# Rachel's Ballet 2025 SHOWCASE

TRAINING AND INSPIRING DANCERS AND TEACHERS OF TOMORROW



MAY 24, 2025

Ohlone College Jackson Theater 43600 MISSION BLVD FREMONT, CALIFORNIA



### Director's Note - May 2025





# Dearest Parents & Triends:

As we begin the 2025 school year, I'd like to extend my warmest wishes to you and your loved ones for a joyful and fulfilling New Year!

This season is especially meaningful as we celebrate the 25th anniversary of Rachel's Ballet. Your continued support and trust have made this milestone possible, and we are incredibly grateful to be on this journey with you. Together, we've built a vibrant community where young dancers grow in artistry, discipline, and confidence.

We began the year with our Annual Nutcracker Camp, led by Maria, which paved the way for a strong audition process and a magical performance at Oakland Temple Hill. It was a joy to share this production with the Bay Area community, and we thank you for your support.

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We're proud to share that our alumni continue to shine—Elisha achieved Solo Seal and was a finalist at the prestigious Margot Fonteyn International Ballet Competition,

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### DIRECTOR'S NOTE - MAY 2025 (CONTINUED)

a dream come true. Following the competition, she was awarded a scholarship to attend the Australian Ballet this summer.

This season, our dancers stepped up on competitive stages at YAGP, CDC, Encore, Icon, and Spotlight, pushing their limits and growing in both skill and spirit. To our dedicated coaches—thank you. Your commitment and heart behind the scenes make all the difference.

We are thrilled to report a 100% exam pass rate across the school, with all students earning Merit and above, and numerous Distinctions from Primary through Advanced 2. Special congratulations to Adhya Yerrabommanahalli for achieving the only High Distinction (85) in Discovering Repertoire Level 3, and to Samantha Perez, who earned an 80 Distinction in Advanced 2. Incredible work from all!

A big thank you to Leticia—you've been a tremendous help in this busy exam season, especially stepping in so seamlessly after Ms. Bambi's early retirement. We're so grateful for your presence and dedication during this important transition.

We look forward to an exciting summer filled with camps and new opportunities. We're also thrilled to welcome Fatima Sola Ginarte, a talented ballet teacher from Cuba, to our faculty. To our entire teaching team, thank you for upholding the excellence and joy that define Rachel's Ballet.

A heartfelt congratulations to our graduating seniors—Cassidy, Samantha, and Allison. Watching your journey has been an honor. You leave a legacy of hard work and grace.

This year, we introduced our first Teaching Assistant Award, proudly presented to Jinghan (Emily) Zhang for her outstanding commitment assisting Ms. Claire's Saturday morning classes.

We also recognize Ms. Ariel, who completed her Teaching Certification this year—a true milestone after much dedication and perseverance.

Thank you for being a part of our RB family. We are so happy to share this special showcase and 25-year celebration with you.

Welcome to the show—and enjoy every moment! With gratitude,

Director & Founder, Rachel's Ballet

Rachel Tan

### FACULTY & STAFF



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**CLAIRE WU** 



**CONNIE ZAUG** 

# Session One PPDC | Jazz | Lyrical

1. Rodeo Elaine Xin, Ella Han, Natalie So, Shriya Shankar

2. Variation from La Fille Mal Gardee Jocelyn Thio

3. Astro Hope Ting

4. The Sun's Around But It's Raining Ahlaia Zhyliaieva

5. Oiseau en Fuite Oliva Liao, Kylie Kitagawa, Mabel Wang

> 6. You Don't Love Me Nova Cui

7. Variation from Giselle Jinghan Zhang

8. Variation from Paquita
Jiwoo Kim

9. Lucky One Cassidy Johnston

10. Run the World
Aishvari Jayanit, Charlotte Zhou, Ella Zhang, Jessie Zhou, Riya Shringi

11. Gleaners Ahlaia Zhyliaieva, Evangeline So, Hope Ting, Jiwoo Kim, Jinghan Zhang, Jocelyn Thio, Joselyn Ma, Nova Cui, Riddhi Ravishankar

