
(M.Petipa)
Emily Nguyen
Choreography:
Samantha Lin



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The Chess Queen
Isla Yates
Choreography:
Connie Zaug

Medora Le Corsaire
(M.Petipa)
Jordan Chen
Choreography:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

Pizzicato Variation
from Raymonda
Jordan Chen
Choreography:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

Tanguera
Jordan Chen
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Waves of Searching
Jordan Chen
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Swan Lake Pas de
Trois Variation
Maria Novak
Coach:
Connie Zaug

Between Seconds
Mika Nakari
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Chopiniana Variation
from Les Sylphides
Mika Nakari
Coach:
Samantha Lin

Pharaoh's Daughter
Mika Nakari
Coach:
Samantha Lin

Seguedille
Nova Cui
Choreography:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

Third Odalisque
Variation
from Le Corsaire
(M.Petipa)
Samantha Perez
Choreography:
Samantha Lin

Variation from
La Fille Mal Gardee
Tiffany Yang
Coach:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

Peasant Variation
from Giselle
Tiffany Yang
Coach:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

Basilio Variation
Yuki Tanaka
Coach:
Leigh Ann Koelsch

The End
Zoe Huang
Choreography:
Zoe Huang

2023 COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

ADC IBC: SAN FRANCISCO

Elisha Tan — Partial Tuition for Summer Intensive
invited to Finals week in Florida

Emily Nguyen — Partial Tuition for Summer Intensive
Youth International Ballet Competitions
San Francisco Regionals (Nov 2022)

3rd Place — Senior Contemporary Divisions
Elisha Tan with “Ave Maria”
Teacher: Samantha Lin

9th Place — Senior Classical Divisions
Elisha Tan with “Kitri”
Teacher: Leigh Ann Koelsch

75% Scholarship Recipients: Oklahoma City Ballet
Emily Nguyen & Elisha Tan

Invitation to Finals
St Petersburg, Florida (March 2023)
Elisha Tan

SCHOLARSHIPS & INVITATIONS

ART OF MOVEMENT INTENSIVE

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Summer Intensive

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2023 COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

YAGP: Youth America Grand Prix
San Francisco Regional (Jan 2023)

2nd Place — Senior Contemporary Divisions
Elisha Tan with “Ave Maria”
Choreographer: Ricardo Flores
Teacher: Samantha Lin

CDC: California Dance Classic
San Francisco Regional (Feb 2023)

Invitation to CDC Festival in Irvine, CA (April 28-April 30)
“Grand Valse Brillante” Mr Philip Adv Ensemble

3rd Place — Duo/trio Classical 12 & younger Divisions
Alexa Gani, Nikalet Pabla, Joselyn Ma with “Valse de Soir”
Choreographer: Bambi Fleeman
Teacher: Bambi Fleeman

1st Place — Senior Duo/Trio Contemporary
15, 16 and Older Divisions
Elisha Tan & Mika Nakari with “Volcano”
Choreographer: Danielle De Ojeda
Teacher: Danielle De Ojeda

Honorable Mention — 15 & 16 Senior Classical Divisions
Elisha Tan with “Kitri Act III”
Teacher: Leigh Ann Koelsch

3rd Place — 15 & 16 Senior Contemporary Divisions
Elisha Tan with “Ave Maria”
Choreographer: Ricardo Flores
Teacher: Samantha Lin

2023 COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

Honorable Mention — 15 & 16 Senior Contemporary Divisions
Jordan Chen with “Waves of Searching”
Choreographer: Samantha Lin
Teacher: Samantha Lin

Scholarship Finalist — Elisha Tan
Based on Class work, Performance,
Class footage to be placed in top Tier Institutions
Milwaukee Ballet Summer Intensive
Pre-Professional Year Round Program

ICON: International Competiiton
San Francisco Regional (March/April 2023)
Gala Invitation
“Grande Valse Brillante” Mr Philip’s Adv Ensemble
“Kitri” Elisha Tan

1st Place Highest ensemble score
“Grand Valse Brillante”
Mr Philip Adv Ensemble

1st Place Highest Duo Score
“Volcano” Mika & Elisha- Ms Danielle

3rd Place Senior Classical & Non Classical
“Gamzatti” and “Ave Maria”

Scholarship: Iconic Awards including mentorship — Elisha Tan

Spotlight
San Francisco Regional (May 2023)
(details not available at time of printing)

