



DIAMOND GALA  
June 10, 2023  
5:30pm

## *dear creo families,*

To dance is to experience a miracle, a phenomenon, and a wonder. Dance is the convergence of art and science, creating a unique moment in time that can never be replicated exactly more than once. Unlike any other art form, musicality, creativity, motion, agility, strength, and spirit seamlessly blend to bring forth what you witness on stage. Whether it's your dancer's first or last performance on our CREO stage, take note of the exceptional creation unfolding before your eyes. Your dancer was intentionally brought into existence by a God of Wonders for this extraordinary day of dance.

Happy Dancing,  
Miss Christa

## *the staff*

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**CREO Teachers & Staff** ~ Christa Anderson-Hill, Addie Beck, Kiana Carlson, Kelsey Charlotte, Elyse DeVries, Alejandra Iannone, Emmy Mendez, Julia Moser-Hardy, Betsy Nelson, Brenda Nepsund, Amber Opdahl, Fabiola Otero, Rebecca Tanner, Maddy Woodman, Elayna Sitzman

**Teacher Trainees** ~ Ainsley Allen, Yasi Ameli, Emily Ballin, Skylar Christiansen, Lucy Hermann, Abigail Hoeft

**CREO Assistants** ~ Yasi Ameli, Emily Ballin, Vanessa Blumenthal, Skylar Christianson, Aubri Dvorak, Molly Gammill, Lily Hermann, Lucy Hermann, Kyra Hoppe, Isabella Huss, Julia Huss, Peyton Jewel, Harper Kurek, Gigi Millen, Sophia Millen, Sammi Nelsen, Nasiyah Powell, Avery Recker, Olivia Recker, Morgan Steifel, Rikka Thein, Fina Wagner, Meara Whittier

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# WONDER: DIAMOND GALA

## LOSE CONTROL ~ TEAM Hip-Hop

Lucia Becerra, Addie Beck, Aubri Dvorak, Lucy Hermann, Halle Huseby, Bella Kurek, Brooke McKevitt, Sophia Roitenberg, Nathalee Wold, Avary Widmark, **Apprentices:** Payton Bry, Abigail Hoeft

## YOU MAKE MY DREAMS COME TRUE ~ Gold/Diamond Family Dance

Ainsley Allen, Casey Allen, Lucia Becerra, Carlos Becerra, Addie Beck, Dan Beck, Ruby Beck, Skylar Christiansen, Blair Christiansen, Jen Chu, Lydia Chu, Clare Danz, Bob Danz, Caroline De Smet, Libby Donohue, Brian Donohue, Sophia Elliott, Kinley Greer, Matt Greer, Scottlynn Greer, Jodie Greer, Lily Hermann, Luke Hermann, Abigail Hoeft, Steve Hoeft, Sophia Hillis, John Hillis, Julia Huss, John Huss, Denise Koopmeiners, Brooke McKevitt, K-Lynn McKevitt, Josie Moen, Selmer Moen, Sammi Nelsen, Karl Nelsen, Morgan Stiefel, Jason Stiefel, Kenley Trundle, Tristan Trundle

## AURORA AWAKENS ~ Ballet Level 6/7

Ainsley Allen, Emily Ballin, Addie Beck, Payton Bry, Skylar Christiansen, Clare Danz, Sophia Hillis, Kyra Hoppe, Halle Huseby, Bella Kurek, Natalie Maddalena, Irina McBride, Brooke McKevitt, Sophia Millen, Fabiola Otero, Anna-Sofia Pedersen, Sunniva Pedersen, Caroline Waslif, Julianna Velgersdyk, Ella Winter, Avary Widmark

## MY TEARS RICOCHET ~ Senior Solo

Serenity Bownik

## LET'S WORK ~ Pre-TEAM

Layne Barton, Vanessa Blumenthal, Maddie Brama, Libby Donohue, Abigail Hoeft, McLean Roeder, Morgan Stiefel, Kenley Trundle

## TICO TICO ~ Pointe Int

Ainsley Allen, Emily Ballin, Clare Danz, Kyra Hoppe, Bella Kurek, Elisabeth McFarland, Sophia Millen, Anna-Sofia Pedersen, Charlotte Timba, Caroline Waslif

## HOW TO PACK A SUITCASE ~ Senior Solo

Sophia Hillis

## LIVING FOR LOVE ~Jazz Grade 8+ Adv (5P)

Yasi Ameli, Lucia Becerra, Lynn Behning, Aubri Dvorak, Carlos Nugent, Lauren Presteen, Vedha Reddy, McLean Roeder, Lula Sands

## EXCERPT FROM SWAN LAKE ~ CREO Classical Ballet - Spring Ensemble

**Entrance of the Swans:** Ainsley Allen, Addie Beck, Payton Bry, Clare Danz, Molly Gammill, Sophia Hillis, Peyton Jewell, Brooke McKevitt, Sophia Millen, Fabiola Otero, Charlotte Timba, Fina Wagner, Caroline Waslif, Meara Whittier