12. Eclipse
Cassidy Johnston & Samanth Perez

# Session One PPDC | Jazz | Lyrical

13. Juicy Wiggle
Avantika Prasad, Gloria Barreto, Kylie Kitagawa,
Maggie Wang, Malina Kitchens, Sage Wouden,
Shriya Premchandra Shankar,
Silke Poehlmann

14. Waves
Contemporary (Danielle)
Adhya Vikram Yerrabommanahalli, Ahlaia Zhyliaieva,
Cassidy Wynn Johnston, Evangeline Grace So,
Hope Ting, Jinghan Zhang, Jiwoo Kim,
Jocelyn Thio, Joselyn Ma, Nikalet Kaur Pabla,
Nova Cui, Riddhi Ravishankar, Riya Shringi,
Saanvi Kapoor, Samantha Perez



### SESSION TWO — JUNIOR SHOWCASE ADVENTURES UNDER THE SEA

1. Mermaid Solo Laure Fu

2. Jellyfish
Dublin DTL1&2/Dublin PP
(Connie)
Hazel Hai, Vanya Sandoval,
Azahara Ruzicka Tascon,
(Yilia Lui - Understudy)
Chloe Chan
Helpers: Sarah Sangmo,
Evelyn Joo Hyun Park

3. Starfish
Fremont DTL1 A/Fremont DTL2
(Ariel)
Isabella Wei,
Naomi Aurelia, McCoy, Enny
Aydee Balleza, Diana Alejandra
Granillo Duran,
Anita Estelle Ganlath,
Amelia Dihn,
Romina Hernandez,
Riya Gokhale Eera Jaiswal

4. Turtles
Fremont DTL B (Claire/Emily)
Rosabelle Chen, Mila Rong,
Claire Lishan Chua, Erisha Dixit,
Eliana Gabrielle Fidelia,
Anthea Anyi Li, Camila B Leon,
Julia Lai, Ellie J. Zhang

5. Crabs
Fremont PP (Claire)
Zoe Wu, Josephine Hu,
Mia Meng, Willard Wang,
Amaira Narula,
Ritu Nishi Ramana, Chinyang Ye

6. Tropical Fish
Dublin P (Connie)
Helen Hai, Celine Alice Lum,
Yilia Yaya Liu, Parnika Batchala,
Skylah Thiner, Scarlett Huang



# SESSION TWO — JUNIOR SHOWCASE ADVENTURES UNDER THE SEA

7. Seahorses
Fremont P A (Connie)
Cloudia Shi,
Florence Kim-Min, Karlie Ko,
Rhiannon Vida Steadman,
Penelope Huckabay,
Elle Savannah Velarde

8. Octopus Fremont P B (Ariel) Emily Wang, Annabel Jade Lin, Tatum DeLaat, Olivia Atrash, Louisa Gao

9. Angelfish
Dublin G1/G2 (Connie)
Fiona Fong, Zara Siu, Vaanya
Sharma, Zoey Qiu, Agnes Yiyi Liu,
Jessica Veresov,
Evelyn Joo Hyun Park,
Sarah Sangmo, Ananya Mohan

10. Clownfish
Fremont G1 A (Ariel)
Gillian Wang, Saanvi Bala,
Mabel Wang, Leyao Zhang,
Ellie Ding, Michael Jia

11. Dolphins and Seaweed
Fremont G1/G2 B (Leigh Ann)
(Seaweed) Sage Wouden,
Niara Patel, Maggie Wang,
Sunday Josephine Steadman,
Gloria Barreto (Big Sister Dolphin),
Olivia Liao (Lost Baby Dolphins),
Molly Liu, Aadrika Gupta,
Tilia Chu

12. Mermaids
Fremont G2 A (Ariel)
Ahana Khaitan, Charlotte Zhou,
Chloe Shi, Kiara Menon,
Kristin Cheng, Rebekah Noor,
Saisha Singal, Samaira Sarode

13. Finale Full Cast



### Session Three — Senior Showcase

#### Le Corsaire

Le Corsaire is a three-act ballet with a very complicated story involving Pirates, Gypsies and Slave Traders choreographed by Marius Petipa in the mid 19th century. Our students are presenting excerpts of the Corps de Ballet and Soloist repertoire - enjoy!