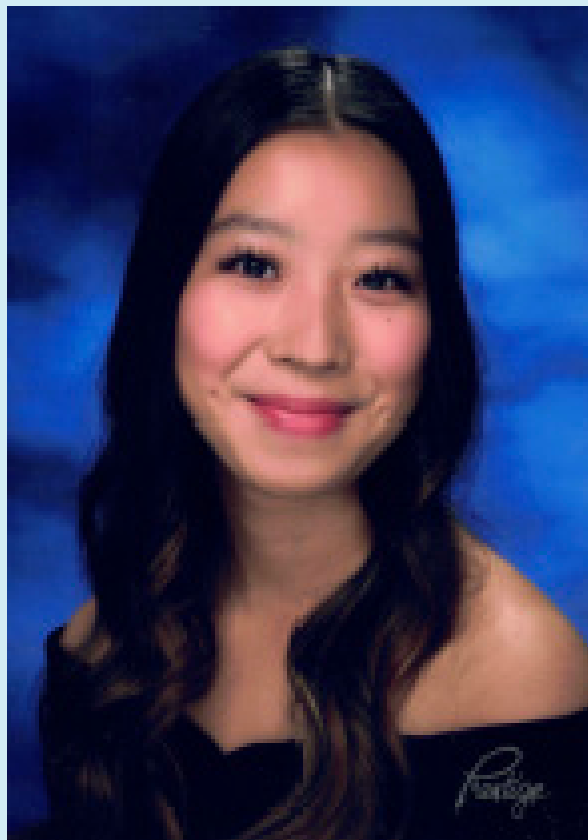
Yuki Tanaka
San Francisco Ballet Summer Intensive in San Francisco

Emily Nguyen
Scholarship Recipient — Oklahoma City Ballet

2023 SUMMER INTENSIVE INVITATIONS

Audrianna Fung
International Academy of Annarella Sanchez in Portugal
5-week Summer Intensive

Elisha Tan
Scholarship — Iconic Awards including mentorship
Ellison Ballet Summer Intensive
Milwaukee Ballet Summer Intensive
Pre-Professional Year-Round Program
English National Ballet, London
Placement in 3-year Diploma program
Classical Ballet & Dance performance
Washington Ballet Summer Intensive in NY
The Art of Movement Intensive
Full Scholarship Summer Intensive
Full Scholarship - International Ballet Academy (1 Year Program)
Nashville Ballet Year-Round Day Program
Full Scholarship - Ellison Ballet 2 Week Variation Program
Partial Scholarship - Oklahoma City Ballet
Full scholarship - University of North Carolina School of Arts
Summer Intensive
International Academy of Annarella Sanchez in Portugal
5-week Summer Intensive



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS — ZOE HUANG

As I reflect on the past 13 years I have been at Rachel's Ballet, I don't think I can remember a time when I wasn't eager to be at the studio. Knowing that when I slipped on my pointe shoes and stepped foot in the studio, all my negative feelings escaped my mind. I was able to use dance as a gateway.

From a young age, dance began pushing me in more ways than one, shaping me into the person I am today and teaching me life lessons that nothing else could have. I'm so grateful to have had the opportunity to learn from such experienced and supportive teachers.

Saying goodbye was never part of the plan, but I have to accept that all good things must come to an end. With the year coming to an end, I've learned to never take anything for granted, because you will never get the same

show, the same competition, the same practice, the same team, or even the same single moment you're in now, back. Dancing at Rachel's Ballet has brought me so many teammates that I will call my best friends for life, friendships that I've turned into family, coaches that have been the biggest mentors, and memories that will live forever. Thank you to all the teachers at Rachel's Ballet who have provided me with the most important, influential, and strong lessons that I will always use. Thank you for making me not only a better artist but a better person.

Although I have not decided where to go to college, I am leaning toward attending the University of Toronto, majoring in Psychological and Health Sciences. I can't wait to come back and watch my amazing friends perform!

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR
GRADUATING SENIORS — KATELYN CHANG



I will be graduating from Irvington High School and will be attending UC Riverside this fall, majoring in Psychology. I've been dancing at Rachel's ballet since the 8th grade and while being here, I've not only gotten the opportunity to better myself as a dancer but also been able to find ways to escape from the stressful environment of my school. While I, unfortunately, won't be dancing for the next year due to my injury, I'm looking forward to continuing to dance in college and taking what I've learned at the studio and applying it to my everyday life. I especially look forward to

coming back to the next couple of Nutcrackers, to see every one of my friends perform.

