

Rachel's Ballet 2026 SHOWCASE

TRAINING AND INSPIRING DANCERS AND TEACHERS OF TOMORROW



MAY 23, 2026

Ohlone College Jackson Theater
43600 MISSION BLVD
FREMONT, CALIFORNIA



DIRECTOR'S NOTE - MAY 2026



Dear Rachel's Ballet Families & Friends:

Welcome to our 2026 Annual Showcase. We're so grateful for your continued support and for being part of our community.

This season began with joyful fall camps led by Ms. Claire and Miranda, where our youngest dancers reminded us why we love what we do. Throughout the year, students grew through special opportunities like contemporary coaching with Emma Marcellana and our beloved Nutcracker program led by Ms. Maria and Ms. Isabelle. Our dancers continue to learn resilience, patience, and dedication through these experiences.

Our Performance Program dancers had a full competition

season, and we're proud of their growth and commitment. We also celebrate all students who completed their RAD exams—your hard work truly shows. As always, we remain focused on strong, healthy training and a lifelong love of dance.

We're excited to welcome Ms. Makena Rush to our faculty this year and look forward to all she will bring to our students.

Today's performance is the result of months of dedication. We are proud to present *Napoli* for our older dancers and *Tales of Beatrix Potter* for our younger divisions. Thank you to our families for your flexibility and support in bringing these productions together.

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DIRECTOR'S NOTE – MAY 2026 (CONTINUED)

A heartfelt thank you to our team behind the scenes—especially Ms. Connie for her incredible attention to detail in organizing every part of our program schedule and for tirelessly connecting with parents and teachers across our lower school. And to Ms. Leigh Ann for leading and organizing communication for our upper levels. They are truly my heroes.

This has been a year of growth and perseverance. We remind our dancers that progress comes from their own effort and dedication—every step forward matters.

Thank you for being part of Rachel's Ballet. We wish you a wonderful summer and look forward to seeing you next season.

Welcome to the show—and enjoy every moment!

With gratitude,

Rachel Tan

Director & Founder, Rachel's Ballet



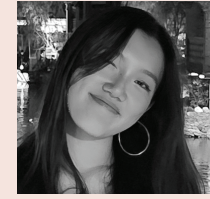
FACULTY & STAFF



ASHLEY BISHOP



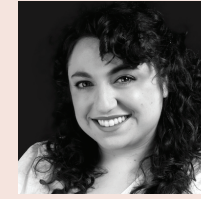
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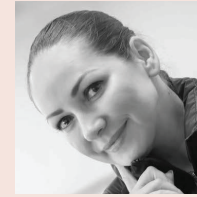
HANNAH COHEN



DANIELLE DE OJEDA



BAMBI FLEEMAN



ANNA GEMMA



FÁTIMA SOLÁ



LEIGH ANN KOELSCH



MARIA LaMANCE



SAMANTHA LIN



ISABELLE SJAHSAM



MIRANDA TAN



CLAIRE WU



CONNIE ZAUG

ANNOUNCING OUR
2026 SUMMER DANCE PROGRAM FOR ALL AGES!

Dance workshops are offered for ages 3½ to vocational (Fremont location only due to enrollment numbers—we invite our Dublin students to please join us in Fremont).

Learn More and Register at our website:
<https://rachelsballet.com/programs/#summer>



Ballet Story Workshops | Fremont
Various Camps and Times for ages 3½ -9
June 22 - June 26
June 29 - July 3

Ensemble & Variations Workshops | Fremont
Various Camps and Times for ages 9 - Vocational
June 22 - June 26
June 29 - July 3

4-Day Nutcracker Workshop* | Fremont
Offered to G4 - Vocational
August 3 - 6 | 10am - 2pm

New students are welcome!
More information → [Contact admin@rachelsballet.com](mailto:admin@rachelsballet.com)

Please note: no refunds or pro-rating available for missed days or dropping out. However, full refunds will be granted if camp is closed due to low enrollment.

* Students must be registered and attending our 2026-27 school year ballet program to audition for Nutcracker.



SESSION ONE
PRE-PROFESSIONAL DANCE COMPANY &
JUNIOR COMPETITION TEAM

1. *Waltz of the Hours*
(*Claire Wu*)

Iris Ruisi Chen, Nikalet Kaur Pabla, Jinghan Zhang, Saanvi Kapoor,
Dawa Sangmo, Joselyn Ma, Nova Cui, Jocelyn Thio,
Riddhi Ravishankar, Katherine Faraji, Hope Ting

2. *Graduation Ball*
(*Leigh Ann Koelsch*)
Ivory Li

3. *Pretty Dama*
(*Fatima Sola*)
Elaine Xin

4. *Variation from Paquita*
(*Isabelle Sjhsam, Claire Wu, Leigh Ann Koelsch*)
Alexa Gani

