

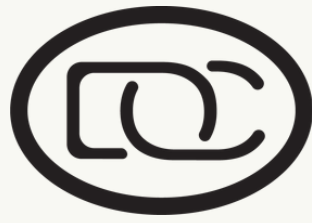
DANCE CONNECTION

PALO ALTO

PRESCHOOL/KINDER SHOWTIME



SUNDAY, MAY 31 1PM



What an incredibly special season it has been. I have watched our dancers grow in ways that amaze and inspire me - refining technique, trying different artistic styles, and reaching new levels of confidence.

But beyond the growth we see here on stage, what fills my heart most is the community we have built together. As I look back on the year, I see us creating a place of belonging and family, full of warmth and encouragement, where every dancer is cherished for exactly who they are.

It is a place where friendships can be seen as dancers squeeze into the wings to cheer each other on, where happy chaos echoes through the hallways, and where showing up for one another is just as important as showing up to class.

This year, we were with each other through extraordinary achievements and challenging low moments, and also in the unseen, ordinary weekday evening that all somehow became the memories we treasure most.

So tonight is a celebration of so many stories at once.

To our newest families, welcome! We are so glad you found your way to us, and we cannot wait for the journey ahead.

And to our graduating seniors, there are simply no words big enough. You have poured your hearts into this studio, and you have left it forever changed. We carry you with us always.

Thank you all for trusting Dance Connection with something so precious. This weekend is our time to remember the joy of dance, friendship, and family. I hope you enjoy every single breath of it.

~Corie

Welcome To New York -- Sabrina Beisner -- Kinder Combo

Hanna Baeriswyl, Tess Floyd, Alma Gavish, Emma Huang, Adri Lautman, Ava Nasir, Yuval Ofir

I See the Light -- Corie Tyson -- Preschool Combo

Elisa Chavez, Emma Chavez, Ishaani John, Kalli Kardassakis, Emma Liang, Mia Lyngbaek, Alice Steele, Ellie Weingarten, Alexandria Williams

Neapolitan Dance from Swan Lake -- Brooke Wertwijn -- Junior Preparatory Ballet Company

Seraphina Baeriswyl, Zoe Blake, Jodi Cheung, Avani Dahncke, Elizabeth Dinneny, Oscar Petirs, Alice Silva Bueno, Ayra Simhadri, Esmee Teh, Chloe Vigier, Delilah Wasson

Bushel and a Peck -- Brittany Davidson -- DCPC Mini Musical Theatre

Milla Baeriswyl, Addison Bancroft, Noa Hoffman, Freya Northen, Ava Sujarit, Addison Sun, Matisse Thomander

Variation from The Fairy Doll -- Rosalind Petirs

Choreographer: Peter Hershey

YMCA -- Sabrina Beisner -- Preschool Combo

Charlotte Agubuzu, Madeline Han, Elizabeth Jose, Riaan Rishi, Alice Steele, Liam Vreeland

Minions YMCA -- Corie Tyson -- Preschool Combo

Leah Blake, Teddy Buda, Arya Das Sarma, Amalia Mondino, Heidi Rahn, Alexandria Williams

My House -- Zoe Blake, Titania Stewart

Choreographer: Alexa DeGraca Rodriguez | Instructor: Nikka Tavares

Kill the Lights -- Mikaela David

Choreographer: Nikki Tavares | Instructor: Nikki Tavares

Cipollino, Dance of Cherries Countesses -- Allison Wright -- Kinder Combination

Somi Bright, Everly Garblik, Navya Mehta, Camila Neves, Helena Neves, Emilia Nunes Rezende, Peyton Skey, Aoife Steele, Morgan Wong

Let's Go Crazy -- Sabrina Beisner -- Preschool Combo II

Ella Sophia Burda, Felicity Drocco, Eleanor Lee, Genevieve Roman, Elena Schatz, Helena Schlachter, Emma Trujillo

Bugle Boy -- Allyson Her, Izabel Salud

Choreographer: Julie Crawley | Instructor: Nikki Tavares

Espagnole from Swan Lake -- Jennifer Kulz-Smith after Alexander Gorskyh -- Special Preparatory Ballet Company

Inbal Cnaan-On, Ariana Seru, Ella Smith, Titania Stewart, Kaitlin Sun, Isla Tung, Taylor Wang

Better When I'm Dancing -- Arden Zhen -- Preschool Combo

Hanna Baeriswyl, Anna Barra, Leah Blake, Mackenzie Brooks

Hot Lunch -- Sophie Lamm -- DCPC Junior Musical Theatre

Seraphina Baeriswyl, Avani Dahncke, Oscar Petirs, Rupali Rao, Ryan Segal

Zoo -- Sabrina Beisner -- Preschool Combo I

Audrey Chen, Josephine Lee, Robin Strong, SuinYoon



CONGRATS SENIORS!

