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STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHERS' SHOWCASE
SATURDAY NOVEMBER 19, 2022

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Dancentral with the Dance Education Program

~Present~

Dancentral Fall Student Choreographers' Showcase

Saturday, November 19 at 7:00 p.m.
Welte Auditorium

Featuring Choreography by:

Brianna Albanese, Tyler Barnes, Tiana Boccuzzi, Karis Bongiolatti, Sydney Champagne, Sabrina Cofrancesco, Isabella Galdamez, Ashley Jones, Caitlyn Noble, Gianna Passarelli, Marilyn Tiul, Cloe Tranter

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Dear Friends of Dancentral,

I am so proud of the Dancentral students this semester and their growth through the creation process of the Fall Student Choreographers' Showcase. Their varied backgrounds and majors, differences in age and technical abilities couldn't be more diversified, yet their unity through the creation of this program has been an honor to witness. It is clear they all share a common love of dance and artistic exploration.

The performers have shown amazing shifts through the semester in their dancing as individuals and as a company. Tonight, they are ready to share their honesty, vulnerabilities and themselves with you through their new original works. It just doesn't get any better or more exciting than that!

I hope you will enjoy this performance as we celebrate the strong work of 12 student choreographers and over 34 Dancentral company dancers. We appreciate the chance to share this evening with you and are thankful for your continued support.

With much gratitude,

Erica Nelson
Director, Dancentral
Act 1

**Always in a Rush**  
Choreographer: Cloe Tranter  
Music: Vienna by Billy Joel  

**First Fought Love**  
Choreographer: Tyler Barnes  
Music: Golden Hour by JKVE  
Dancers: Erin Curry & Grace McAdams

**I am. We are.**  
Choreographers: Tiana Boccuzzi & Gianna Passarelli  
Music: A Beautiful Noise by Alicia Keys & Brandi Carlile  

**4 in Harmony**  
Choreographer: Ashley Jones  
Dancers: Vanessa Fusco, Ashley Jones, Caitlyn Noble, Marilyn Tiul

**Express Yourself**  
Choreographer: Karis Bongiolatti  
Music: Show Me How You Burlesque by Christina Aguilera, Express by Christina Aguilera & The Beautiful People by Christina Aguilera  

10 Minute Intermission
**Act 2**

**The Way it Was**  
Choreographer: Brianna Albanese  
Music: Glimpse of Us by Joji  
Dancers: Sydney Champagne & Lacie Low

**Mended by Love**  
Choreographer: Isabella Galdamez  
Music: Open Heart by Ital Tek  
Dancers: Brianna Albanese, Caroline Barrett, Nadia Caso, Sydney Champagne, Erin Curry, Isabella Galdamez, Danielle Hoague, Erica Lavender, Lacie Low, Grace McAdams, Lorena Rodriguez, Cloe Tranter

**It's My Life**  
Choreographer: Sabrina Cofrancesco  
Music: It's My Life by Bon Jovi  
Dancer: Sabrina Cofrancesco

**Inferno**  
Choreographer: Caitlyn Noble  
Music: Fire Burning by Sean Kingston & Temperature by Sean Paul  
Dancers: Tyler Barnes, Karis Bongiolatti, Amanie Fleetling, Neyleannie Franco, Vanessa Fusco, Vilmari Gonzalez, Danielle Hoague, Ashley Jones, DesTahnee Manick-Highsmith, Caitlyn Noble

**Her Spirit**  
Choreographer: Sydney Champagne  
Music: Me and the Devil by Soap and Skin  
Dancers: Brianna Albanese, Karis Bongiolatti, Isabella Galdamez, Lacie Low, DesTahnee Manick-Highsmith, Gianna Passarelli, Lorena Rodriguez, Cloe Tranter

**Woe is me, not her**  
Choreographer: Marilyn Tiul  
Music: Everything Happens to Me by Chet Baker  
Dancers: Nadia Caso, Marilyn Tiul, Cloe Tranter

**Tempus**  
Choreographers: Tiana Boccuzzi & Gianna Passarelli  
Music: Lost It To Trying by Son Lux  
Dancentral Company - Fall 2022

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Dancers

Brianna Albanese
Tyler Barnes
Caroline Barrett
Tiana Boccuzzi
Karis Bongiolatti
Gina Brienza
Liloni Brown
Genevieve Buhler
Nadia Caso
Sydney Champagne
Sabrina Cofrancesco
Erin Curry
Amanie Fleeting
Neyleannie Franco
Vanessa Fusco
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Danielle Hoague
Katherine Hodge
Ashley Jones
Erica Lavender
Lacie Low
DesTahnee Manick-Highsmith
Grace McAdams
Caitlyn Noble
Gianna Passarelli
Lorena Rodriguez
Mallory Schenking
Samuel Sequeira
Marilyn Tiul
Cloe Tranter
Choreographer Biographies

Brianna Albanese is a Dance Education K-12 major at CCSU, student teaching this fall. Albanese grew up dancing at Centerstage Dance Studio in Southington, CT, and furthered her dance training at Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts, Hartford, CT. Albanese was President of the CCSU Dance Team for Two seasons and is currently the Public Relations Manager for the Dancentral company. She is a proud member of the National Honors Society for Dance Arts and is the recipient of the Outstanding Future Professional Award. She continues sharing her love for dance through coaching Middletown High School's Dance Team, teaching at Stage Left Dance Studio, and instructing dance camps all over the northeast as a Universal Dance Instructor.

