

**SB DANCE CONNECTION
JUNE 2026 PERFORMANCE PACKET**

Cinderella

The Ballet



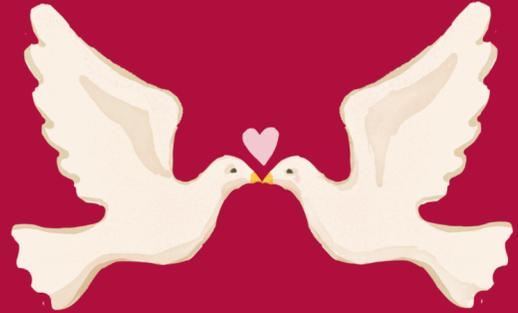
A Ballet Production

June 27, 2026
1:00 pm

June 28, 2026
6:00 pm

Henry J. Mello Center in Watsonville
250 E. Beach St. Watsonville

We Believe in



Everlasting Love

3 Recital Showcases

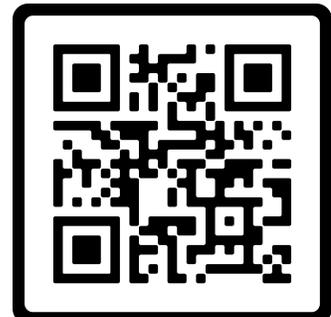
June 27, 2026
Rainbow Minis 10:00 am
Showcase 6:00 pm

June 28, 2026
Showcase 1:00 pm

SIGN ME UP!



We can't :(Opt out here:



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IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER:

JANUARY 26 - 31 - COSTUME MEASUREMENT WEEK - Please make sure your dancer is in class this week to get measured on time.

PARTICIPATION FEE - \$75 per dancer - \$25 for each sibling in the same family - DUE upon receipt of the google participation form or no later than February 14th.

FEBRUARY 14th - PARTICIPATION FORMS DUE WITH PAYMENT OF AT LEAST 1 COSTUME. If you need a payment plan please contact

Alisa Vass - billing@sanbenitodanceacademy.com - (408) 391-2342

Costume payments are NOT refundable under any circumstances.

MARCH 1st -

RECITAL T-SHIRTS GO ON SALE.

MAY 1 -

RECITAL TICKETS GO ON SALE

Purchasing information: Will be available online.

Ticket Price: \$20 pre-sale, \$25 at the door

(Each family will receive 2 FREE tickets to the show of choice, included with your participation fee. Volunteers get 1 FREE ticket for volunteering.)

MAY 16TH - 1:00 - 4:00 PM - In Studio (101 McCray St.) Full cast rehearsal of Cinderella

June 8 - 12 - PHOTO WEEK & in class dress rehearsal

JUNE 13TH - 1:00 - 4:00 PM - 2ND In Studio (101 McCray St.) Full cast rehearsal of Cinderella

DRESS/STAGE REHEARSALS AND SHOW DAYS

Please refer to the next page for a list of classes that are in each show

THURSDAY - June 25TH -

CINDERELLA DRESS REHEARSAL- 4:00 - 9:30 PM

LOCATION: MELLO CENTER IN WATSONVILLE

FRIDAY - June 26TH -

RAINBOW MINIS & SHOWCASE STAGE REHEARSAL - 4:00 - 9:30 PM

LOCATION: MELLO CENTER IN WATSONVILLE

SATURDAY - June 27TH -

10:00 AM – Rainbow Minis Showcase (Dancer call time: 9:00 AM)

1:00 PM- CINDERELLA performance #1 (Dancer call time: 12:00)

6:00 PM - Showcase Performance #1 (Dancer call time: 5:00)

LOCATION: MELLO CENTER IN WATSONVILLE

SUNDAY - June 28TH -

1:00 PM - Showcase Performance #2 (Dancer call time: 12:00)

6:00 PM- CINDERELLA performance #2 (Dancer call time: 5:00)

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LIST OF CLASSES IN EACH SHOW

