



2025 *Défilé* Information Packet

Saturday, May 24, 2025

Ives Theatre, Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center
11411 Masonic Home Drive, Bloomington, MN

What is *Défilé*?

The French word “défilé” translates in English to a “procession or show.” This is Ashley Ballet Arts Academy’s annual semi-formal end-of-the-school-year showcase. Although our motif may alter from year to year, we maintain a tradition of hosting *Défilé* not as a full-length ballet production with extravagant costumes, but rather as an intimate performance where our students can demonstrate the skills and progress they have gained during the school year.

More details: ashleyballetarts.com/performances/defile

Participation

Though highly recommended, participation is not mandatory. Learning choreography is a fun and essential part of dance training, so even if students choose not to participate in *Défilé*, they will still learn the choreography during class time.

The attached Participation Form is due by **Saturday, January 18, 2025 *whether or not*** your dancer will participate.

Choreography

Each class level has a syllabus which students progress through from September to May. Beginning in February, instructors start stringing together skills from the syllabus and set them to music to create a choreographed “piece” which the students will perform at *Défilé*. This enables us to make technique the forefront of our classes, yet also give the dancers experience learning and performing choreography — another valuable element of their training.

This year, we are thrilled to revive our classical ballet theme. ABAA will be using music and drawing inspiration from the ballet “*La Bayadère*.”

Due to the nature of the class work, pre-pointe, pointe prep, and Mind/Body classes will not have a performance piece.

Tickets

Online ticket sales will begin on **Saturday, March 15, 2025**.

- Each family may purchase up to 6 tickets in the initial round of ticket purchasing. You will be emailed the ticket site link and your individual purchasing code by **Monday, March 10, 2025**. Please ensure that your email address is up to date in our system and that you are receiving ABAA’s emails. Each code is limited to 6 tickets; do not share your code.
- Any tickets remaining on **Monday, March 24, 2025** will be for sale on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Seating will be assigned.
- Ticket pricing: \$20. Reduced price of \$15 for seniors (ages 65 and older) and children (ages 12 and under)

Virtual tickets for a livestream of the entire day of performances will be available for \$30 per household

Showcase #1: 11:30am-1:30pm & Showcase #2: 2:30-4:30pm





Photography & Videography

We have arranged for a professional video company to produce a DVD of the performances. Included in your *Défilé* Participation Fee will be a DVD & Digital Link of the performances (Show #1 or Show #2) which will be available for pickup at ABAA approximately 6-8 weeks after the performance.

We will be taking in-studio photos the week of January 27-February 1 2025. Your group photo will be scheduled during your normal class time. You may schedule individual photo sessions for your dancer in up to 3 costumes, or more with an additional fee. Photos may be purchased directly through the photographer. You are not required to purchase photos. More details will be emailed to you next month:-)

Costuming

Défilé participants are not required to purchase a costume. Students will wear an ABAA Costume and headpiece.

- Accessories and Loaner Items:
 - Pre-Ballet: Dancer will wear their pink leotard. ABAA will provide a loaner tutu & hairpiece
 - Junior & Senior Ballet: Dancer will wear their pick tights and ballet shoes. ABAA "Dance Dress" and hairpiece will be provided. Dance Dress & Hairpiece is the property of ABAA. *Dancers do Not keep the dress or hairpiece. There will be a \$25 unreturned fee for headpieces/accessories and \$75 for the dress.*
 - Junior & Senior Modern/Jazz: Dancer will wear their black leotard and black leggings/ jazz pants & black jazz shoes. ABAA headpiece (provided).
 - Pointe: Dancer will wear a black leotard, Pink tights, white practice tutu, loaner headpiece, and/or costume pieces
- Hair & Makeup
 - Female dancers wear hair in a high bun, no part, no bangs. Please, no bun forms or scrunchies.
 - Male dancers wear hair neat.
 - All dancers wear light stage makeup.

Don't forget to bring extra hair pins, hairspray, lipstick, etc.!

Participation fees are listed per dancer. This fee covers the cost of theatre rehearsal & performance time, performance DVD, and costume/accessories. A 5% processing fee applies to card transactions. Pre-Ballet Participation Fee: Included in Session 2 tuition. Junior Level 1-5 Participation Fee: \$50. Junior Level 6 & Senior Level Participation Fee: \$75 BAYE dancers fee included with BAYE fees.

Rehearsal & Performance Details

Performances and rehearsals will be held at the **Ives Auditorium at the Minnesota Masonic Heritage Center, 11411 Masonic Home Drive, Bloomington, MN**. Detailed schedules will be available online.

Showcase #1

- **Rehearsal: 4:30-9:00pm, Thu, May 22, 2025**
 - Each class will receive a specific time slot during this rehearsal. Pre-Ballet and Junior Level 1-2 dancers will be excused by 7:30pm.
- **Performance: 11:30am-1:30pm, Sat, May 24, 2025**

Showcase #2

- **Rehearsal: 4:30-9:00pm, Fri, May 23, 2025**
 - Each class will receive a specific time slot during this rehearsal. Pre-Ballet and Junior Level 1-2 dancers will be excused by 7:30pm.
- **Performance: 2:30-4:30pm, Sat, May 24, 2025**



Showcase Class Participation List

See overview on previous page. ***Specific rehearsal and call times will be announced in January.***
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Showcase #1
Class
Ballet Arts Youth Ensemble*
Preballet 3/4 - Sat
Preballet 5/6 - Sat
Preballet 5/6 - Thur
Jr Ballet 1 - Sat
Jr Ballet 2 - Sat
Jr Jazz 1/2
JR Ballet 3/4
Jr Ballet 5
Jr Modern 5
Jr Jazz 5
Sr Ballet 2
Sr Ballet 4
Variations 2
Variations 3/4
Sr Modern 4
Sr Jazz 4
Advanced Ballet *
Advanced Variations*
Advanced Modern*
Advanced Jazz*
Ballet Arts Youth Ensemble*

Showcase #2
Class
Ballet Arts Youth Ensemble*
Preballet 3/4 - Wed
Preballet 3/4 - Mon
Preballet 5/6 - Mon
Jr Ballet 1 - Mon
Jr Ballet 1 - Wed
Jr Ballet 2 - Wed
Jr Modern 1/2
Jr Ballet 3
Jr Ballet 4
Jr Modern 3/4
Jr Jazz 3/4
Sr Ballet 3
Sr Modern 3
Sr Jazz 3
Advanced Ballet*
Advanced Variations*
Advanced Modern*
Advanced Jazz*
Ballet Arts Youth Ensemble Jazz Pieces*