# Act 1 – Scene 3 The Garden of the Palace

1. The Pirate Sword Dance
Dublin Vocational
Dawa Sangmo, Hope Ting,
Jiwoo Kim, Chloe Madlansacay,
Nova Cui, Ahlaia Zhyliaieva,
Avani Jain, Whitney Wang,
Briana Marilyn Wilson,
Adhya Vikram Yerrabommanahalli,
Ashley Seowoo Choe,
Cassidy Wynn Johnston



### Session Three — Senior Showcase

2. Maidens Fremont G3 Chinmayi Vaidyanathan, Ekam Mann, Elaine Xin, Ella Han, Natalie Hannah So, Shriya Premchandra Shankar, Silke Poehlmann

3. Dance of the Slave Girls Fremont Vocational Allison Crystal Low, Avantika Prasad, Evangeline Grace So, Iris Ruisi Chen, Jinghan Zhang, Joselyn Ma, Pari Aneja, Saanvi Kapoor, Alexa Gani, Jocelyn Thio, Nikalet Kaur Pabla, Riddhi Ravishankar. Alyson Tan, Samantha Perez

4. Gypsies Dublin G3/G4 Bharati Krishna, Jiayi Shen, Rhea Sarma, Laurie Fu Xenia Dantra

5. Odalisques Pas de Trois First solo - Cassidy Johnston Second Solo - Samantha Perez Third Solo - Allison Low

6. Little Flowers Fremont G4/G5 Aoi Osugi, Chloe Zhang, Ella Kayi Zhang, Jacqueline Chen, Jessie Zhou, Malina Kitchens, Parnika Garg, Riya Shringi, Taylor Zhang, Abhinaya Karthikeyan, Aishvari Vibha Jayanti, Prisha Saini







# Pre-Professional Dance Company



Variation from La Fille Mal Gardée
JOCELYN THIO

Astro HOPE TING

The Sun's Around But It's Raining
AHLAIA ZHYLIAIEVA

You Don't Love Me NOVA CUI

Variation from Giselle
JINGHAN ZHANG

Variation from Paquita
JIWOO KIM

Lucky One
CASSIDY JOHNSTON

Peasant Pas from Giselle
HOPE TING

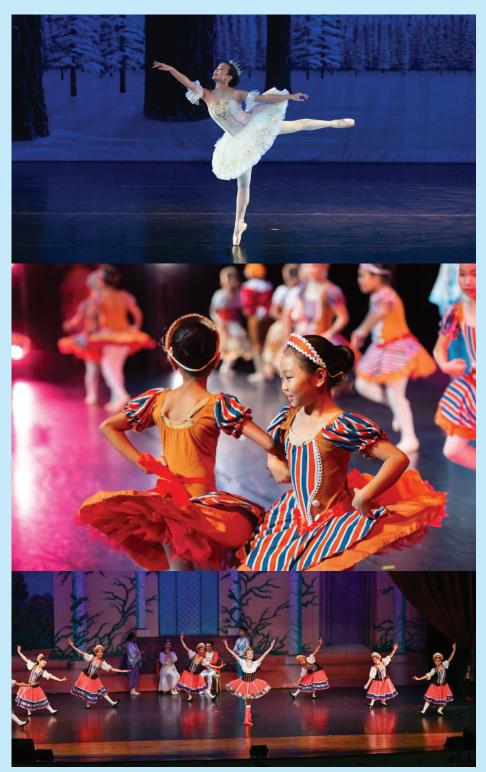
Arirang JIWOO KIM

*Lyal'Ka* **AHLAIA ZHYLIAIEVA** 

Medora from Le Corsaire AHLAIA ZHYLIAIEVA

Variation from Pas de Quatre CASSIDY JOHNSTON

Variation from Talisman
NOVA CUI





Some of our most dedicated students and graduates have been offered great opportunities, including:

- Acceptance to University dance programs
- Royal Academy of Dance Solo Seal Awards
- Awards and scholarships at competition events
- Attendance at selective summer dance Intensives
- Chorus member / dancer in Broadway Productions
- Acceptance to English National Ballet School in London
- Participating in Margot Fonteyn International Ballet Competition