CINDERELLA Ballet Production
Saturday 1:00 PM & Sunday 6:00 PM

Classes include:

Ballet 1 Minis, Ballet 2, Ballet 3A, Ballet 3B, Ballet 4, Ballet 5,
Ballet 6, Ballet 7, Beg Teen Ballet, Interm. Teen Ballet,
Beg/Interm Adult Ballet

Rainbow Minis Recital
Saturday 10:00 AM ONLY

Classes include:

Creative Movement; Jazz/Ballet/Tap; Jazz/Ballet/Tumbling;
Jazz/Ballet; Jazz/Tumbling; Hip Hop Minis; Tap Minis;
Jazz Minis

SHOWCASE!

Saturday 6:00 PM & Sunday 1:00 PM

****all classes will perform in BOTH shows****

Classes include:

Jazz 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7; Teen Jazz;

Tap 1, 2, 3, 4;

Contemporary 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6; Teen Contemporary;

Acro Dance 1, 2, $\frac{2}{3}$, 3, 4, 5;

Hip Hop 1, 2, 3;

PLUS - Ballet 7 Opening Routine; FCD Performance Team;
Competition Group Routines; Senior Solos; Ensemble Finale

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OPTING OUT?

If your dancer is in multiple classes, or you have multiple children in different levels, please remember that you are not required to participate in every class/every show. We understand this can be a lot. Please fill out the following OPT out form if you need to opt out of any one of these performances:

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeTCyaFuKHVhJdaJWLUciabQTUbeq4JMGy9YF0GF8B0b5TX0A/viewform?usp=header>

*Please also keep in mind that students can continue to attend all their classes but only participate in 1 or 2 of their showcase dances. They will continue to learn skills and choreography in class.

OTHER DATES TO REMEMBER:

Winter Break: February 15 - 22

Spring Break: March 29 - April 5

Last Day of Classes: Wednesday, June 24TH

MINIMUM CLASS ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT:

LEVEL 1 AND ABOVE - not including ballet 1 minis

If a student misses more than 5 classes in one class between January-June they may be restricted from performing in the recital. In some cases, scheduling a private lesson can make-up for excessive absences. Private lessons are fees are up to the instructor and can range from \$50 - \$100 per hour. Please have your child attend class as much as possible. Absences due to illness are understandable and cannot be avoided. However, if your child is injured, have them come to class and observe. Students can learn a lot from observing class and it keeps them aware of new choreography. Please keep in mind that we cannot hold back teaching choreography to the rest of the class because 1 student is absent. *At the higher levels, excessive absences lead to these dancers missing out on opportunities to learn and participate in more advanced choreography, partnering, lifts and stunting. If we can not rely on them to be in class, they will be removed from those sections of their dances. This is primarily for safety reasons.*

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FEES

PARTICIPATION FEE:

\$75 per dancer - This fee covers: 2 tickets per family to the recital of your choice (\$40 value); Digital Download of all 5 performances (\$75 value); additional rehearsals (\$35 - \$105 value per dancer)

Sibling discount - \$25 for each additional sibling in a family

COSTUME FEE:

COSTUME FEES ARE PER CLASS - Covers the costume, costume accessories, shipping, costume exchanges, alterations throughout the season if needed, and administrative fees for costume selection and ordering.

Rainbow Minis showcase classes plus ballet 1 and ballet 2: \$75.00 (plus tax)

ALL other classes - \$85.00 (plus tax)

Boys in Rainbow Minis class (see above) - \$65.00 (plus tax)

Boys in all other classes - \$75.00 (plus tax)

TIGHTS: To ensure there are no discrepancies in color and style, students are required to have Capezio Brand tights. DO NOT purchase other brands or colors. Please purchase through our studio store. Tights, shoes and undergarments/nude leotards are an additional cost and can be purchased when needed.

MEASUREMENTS:

Our administrative staff will measure students for costume size during their regular class time. Costume companies do not always have costumes in-stock at their warehouse. Therefore they are made-to-order. Costumes can take months to ship. Every effort is made to ensure costumes are in-hand and on-time for the recital, but don't be surprised if your costume does not come in until early May.