5. *Swallow*
(*Nastia Yavorski*)
Ahlaia Zhyliaieva

6. *Belle and her Friends*
(*Isabelle Sjhsam*)
Laurie Fu, Ivory Li, Luna Lu

7. *Overtones*
(*Emma Marcellana*)
Jocelyn Thio

8. *Lilac Fairy*
(*Isabelle Sjhsam, Claire Wu, Leigh Ann Koelsch*)
Jinghan Zhang

9. *Soul Syncable*
(*Danielle De Ojeda*)
Nova Cui

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10. *Talisman*
(*Leigh Ann Koelsch*)
Jiwoo Kim

11. *Long, Long Time Ago*
(*Danielle De Ojeda*)
Hope Ting

12. *Song of the Sea*
(*Isabelle Sjhsam*)
Silke Poehlmann, Elaine Xin, Mabel Wang, Gillian Wang

13. *Waves*
(*Danielle De Ojeda*)

Hope Ting, Jinghan Zhang, Jiwoo Kim, Joselyn Ma, Alexa Gani,
Riddhi Ravishankar, Katherine Faraji, Dawa Sangmo, Jocelyn Thio,
Nikalet Kaur Pabla, Ahlaia Zhyliaieva, Nova Cui, Saanvi Kapoor

14. *Carmen*
(*Fatima Sola*)
Laurie Fu

15. *Jazz As It Was*
(*Hannah Cohen*)
Gloria Barreto, Niara Patel, Silke Poehlmann, Maggie Wang,
Sage Wouden, Chinmayi Vaidyanathan

16. *Lovely*
(*Danielle de Ojeda*)
Dawa Sangmo, Hope Ting, Jiwoo Kim, Nova Cui, Aglaya Zhyliaieva,
Aishvari Vibha Jayanti, Parnika Garg, Prisha Saini, Avantika Prasad,
Evangeline Grace So, Iris Ruisi Chen, Jinghan Zhang, Joselyn Ma,
Katherine Faraji, Saanvi Kapoor, Alexa Gani, Jocelyn Thio,
Nikalet Kaur Pabla, Riddhi Ravishankar

SESSION TWO — JUNIOR SHOWCASE
TALES OF BEATRIX POTTER

Choreography: Connie Zaug, Fátima Solá, Hannah Cohen
Beatrix Potter is played by Silke Poehlmann

Opening Dance
Silke Poehlmann

*“Mrs. Tiggy Winkle’s Laundry”
Hedgehogs*

(Dublin Primary)
Azahara Ruzicka Tascon,
Riya Mohan, Madeline Perron

“Mrs. Tiggy Winkle” Rabbits
(Dublin/Fremont DTL1)

Amy Zhou, Enkhjin Boldtulga,
Nandini Gaind, Serra Arslan,
Cathy Liu, Isabella Wei, Ella Chan

“Tale of Jeremy Fisher” Frogs
(Fremont DTL2)

Part 1: Lena Yi-Na En,
Madeline Wong,
Taara Tejashree Andra,
Aline Ventosa, Camila B Leon

Part 2: Chloe Zhang, Ella Liu,
Keyi Adela Feng, Anthea Anyi Li

“Mouse Waltz” Mice
(Fremont Primary)

Josephine Hu, Mia Meng,
Arya Rudhini Wanigasekara,
Ritu Nishi Ramana, Willard Wang,
Zoe Wu, Aiwan Zeng

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“Tale of Two Bad Mice” Mice
(Fremont Grade 1)

Aahana Gyanbote, Annabel Jade Lin,
Cloudia Shi, Elle Savannah Velarde,
Florence Kim-Min, Karlie Ko,
Olivia Atrash, Penelope Huckabay,
Rhiannon Vida Steadman,
Tatum DeLaat

“Tale of Two Bad Mice” Dolls
(Fremont Pre-Primary)

Lucinda Dolls: Rana Arslan,
Anita Estelle Ganlath,
Eliana Gabrielle Fidelia,
Claire Lishan Chua,
Veronica G. Bakke, Terri Kim,
Diana Alejandra Granillo Duran,
Jane Cook Dolls: Ellie J. Zhang,
Avery Chao, Julia Lai,
Rosabelle Chen

“Jemima Puddle Duck” Ducks
(Dublin Grade 1)

Skylah Thiner, Yilia Yaya Liu,
Zoli Aria Hansjee, Celine Alice Lum

“Jemima Puddle Duck” Foxes
(Dublin Grade 2)

Agnes Yiyi Liu, Fiona Fong,
Vaanya Sharma, Zara Siu,
Zoey Qiu

“Pigling Bland” Pigs
(Fremont Grade 2)

Aadrika Gupta, Celine Tang,
Ellie Ding, Evelyn Ng,
Gillian Wang, Lauren Lin,
Mabel Wang, Molly Liu, Tilia Chu,
Celestina Baukke

Finale
Full Cast



SESSION THREE — SENIOR SHOWCASE
NAPOLI

Choreography: Anna Gemma, Claire Wu

Character

(Fremont Vocational)