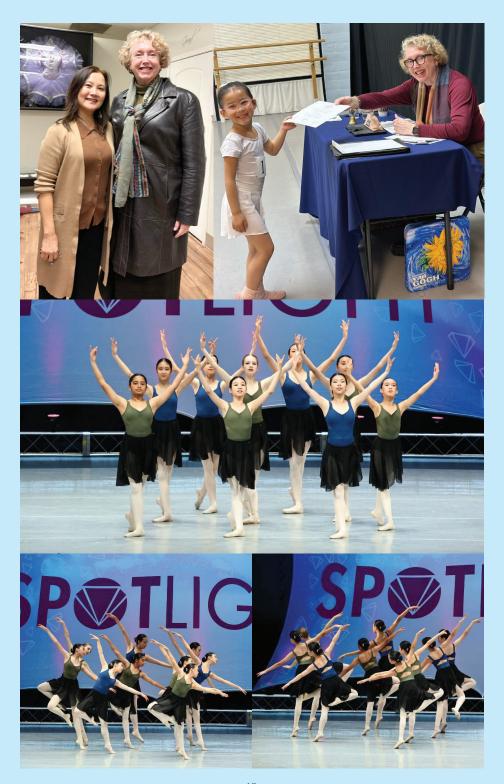












### 2025 COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

### YAGP (SAN FRANCISCO)

performance with the classical variation of "Medora from Le Corsaire" and contemporary dance "Lyal'ka'

#### CDC

performance with the classical variation of "Medora from Le Corsaire" and contemporary dances "Lyal'ka' and "The Sun's Around, But It's Raining"

# ENCORE Ensemble performance "Gleaners" 2ND PLACE

#### **ICØN**

performance with the classical variation of "Medora from Le Corsaire" and contemporary dances "Lyal'ka' and "The Sun's Around, But It's Raining"
INVITED TO THE FINALS &
PRINCETON BALLET SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIP

### **SPOTLIGHT**

performance with the classical variation of "Medora from Le Corsaire" and contemporary dances "Lyal'ka' and "The Sun's Around, But It's Raining"

CONTEMPORARY SOLO

Arirang

Jiwoo Kim

CONTEMPORARY SOLO

Astro

Hope Ting

CONTEMPORARY DUO
Eclipse
Cassidy Johnston, Samanth Perez

SAPHIRE ELITE
NEO-CLASSICLE ENSEMBLE
Gleaners

Ahlaia Zhyliaieva, Evangeline So, Hope Ting, Jiwoo Kim, Jinghan Zhang, Jocelyn Thio, Joselyn Ma, Nova Cui, Riddhi Ravishankar

CONTEMPORARY SOLO

Lucky One

Cassidy Johnston

### 2025 COMPETITION HIGHLIGHTS

### SPOTLIGHT (CONT'D)

CONTEMPORARY SOLO

Lyal'Ka

Ahlaia Zhyliaieva

EMERALD ELITE
CLASSICAL SOLO
Medora from Le Corsaire
Ahlaia Zhyliaieva

DIAMOND ELITE GEMS
PETITE DUO/TRIO
CLASSICAL TRIO
Oiseau en Fuite
Oliva Liao, Kylie Kitagawa,
Mabel Wang

CLASSICAL SOLO
Peasant Pas from Giselle
Hope Ting

CLASSICAL ENSEMBLE Rodeo Elaine Xin, Ella Han, Natalie So, Shriya Shankar

CONTEMPORARY/LYRICAL
ENSEMBLE
Run the World
Aishvari Jayanit, Charlotte Zhou,
Ella Zhang, Jessie Zhou, Riya Shringi

CONTEMPORARY SOLO The Sun's Around But It's Raining Ahlaia Zhyliaieva CLASSICAL SOLO Variation from Giselle Jinghan Zhang

CLASSICAL SOLO Variation from La Fille Mal Gardée Jocelyn Thio

> CLASSICAL SOLO Variation from Paquita Jiwoo Kim

CLASSICAL SOLO Variation from Pas de Quatre Cassidy Johnston

CLASSICAL SOLO Variation from Talisman Nova Cui

9TH PLACE - ELITE GEMS
TEEN SOLO
CONTEMPORARY SOLO
You Don't Love Me
Nova Cui

6TH PLACE FUTURE GEMS
JUNIOR SOLO
CLASSICAL SOLO
Variation from Talisman
Jiwoo Kim