Arden, Arabella, Ava, and Dylan,

Congratulations! We are so proud of you, and we will miss your passion, artistry, energy, and smiles more than you know.

Each of you has given your heart and soul to this studio, and each of you has left it forever changed. We see it in the younger dancers who look up to you, the teammates who light up around you, and the many memories that will always be part of Dance Connection. We will carry you with us always. And we know you will carry the strength, discipline, courage, and creativity you built here into everything you choose to do.

Come back anytime. This will always be your home. And no matter where you are, know that we are always in the wings cheering for you with a big, loud "Let's Gooooo!!!!!"

💕 Corie and your family at Dance Connection



ARABELLA GUINLE - PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL

There's a version of me that only exists because of Dance Connection. I walked into the studio in 6th grade on recreational teams, just a kid who loved to dance, and somehow, over the years, this place became woven into almost every part of my life. I grew up here. Not just as a dancer, but as a person. Some of the people who know me best are at this studio, and some of the moments I'll carry forever happened in between classes, rehearsals, dressing rooms, and late nights at the studio.

Last year, especially when life felt really heavy, DC became the place that kept me grounded. The first people I turned to were my teachers and teammates, and I don't think they'll ever fully know how much their support meant to me. Being here reminded me that even during hard seasons, you're never carrying things alone.

As much as dance shaped me, I think the younger dancers shaped me, too. Growing up alongside them, mentoring them, and watching them slowly become the people they are now has been one of the most meaningful parts of all of this. It's strange trying to say goodbye to a place that feels so tied to who you are, because DC will always be home.



ARDEN ZHEN - PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL

Dancing at DC has truly helped shape me in so many different ways. Everyday that I walk into dance and see the community and all the friends that I've made, my day brightens. For the many years that I've been dancing at DC I feel as though I've not only grown as a dancer, but also as a person.

From my first combo class with Cindy to my last classes, every interaction has helped make me both a better dancer and

person. These moments are the moments that will stay with me forever: laughing in classes, making up silly dances, watching the younger kids grow up, and hanging out with all my friends outside of dance. I honestly don't know what my life would be if I hadn't met these amazing people and cannot imagine life without you guys. That's what makes this goodbye so much harder.

To everyone still dancing at DC cherish your time well and soak in all the moments, as my time at DC seemed to slip away so fast. I believe in every single one of you, so take risks and keep pushing yourselves.

Although I will be leaving DC, I know I'll never truly be too far away. I'll definitely come back to visit because DC will always be a part of me. I can never really thank you all for everything you have done for me, but thank you for making my years at DC so memorable and amazing.



AVA RAPOPORT - GUNN HIGH SCHOOL

Through my time at Dance Connection, I've made some of the most meaningful connections and learned so many important life lessons. Since I was 6 years old, dance has always been a place where I could escape from the stress of everyday life and just be myself. Over the years, I've learned how to depend on myself and developed a lot of maturity, while also leaning on the teammates I've grown up dancing beside and can now call family.

Dance has also taught me resilience and the importance of continuing to work hard even when things don't go as planned and trusting the process. Although I'm sad to leave this studio behind, I'm so grateful for everything it's given me and excited for my new chapter in life!



DYLAN BERGER - PALO ALTO HIGH SCHOOL

Dance Connection has been such a huge part of my life for the past eight years. Through every rehearsal and competition, dance has taught me confidence, discipline, and overall how to be a supportive team member. Dance has always been a place where I could express myself without speaking and be surrounded by people who truly care about each other. Even on my hardest days, I always know I can go to dance and be brought back to laughter and joy.

I'm so grateful for every teammate, teacher, and memory that has made Dance Connection so special to me. This experience has meant more to me than words can fully express, and I will carry it with me always.

**Thank you for an amazing
2025-2026 Season!**