DISTRIBUTION:

Once the majority of the costumes are received, your student will try their costume on in class. After costumes are tried on, they will stay at the studio. We will package and alter costumes that need adjustments. Once all costumes are ready, and all costume fees are paid, costumes will be sent home.

RETURNS:

Costume fees are non-refundable under any circumstances. Once the first payment is made, a costume will be ordered for you and cannot be returned. If a costume does not fit it can be exchanged for a different size. The teacher will determine the need for an exchange/alternation when costumes are distributed.

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COSTUME CARE AND RULES:

- Once home, do not allow your child to play dress up with their costume. The costume can only be worn for photo day, dress rehearsal, and recital.
- Keep the costume and all accessories together.
- Make sure not to lose any costume pieces. They cannot be replaced.
- Do not allow your child to wear their recital tights to class.
- Do not wash costumes in a washing machine. Dry clean only (after the recital)
- Ballet tutus should be stored upside down (by the crotch) to encourage lift in the skirt.

PHOTO WEEK/In Studio Dress Rehearsal:

LOCATION: 101 MCCray Street Studio

WHEN: June 8 - 12

Photos are OPTIONAL for purchase. Photos will be taken as close to your student's regular class day/time as possible - solo pictures, group pictures, and a dress rehearsal in full costume will take place during this week.

A schedule for the week will be sent home a few weeks prior.

Photos will be taken by: Marisa Duran Photography and available for purchase online once ready.

SHOW DAY PREP

FOR ALL SHOWS - PLEASE ARRIVE ON-TIME AND IN FULL COSTUME, HAIR, AND MAKE-UP. PLEASE COME PREPARED!

WHAT TO BRING:

Costume, hair, and make-up should be done BEFORE arriving at the theatre. (Except students who need additional make-up for the ballet production. Miss Elizabeth will contact your dancer if this is needed.)

- Water – please no juice or sports drinks
- Non-messy snack (NO Cheetos, popcorn or chocolate!) Costumes must remain clean.
- Something to keep students entertained while they wait for the show to start – We recommend non-electronic items like books, crayons (NO markers), coloring books, and favorite stuffed toys. However, students can bring their electronic devices.
- Extra lipstick and blush for touch ups.
- Pack only 1 **very small** bag.

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SECURITY

DRESS REHEARSAL SIGN-IN:

Please sign-in your son/daughter at the check in table at the side of the theatre between the Mello Center and the Library. A parent volunteer or staff member will escort your child to their assigned backstage area OR assigned seating in the theatre. ONLY 1 PARENT IS ALLOWED IN THE AUDIENCE DURING DRESS REHEARSALS.

SHOW SIGN-IN:

Please sign-in your son/daughter at the check in table at the side of the theatre between the Mello Center and the Library. A parent volunteer or staff member will escort your child to their assigned backstage area. **(PARENTS WHO ARE NOT REGISTERED TO VOLUNTEER, DO NOT HAVE A VOLUNTEER BADGE ARE NOT ALLOWED BACKSTAGE. Please volunteer early if you want to be backstage with your dancer!)**

RAINBOW MINIS RECITAL:

DURING THE SHOW

Performers will be signed in and escorted to the waiting area until it is their turn to take the stage. After they perform they will be escorted back to their assigned area. **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEY PERFORM.** All students will be asked to come back on stage for the Finale. The performance will run approximately 30 - 50 minutes.

AFTER THE SHOW

Parents will be required to sign out their child at the end of the show. More details to come.

BALLET PRODUCTION & SHOWCASE PERFORMANCES:

DURING THE SHOW

Performers will be signed in and escorted to the waiting area until it is their turn to take the stage. After they perform they will be escorted back to their assigned area. **PLEASE DO NOT ATTEMPT TO PICK UP YOUR CHILD IMMEDIATELY AFTER THEY PERFORM.**

During the Showcase performances all students will be asked to come back on stage for the Finale.

