



WONDER

CREO ARTS & DANCE
HOPKINS HIGH SCHOOL



ELEVATE GALA
June 10, 2023
3:00pm



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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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: ELEVATE GALA

SOLO DANCING

Clare Danz, Lucy Hermann, Halle Huseby

SPANISH ARMADA

Gigi Millen, Sophia Millen, Caroline Waslif, Madelyn Waslif

BOHEMIAN RHAPSODY

Sunniva Pedersen

DISSONANCE

Skylar Christiansen, Norah Chu

SNUFF OUT THE LIGHT (YZMA'S SONG)

Maddie Brama, Molly Gammill, Olivia Recker, Morgan Stiefel

SISTERS

Lucy Hermann, Sammi Nelsen, Violet Wilson

TSUNAMI

Ella Winter

THERE IS ALWAYS ONE...

Bella Kurek, Marissa Streifel, Avary Widmark, Nathalee Wold

Understudy: Caroline Waslif

HOLLOW

Lauren Presteen, Lula Sands

MODERN MILLIE

Whitney Colden, Kinley Greer, Emma Przybilla, Kinsley Wessman

HOUSE ON A HILL

Maddie Przybilla, Liliana Mathews

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 McKeivitt, Sophia Millen, Fabiola Otero, Charlotte Timba, Fina Wagner, Caroline Waslif, Meara Whittier

Odette: Addie Beck

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

Big Swans: Sophia Hillis, Brooke McKeivitt, Charlotte Timba

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

WON'T STOP

Lucia Becerra, Aubri Dvorak

THE DAMSEL FISH

Lydia Chu, Allie Huston, Marin Jackson, Carsyn Jewell

FAIRY OF BEAUTY

Izzy Dobbins

EVERYBODY WANTS TO BE A CAT

Lily Hermann, Nasiyah Powell

DANGEROUS

Avary Widmark

OVER THE EDGE

Ainsley Allen, Payton Bry, Fabiola Otero

WONDERLAND

Allison Stoebe

CHECK IT OUT

Addie Beck, Brooke McKeivitt

IN MEMORY OF

Anna-Sofia Pedersen, Charlotte Timba, Julianna Velgersdyk

PEASANT GIRL PAS DE DEUX

Peyton Jewell, Meara Whittier

I WAS HERE

Emily Ballin, Molly Hippen, Natalie Maddalena, Irina McBride

HOW TO PACK A SUITCASE

Sophia Hillis

RUNNING

Vanessa Blumenthal, Scottlynn Greer, Sophia Roitenberg

SHORT & SWEET

Josie Moen

.BREATHE.

Libby Donohue, Abigail Hoeft

Lighting: Maddie Brama, Lily Hermann, Lucy Hermann, Natalie Maddalena, Olivia Recker, Allison Stoebe

INSIDE OUT

Caroline De Smet, Nasiyah Powell, Alma Rolfe, Kenley Trundle

ELEVATE GALA FINALE



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 is not 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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