**Odette:** Addie Beck

**Cygnets:** Peyton Jewell, Sophia Millen, Fabiola Otero, Caroline Waslif

**Big Swans:** Sophia Hillis, Brooke McKevitt, Charlotte Timba

**Coda:** Ainsley Allen, Addie Beck, Payton Bry, Clare Danz, Molly Gammill, Sophia Hillis, Peyton Jewell, Brooke McKevitt, Sophia Millen, Fabiola Otero, Charlotte Timba, Fina Wagner, Caroline Waslif, Meara Whittier

## THE VIEW BETWEEN VILLAGES ~ Senior Solo

Natalie Maddalena

## IN MY LIFE ~ Ballet/Contemporary Grade 8+ Adv (5P)

Yasi Ameli, Lucia Becerra, Lynn Behning, Serenity Bownik, Ellie Brandt, Aubri Dvorak, Quinn Johnson, Lauren Presteen, Vedha Reddy, McLean Roeder, Lula Sands

## **CONTROL ~ Jazz Level 7**

Addie Beck, Norah Chu, Sophia Hillis, Halle Huseby, Brooke Mckevitt, Josie Moen, Ella Winter

## **CONCERTO FOR TWO VIOLINS ~ Pointe Beg**

Addie Beam, Autumn DeLong, Caroline De Smet, Molly Gammill, Lucy Hermann, Molly Hippen, Peyton Jewell, Miah Liska, Sammi Nelsen, Kenley Trundle, Fina Wagner, Meara Whittier, Avary Widmark, Violet Wilson, Nathalee Wold

## **AND STILL THEY MOVE ~ Modern Grade 6+**

Maddie Brama, Whitney Colden, Libby Donohue, Lucy Hermann, Lauren Presteen, Maddie Przybilla, Lula Sands, Morgan Stiefel, Meara Whittier, Violet Wilson

## **A FAMILIAR PLACE ~ Pointe Adv**

Addie Beck, Brooke McKevitt, Payton Bry, Fabiola Otero, Sophia Hillis, Ella Winter

## **SHORT & SWEET ~ Senior Solo**

Josie Moen

## **OUR (MISTAKE) WALTZ ~ Ballet Level 5**

Vanessa Blumenthal, Autumn DeLong, Izzy Dobbins, Libby Donohue, Molly Gammill, Scottlynn Greer, Lucy Hermann, Molly Hippen, Abigail Hoeft, Peyton Jewell, Elisabeth McFarland, Charlotte Timba, Fina Wagner, Meara Whittier, Violet Wilson, Nathalee Wold

## **DANGER ZONE ~ Jazz Level 6**

Ainsley Allen, Emily Ballin, Payton Bry, Skylar Christiansen, Clare Danz, Kyra Hoppe, Bella Kurek, Natalie Maddalena, Sophia Millen, Fabiola Otero, Anna-Sofia Pedersen, Sunniva Pedersen, Julianna Velgersdyk, Caroline Waslif, Avary Widmark

## **HOW WE GO ON ~ Contemporary Level 7**

Addie Beck, Norah Chu, Sophia Hillis, Halle Huseby, Brooke McKevitt, Josie Moen, Ella Winter

## **OH YEAH ~ Jazz Level 5**

Vanessa Blumenthal, Autumn DeLong, Libby Donohue, Molly Gammill, Scottlynn Greer, Lucy Hermann, Abigail Hoeft, Peyton Jewell, Elisabeth McFarland, Allison Stoebe, Charlotte Timba, Fina Wagner, Meara Whittier, Violet Wilson, Nathalee Wold

## **-INTERMISSION-**

## **SOAK UP THE SUN ~ Tap Adv**

Clare Danz, Molly Gammill, Abigail Hoeft, Julianna Velgersdyk, Fina Wagner, Avary Widmark, Violet Wilson

## **A SHARP INTAKE OF BREATH ~ Flight**

Ainsley Allen, Addie Beck, Payton Bry, Skylar Christiansen, Sophia Hillis, Brooke McKevitt, Ella Winter

## **GRATITUDE ~ Roots**

Vanessa Blumenthal, Caroline De Smet, Libby Donohue, Molly Gammill, Kinley Greer, Scottlynn Greer, Lucy Hermann, Peyton Jewell, Kenley Trundle, Meara Whittier

## **MY WAY ~ Senior Solo**

Brooke McKevitt

## **AN ABORTED BEGINNING ~ Contemporary Level 6**

Ainsley Allen, Emily Ballin, Payton Bry, Skylar Christiansen, Clare Danz, Kyra Hoppe, Bella Kurek, Natalie Maddalena, Irina McBride, Sophia Millen, Fabiola Otero, Anna-Sofia Pedersen, Sunniva Pedersen, Julianna Velgersdyk, Caroline Waslif, Avary Widmark



## EMBER ~ Contemporary Level 5

Vanessa Blumenthal, Autumn DeLong, Libby Donohue, Molly Gammill, Scottlynn Greer, Lucy Hermann, Abigail Hoeft, Peyton Jewell, Elisabeth McFarland, Allison Stoebe, Charlotte Timba, Fina Wagner, Meara Whittier, Violet Wilson, Nathalee Wold

## REPEAT ~ Senior Solo

Addie Beck

## SENIOR PARENT MOMENT

Parents of graduating senior dancers are invited up to the stage for a brief acknowledgement of the senior dancers' accomplishments.