My time here hasn't been as long as some, but it has been just as impactful. I will especially miss my friends here at Rachel's and will never forget all of the fun memories I've made here. From running around backstage to find our dressing rooms, panicking about who can do our makeup, meditation sessions before Nutcracker, and the studio-wide jitters before every big event, I've made lifelong friends and experiences.

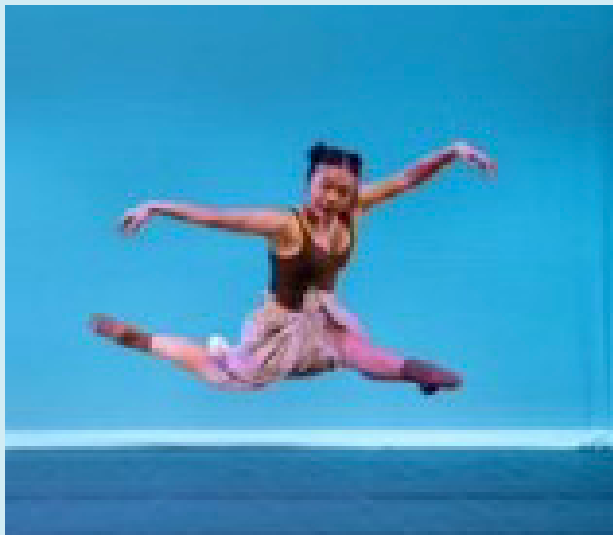


CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS — CHARLOTTE CHEUNG

I came to Rachel's Ballet seven years ago barely knowing how to do a demi pli  . At first I barely noticed the age difference between my classmates and me, but as I approached my middle school years, this changed. Having to stare at myself in the mirror every week and inevitably compare myself to my classmates was difficult to bear. These experiences made me ask myself what was wrong with me. Everyone was younger but much farther ahead of me. As a self-conscious teenager, going to ballet classes became one of the biggest challenges of my week. When I skipped a level into vocational, I had to push myself harder than ever before to catch up with the rest of the class. Sometimes there were tears. I could have quit, but I stayed my course because I had already come too far to stop. Before I knew it, I started to lead sometimes instead of follow.

The lights that shone on me in this darkness were my teachers and friends. All of the staff have shown me support throughout

my learning experiences as a dancer. They never made me feel like I was worth less than the other girls and challenged me to become stronger. I know I can trust my fellow dancers to hold me up when I am about to fall—figuratively and literally. I also really appreciate my family for cheering me on in my pursuits at Rachel's Ballet. Because of everyone here, I have learned a certain key lesson that I will carry with me after I graduate: to persist. If I had quit dancing when I started the vocational level, I would never have witnessed myself and my teammates becoming such beautiful dancers. We are immeasurably brilliant because of the work we have put into getting where we are now. I know that we still have a long way to go into becoming the kind of dancer we want to be, but as long as we perform better than we did yesterday, that is more than enough. I will carry the past seven years in my pocket as I soon explore nutritional science at San Jos   State University.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATING SENIORS — EMILY NGUYEN

I fondly recall my earliest memory at Rachel's — my first class with Miss Bambi. Only ten minutes in, alarmed by the loud music and clutching onto my fairy wand, I rushed to the door, fearfully pounding and begging my mom to remove me from the studio. Needless to say, here I am 14 years later.

If being at Rachel's has taught me one thing, it would be commitment. Commitment to selling every character, every landing of each pirouette (no matter how awful it may have been), every performance — essentially every single movement. I become continually inspired watching my peers during class, who always encourage me to strive for more. Being blessed with so much opportunity, I've been able to frequently venture out into the dance world, experiencing more professional settings and seeing the level of discipline it truly

takes to be a dancer. Somewhere along the way of this 14-year journey, dance had become a pivotal aspect of my identity. The invaluable friendships I've made have greatly shaped who I am. Choosing a favorite memory at Rachel's would be difficult, since each daily shenanigan becomes a new favorite memory. Not only have I learned to hone my craft in dancing at Rachel's, but in singing as well! I continue to cherish every silly moment at the studio.

I am proud to call this studio my second home and my friends my second family, I will greatly miss pouring 13+ hours of dance into each week and am so grateful to each mentor who guided me along the way. This fall, I will be attending UC Davis as a neurobiology and physiology major. Naturally, I will take every opportunity to continue dancing on the side, possibly minoring in dance as well.



Studio Locations

MV: 40057 Mission Blvd. • Fremont CA 94539 (At Las Palmas Avenue)

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Rachel's Ballet

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