Pari Aneja, Iris Ruisi Chen,
Katherine Faraji, Alexa Gani,
Parnika Garg,
Aishvari Vibha Jayanti,
Saanvi Kapoor, Joselyn Ma,
Nikalet Kaur Pabla,
Avantika Prasad,
Riddhi Ravishankar,
Prisha Saini, Evangeline Grace So,
Jocelyn Thio, Jinghan Zhang

Tarantella

(Dublin Vocational)

Nova Cui, Jiwoo Kim,
Chloe Madlansacay,
Dawa Sangmo, Hope Ting,
Ahlaia Zhyliaieva

Village Girls

(Fremont/Dublin Grades 3-5)

Charlotte Zhou, Chloe Shi,
Gloria Barreto, Ishika Shah,
Meera Naware, Megan Fang,
Olivia Liao, Radha Naware,
Rebekah Noor,
Chinmayi Vaidyanathan,
Ekam Mann, Elaine Xin,
Silke Poehlmann, Aoi Osugi,
Ella Kayi Zhang, Jessie Zhou,
Malina Kitchens, Riya Shringi,
Natalie Hannah So,
Ananya Mohan, Evelyn Joo
Hyun Park, Hannah Kuo,
Ivory Li, Luna Lu, Rhea Sarma,
Sarah Sangmo, Laurie Fu,
Xenia Amaris Dantra

SESSION THREE — SENIOR SHOWCASE
NAPOLI

Choreography: Anna Gemma, Claire Wu

Variation from Napoli

(Fremont Vocational)

Katherine Faraji

Opening Grotto

(Dublin/Fremont Vocational)

Pari Aneja, Iris Ruisi Chen,
Parnika Garg, Aishvari Vibha
Jayanti, Saanvi Kapoor,
Jiwoo Kim, Joselyn Ma,
Avantika Prasad, Prisha Saini,
Dawa Sangmo,
Evangeline Grace So,
Hope Ting,
Jocelyn Thio, Jinghan Zhang

Transformation Departure

(Dublin/Fremont Vocational)

Nova Cui, Katherine Faraji,
Alexa Gani, Jiwoo Kim,
Chloe Madlansacay,
Nikalet Kaur Pabla,
Riddhi Ravishankar,
Evangeline Grace So,
Hope Ting, Jocelyn Thio,
Jinghan Zhang,
Ahlaia Zhyliaieva





PRE-PROFESSIONAL DANCE COMPANY



Congratulations to our Pre-Professional Dance Company for putting in the extra effort and time this season! All of the dancers worked very hard in rehearsals to improve their technique and artistry.

SENIOR TEAM Soloists in Bold

Iris Ruisi Chen, **Nova Cui**,
Katherine Faraji, **Alexa Gani**,
Saanvi Kapoor, Nikalet Kaur
Pabla, **Jiwoo Kim**, Joselyn Ma,
Riddhi Ravishankar,
Dawa Sangmo, **Jocelyn Thio**,
Hope Ting, **Jinghan Zhang**,
Ahlaia Zhyliaieva

JUNIOR TEAM Soloists in Bold

Ivory Li, **Laurie Fu**, Luna Lu,
Silke Poehlmann, **Elaine Xin**,
Mabel Wang, Gillian Wang

COACHES/CHOREOGRAPHERS

Danielle De Ojeda
Leigh Ann Koelsch
Emma Marcellana
Isabelle Sjhsam
Fátima Solá
Claire Wu



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE SEASON



ADC/IBC

Senior Contemporary Top 15
Nova Cui

YAGP

Senior Contemporary Top 24
Nova Cui

Pre-Competitive Top 24
Ivory Li

SPOTLIGHT DANCE CUP

Category Winner & Best Costume
Senior Classical
Nova Cui

4th Overall Junior Classical
Ivory Li

Category Winner Teen Classical
Jiwoo Kim

DIAMOND AWARDS

Waltz of the Hours,
Belle & Her Friends

Classical Solos

Nova Cui & Ivory Li

Contemporary Solos

Nova Cui, Jinghan Zhang,
Ahlaia Zhyliaieva

RUBY AWARDS

Waves Song of the Sea

Classical Solos

Alexa Gani, Laurie Fu,
Jiwoo Kim, Hope Ting,
Elaine Xin, Jinghan Zhang,
Ahlaia Zhyliaieva

Contemporary Solos

Alexa Gani, Ivory Li,
Jocelyn Thio, Hope Ting

AWARDED SUMMER PROGRAMS



Congratulations to the students who have been awarded participation in the following Summer Programs:

SAN FRANCISCO BALLET

Hope Ting

CITY BALLET

*Ivory Li, Evangeline So,
Jinghan Zhang*

BAYER

Jiwoo Kim, Joselyn Ma

OSIPOVA

Laurie Fu

DUCON

Jinghan Zhang



Studio Locations

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



SUMMER WORKSHOPS (SEE PAGE 6)
JUNE 22 - 26 | JUNE 29 - JULY 3 | AUGUST 3 - 6

FALL/SPRING SCHOOL YEAR
AUGUST 10, 2026 - MAY 22, 2027



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 11 & 12.

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