## DONT STOP THE PARTY ~ Hip-Hop Grade 8+

Layne Barton, Lucia Becerra, Libby Donohue, Julianna Velgersdyk

## HOW GREAT THOU ART ~ The CREO DanceVERVE

Ainsley Allen, Emily Ballin, Addie Beck, Payton Bry, Skylar Christiansen, Clare Danz, Sophia Hillis, Molly Hippen, Abigail Hoeft, Kyra Hoppe, Halle Huseby, Bella Kurek, Elisabeth McFarland, Brooke McKevitt, Fabiola Otero, Avary Widmark

## WONDER ~ DIAMOND GALA FINALE

# CREO SUMMER DANCE!



## awards

### 5 YEARS

Abigail Berg  
Victoria Holte  
Kate Josephson  
Ella Rosewarne

Megan Cesafsky  
Julia Huss  
Olivia Kjolhaug  
Betsy Velgersdyk

Megan Chasse  
Marin Jackson  
Harper Kurek  
Juli Velgersdyk

Autumn Delong  
Eva Jenkins  
Quinnlynn Olseth  
Meara Whittier

Lily Hermann  
Quinn Johnson  
Elyse Parks

### 10 YEARS

Ainsley Allen  
Liliana Paravecino

Lucia Becerra  
Lula Sands

Skylar Christiansen  
Morgan Stiefel

Sophia Millen

Sammi Nelsen

### 15 YEARS

Norah Chu

Sophia Hillis

Josie Moen

Ella Winter

### 5 YEAR FAMILY

Dan Beck

Blair Christiansen

Brian Donohue

Steve Hoeft

Selmer Moen


### 10 YEAR FAMILY


Carlos Becerra

Matt Greer

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# ADDIE BECK

**Plans for Next Year:** Continuing my dance training with a local professional dance company. Attending a ten week Bible college in Greece and preparing for a Dance BFA and Nutrition minor in college.

**Favorite CREO Memory:** The joy and excitement leading up to a big show and the feeling of completion after performing. I especially enjoy memories in the dressing room and the ways we have grown in uplifting and encouraging one another.

**Advice For Younger Dancers:** Don't hold back with your movement. Keep growing, learning and practicing. Be confident in your gifts and talents. You were made for a purpose, on purpose!



# SERENITY BOWNIK

**Plan for Next Year:** Luther College  
Vocal Performance Major

**Favorite CREO Memory:** The Christmas party. It was so much fun to be able to get to know more dancers from other classes and spend a day celebrating!

**Advice For Younger Dancers:** The most important lesson I learned at CREO was to simply be open to trying new things; you'll never be able to grow if you don't go for it!



# SOPHIA HILLIS

**Plans for Next Year:** University of Minnesota, College of Science and Engineering: Physics Major

**Favorite CREO Memory:** Rehearsals for *Tales & Tails of Folks & Fairies* and *Nativity* and attending Project Dance New York City

**Advice For Younger Dancers:** Push yourself to take any opportunity and stay positive :)





# NATALIE MADDALENA

**Plans for next year:** Montana State University:  
Business/Finance Major

**Favorite CREO Memory:** Bonding with the Level 6 team at the beginning of the year. Although we all knew each other well, I felt as if it brought us closer and we made many unforgettable memories.

**Advice For Younger Dancers:** One piece of advice I would give younger dancers at CREO is to not compare yourself to other dancers. I had trouble with this growing up, but as I got older I started to realize we are all different and unique. Enjoying dance isn't about who is the better dancer, but about how you dance together and inspire each other.



# BROOKE MCKEVITT

**Plans for Next Year:** Ballet Magnificat Trainee Program

**Favorite CREO Memory:** Spending time backstage with everyone during dress rehearsals, recitals, Cathedral Dance Festival, and other performances.

**Advice For Younger Dancers:** Don't be too hard on yourself in class. Just keep trying if it doesn't work out the first time.



# JOSIE MOEN

**Plans for Next Year:** University of Kansas:  
Biology Major, Pre-Dental Track

**Favorite CREO Memory:** Doing *Tales and Tails of Folks and Fairies* for many years and experiencing different characters.

**Advice For Younger Dancers:** Be open to experimenting with movement in class and when practicing on your own. All styles are beneficial for your skill growth. But above all, the friendships and connections you make at CREO will last forever.





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