# Congratulations to our graduating Senior — Cassidy Johnston

As I look back on the past 13 years I have spent at Rachel's Ballet, I can confidently say that it has shaped me into who I am today. I vividly remember stepping into my first class wearing a gold sparkly skirt and holding onto my mom's hand, scared and not knowing what would come next. Little did I know that I would be spending countless hours here full of laughter, smiles, sweat, and tears in the years to come. This studio has not only taught me the importance of discipline but also the importance of friendship. With every late-night Nutcracker rehearsal, every debrief in between exercises at the barre, being at early morning competitions, the nerves before an exam, and encouraging each other right before stepping out of the wings, I have made countless memories with my peers whom I can call some of my closest friends. Graduating from this studio is hard as it is closing such a beautiful chapter in my life where I learned how to express myself through movement. None of which could have been possible without my parents, whom I want to thank for their sacrifices to ensure that I was able to continue my passion. I also want to thank my teachers who always had faith in me even when I didn't and pushed me to my fullest potential. As I move forward, I will bring with me not only my technique but the resilience, confidence, and passion that this second home has given me. While it is bittersweet, I will not be leaving dance behind as I plan to attend California State University Long Beach in the fall to study Dance Science and also plan to go into Kinesiology. This studio has given me the gift of dance that I will forever cherish and will continue to guide me in the years to come.







# Congratulations to our graduating Senior — Allison Low

I remember the first time I stepped into the studio when I was just 5 years old. Little did I know, this would be more than a place for dance; it would be the place where I found my second family. My time at Rachel's Ballet has been nothing short of extraordinary, filled with moments of growth, laughter, and countless memories. I will always remember the time spent backstage at Nutcracker, laughing in the dressing, rooms, exchanging secret Santa gifts, and supporting each other through the long and demanding weeks. Those moments, surrounded by the people I most adore, were truly some of the best moments in my life.

I would like to thank my family for always supporting me through the ups and downs. Words cannot even begin to express how grateful I am for your endless love and encouragement. To my teachers, thank you for guiding me with patience and for pushing me to grow, not only as a dancer, but as a person. But most of all, thank you to my fellow dancers, for bringing me, joy, strength, and the kind of friendship that lasts a lifetime. I am so incredibly lucky to have grown up with you by my side.

As I prepared to step into the next chapter of my life, I find myself filled with gratitude for everything you all have given me. Being at the studio has shaped me into who I am today. The love and support I've found in every single one of you will continue to influence my journey. In a couple weeks, I will be graduating from Mission San Jose High School. I plan to attend the University of San Francisco in the fall, majoring in Kinesiology on the pre-PT track.





# Congratulations to our graduating Senior — Samantha Perez

I am so thankful for whatever led my mom to sign me up at Rachel's Ballet when I was just 5 years old. At the time, she didn't know she'd be paying for 12 more years here, but it's been so worth it. It is a bittersweet feeling knowing me and my friends are moving on from this chapter in our lives but I am incredibly proud of how far we have come and can't help but smile thinking of all the memories and lifelong lessons I've gained here. I have been so privileged to grow up in an environment that not only supported and challenged me but also filled my life with so much happiness, making this goodbye even harder.

Through my journey here, I've come to realize how much this studio has shaped me as not just a dancer, but as a person. Thank you to my mom for every ride, every trip, and for always saying yes to something that's become such a big part of my life. I don't know where I would be without her unwavering support through it all. To my family, I'll always be grateful for the way you've cheered me on louder than anyone in the audience, year after year. To my teachers, thank you for your constant encouragement. I owe so much of what I've learned to all of you. And finally, to my friends. You guys have been some of the most genuine people I've come to know. You always manage to put a smile on my face and there's never a dull moment. I think we are all definitely trauma bonded for life. But in all seriousness, what I'll miss the most is them.