Showcase shows will run approximately 2 - 2.5 hours.

Ballet Production - The show will run approximately 1.5 hours.

AFTER THE SHOW

Parents will be required to sign out their child at the end of the show. More details to come.

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VOLUNTEERS:

WANT TO SEE YOUR CHILD PERFORM FOR FREE?! VOLUNTEER!! - Volunteers receive 1 free ticket per family to the show of their choice. Help with one show and use your ticket to watch another show! (Volunteers do not need a ticket for the show for which they are signed up to volunteer). You also have the opportunity to see your dancer perform from the auditorium breezeway area OR from the back of the auditorium if you are working in merchandise, ushering or ticket taking.

****NEW*** - This year volunteers will be required to fill out an additional google form that asks for permission to look up your name on the Megan's Law database or other criminal background check sites available to us. **If you do not fill out this form, you will not be allowed backstage.** The form will be available once the volunteer sign up sheet is ready.**

RAINBOW MINIS & Ballet 1 & 2 -

****NEW*** - If your dancer needs assistance in the bathroom, (i.e. cannot remove their own clothing or wipe themselves) you are **required** to volunteer. This volunteer can be a parent, or other trusted relative, or legal guardian.**

OF VOLUNTEERS REQUIRED:

- All Rainbow Minis classes (Creative Movement; Jazz/Ballet/Tumbling; Jazz/Ballet/Tap; Ballet 1; Jazz Minis; Hip Hop Minis) are required to have at **least 2 parent volunteers per class.**
- All combo classes and classes ages 5 - 7 in the Rainbow Minis Recitals (Jazz/Ballet Combo; Jazz/Tumbling Combo; Ballet 2) are required to have at **least 1 parent volunteer, 2 if the class has more than 8 students.**

Rainbow Minis classes work best if they have 2 volunteers – one to escort students when they need to use the restroom and one to watch the other students. Volunteers get to see their child dance for **FREE!**

VOLUNTEER DUTIES:

- Watch the Volunteer video. (A link will be sent to your email about a month before the show)
- Attend your assigned classes' dress rehearsal.
- Arrive early on recital day - about 15 minutes before "dancers call time"
- Parent volunteers are responsible for the sign-out.
- You are responsible for the performers from the call time until the last student has signed-out. You cannot leave until all students have been signed-out.
- Escort students to the restroom when needed. PLEASE do NOT leave a child in the bathroom alone! Also make sure another adult is in the bathroom with you.
- You must keep your group together.
- Escort students on and off stage.
- Make sure your group stays quiet during the show.
- Return sign-out sheets, etc. to a staff member.

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OTHER VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES:

These jobs are needed for all shows.

LOBBY HELP: Merchandise stand assistance, ticket takers, ushers - Assist the ticket and concessions managers before the show and during intermission.

DRESSING ROOM ASSISTANTS/QUICK CHANGE: Help students who are in multiple classes change costumes, hair and shoes during the show.

BACKSTAGE MONITORS: Monitor students in the waiting and backstage areas. Assist the backstage managers with lining up students to perform.

SECURITY: Stand by backstage area doors to make sure no one without a volunteer or staff badge enters the performer areas.

AND MANY MORE OPPORTUNITIES: Help with sets, backstage management, flowers and gifts for students, etc.

THEATRE DETAILS:

Henry J. Mello Center for the Performing Arts
250 E Beach St, Watsonville, CA 95076

BOX OFFICE -

The box office will open 60 minutes prior to each show for door ticket sales (if available).

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEOGRAPHY -

NO Flash Photography OR video during the performance.

Both performances will be videotaped and a digital download will be provided via email and Band App about 2 -3 weeks after the show.

WHEELCHAIR ACCESS -

The theatre is wheelchair accessible with ramps leading up to the front entrance of the theatre and inside the theatre. ADA seating is available for purchase.

PARKING - Parking is available around the theatre and in the Watsonville High School parking lots. See image.