I am so grateful for the role they have each played in my life and as I leave, I'll know that Rachel's Ballet will always hold a special place in my heart.

This fall, I plan on attending California State University Long Beach as a Dance Science major, with the hopes of continuing my dance journey while studying to pursue a career in healthcare.

### ACKNOWLEDGMENT

We'd like to take this opportunity to thank our Artistic team, and our wonderful support staff, including Leigh Ann Koelsch, Anna Gemma, Connie Zaug, Jeanie Pors, Claire Wu, Barbara Campbell, Ariel Webb, Danielle De Ojeda, Isabelle Sjahsam, Ashley Bishop and Samantha Lin, Hilary Chu, Cailyn Chu and Lissa Werson who have been working behind the scenes for months to bring this incredible annual showcase to life, alongside the RB staff.

Finally, to the students, to say we are extremely proud is an understatement, let the performance today speak for themselves!



Elisha Tan and Miss Bambi Fleeman.

# CONGRATULATIONS, ELISHA TAN!

Huge congratulations to Elisha Tan, who has been awarded a prestigious scholarship to The Australian Ballet following her incredible achievement at The Fonteyn competition as one of the finalists!

We are so excited for you, Elisha — what an extraordinary milestone.

# WE ARE FOREVER GRATEFUL TO MISS BAMBI FLEEMAN

We are grateful to our former teacher, Miss Bambi Fleeman.
She continues to be a strong, nurturing and supporting member of our RB family, and we look forward to seeing her whenever possible.
As always, we wish her the very best.



Miss Bambi Fleeman with her favorite people.

# Congratulations Ms. Ariel Webb



Congratulations to Ariel Webb for officially passing the RAD CBTS certification! This milestone, achieved after months of dedicated work and the support of incredible mentors like Ms. Leigh Ann, Ms. Bambi, and Ms. Sandi Baca, marks a significant step in Ariel's teaching journey. We're thrilled to celebrate this moment with Ariel, who embraced the program wholeheartedly, learned invaluable lessons, and gained the support of colleagues and tutors along the way. Ariel, your hard work has paid off, and we're beyond proud of you! Here's to more incredible achievements ahead—cheers to your bright future as an RAD-certified teacher.



# Honoring Jinghan (Emily) Zhang





This year we recognize Jinghan (Emily) Zhang for assisting Claire Wu's Saturday DTL and PP classes before her master class on Saturdays.



# Performance Summer Camp

# EXPLORE DIFFERENT STYLES OF DANCE

(ballet, contemporary, acro, jazz)

#### **June**

**Dublin:** June 16- 20, 2025 **Fremont:** June 23-27, 2025

July

**Dublin:** July 7-11, 2025 **Fremont:** July 21-24, 2025

Monday-Friday 10:00AM -1:30PM



### Registration Fee:

\$25

Camp Tuition: \$500



### <u>Ages 7-10</u>

**Girls**: Wear leotard and tights, bring ballet shoes, socks, and warm up clothes.

Boys: Wear t-shirt, shorts or pants, and ballet shoes

### For more information, contact 510-656-0920

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For: Dancers Ages 10-15 Registration Fee: \$25 Camp Tuition: \$750

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# 2025-26 CLASS SCHEDULE

Dublin Summer Camps & Intensives J	une 16-20, July 7-11
Fremont Summer Camps & Intensives . Jun	ne 23-27, July 21-24
Dublin Hundred Acre Woods Camp	July 7-11
Fremont Hundred Acre Woods Camp	July 14-18
Fremont & Dublin Summer Private	June/July 2025
Fremont Nutcracker Camp	Aug 4-7, 2025
Fall-Spring School Year Aug 11,	2025 - May 23, 2026

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Nutcracker Camp	. G4 to Vocational
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Hundred Acre Woods Dance	Camp Ages 3-5



# **Studio Locations**

Fremont: 40057 Mission Blvd (MV – Mission Valley Center) Dublin: 7230 San Ramon Road (LP – Lamps Plus Plaza)



# Register Now For Summer Camp and Fall/Spring School Year



Rachel's Ballet

As part of our commitment to community outreach, two full-length Nutcracker ballet performances will be presented to the general public on December 12 & 13.

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