Tyler Barnes is a Dance Education Major. He has been dancing for 17 years and has focused mainly on hip-hop, Afro, and isolation. He joined Dancentral excited to become a part of a dance family and to create pieces with our diverse company. Tyler is so proud to showcase his piece in this semester's showcase and explore beyond his comfort zone.

Tiana Boccuzzi, President of Dancental, is a senior studying Elementary Education with a focus in English. This is her 8th semester with the company. She has previously served as the company's Public Relations Officer and Vice President. This is Tiana's third and final semester serving as Dancentral President. Tiana is looking forward to presenting two pieces co-choreographed with Vice President, Gianna Passarelli. Tiana says, “Though it will be a bittersweet night, I'm very excited to perform on Welte stage with Dancentral's beautiful dancers for the last time as their President.” She is grateful for the opportunities the company has provided for her and the lifelong friendships she has made along the way.

Karis Bongiolatti is a sophomore majoring in Dance Education with a specialization in K-12 certification. This is her third semester with Dancentral. She has been dancing for 17 years and is trained in a variety of different styles of dance. These include, jazz, ballet, tap, acrobatics, lyrical, contemporary, modern, and hip hop. She continues to express her love for dance through teaching at Sparkle and Shine Dance in Litchfield and Deborah's Dance Workshop in Torrington. She is very excited to be choreographing a jazz piece called Express Yourself, for the first time with the company. Karis' jazz piece is about feeling good in your skin and letting your confidence shine. She hopes this piece inspires you as well to “Express Yourself”!

Sydney Champagne is a sophomore studying Dance Education with a specialization in Entrepreneurship. She has been dancing for about 17 years and is joining Dancentral for her third semester. This is her first time choreographing a show quality piece for a group of dancers, and she is endlessly grateful for the opportunity that the CCSU dance program has given her in the past two years. She is excited to debut her first contemporary group work “Her Spirit” on the Welte stage.

Sabrina Cofrancesco is a Dance Education Major. She has been dancing for almost 20 years. Sabrina is on the CSSU Dance Team. She's worked with many well-known dancers in her life. Her favorite styles of dance are Tap and Hip Hop. She has a 3-year-old daughter named Giada. Sabrina's life goal is to open her own dance studio.
Isabella Galdamez (Secretary) is a senior majoring in Exercise Science and minoring in Dance. This is her 7th year of dance and her 7th semester with Dancentral. Isabella is grateful to be a part of this company, and expresses how happy she feels every time she steps in the studio. She is honored to have her piece in this year's showcase and wants to thank her dancers for their hard work. She cannot wait for her piece, Mended by Love, to debut!

Ashley Jones is a sophomore majoring in Dance Education. This is her third semester with Dancentral. She has been dancing for 18 years and continues with teaching at Grossi Dance and Performing Arts Academy in Vernon, Connecticut. Her favorite style of dance is tap. She is very excited to share her upbeat and fun tap piece this semester!

Caitlyn Noble is a sophomore majoring in Dance Education with a specialization in Entrepreneurship. This is her 3rd semester with Dancentral and her 1st semester choreographing for the showcase. This is Caitlyn's 18th year dancing and plans to continue for as long as she can. She has been teaching at her childhood studio, Velocity Dance Works for 3 years now. She is beyond excited to present her hip hop piece, Inferno, on the Welte stage for the very first time! Caitlyn is beyond thankful for all of the great bonds and friendships she has made along her journey with Dancentral. She is also grateful for all of the opportunities that she has had while being a member of the company.

Gianna Passarelli (Vice President) is a senior Elementary Education major. Gianna is excited to share the two pieces she co-choreographed with President, Tiana Boccuzzi this semester. This is her 8th, and final semester semester with Dancentral. Gianna appreciates the opportunity she's had continuing her passion for dance throughout her time at CCSU. She will take with her the many memorable moments she's made with friends new and old over the past four years. Although bittersweet, Gianna can't wait to join her “dance family” one last time on Welte Stage.

Marilyn Tiul is a junior dance education major, who loves choreographing, instructing, and teaching her devotion to the arts at the competitive and recreational level in her hometown studio, Papermoon Performing Arts. She is grateful for the gift of sharing her passion on stage again this semester, this time with some choreography of her own! Marilyn is so appreciative for the support of her family, especially her mother, who has been such an inspiration over the past year, as her resilience, positivity, and trust are so admirable. “Woe is me, not her,” is a testament that it is always those who are handed the greatest burdens who seem to spread the most radiant light.

Cloe Tranter is a senior majoring in Dance Education with a minor in business. She is also the President of the National Honors Society for Dance Arts, and this is her 7th semester with Dancentral. Cloe is excited to present her piece, Always in a Rush. She is grateful for the privilege to have works with her beautiful friends, and her amazing cast, and she can't wait to share the stage with them!
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Assistant Stage Manager........................................Genevieve Buhler
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Costume Assistant....................................................Tyler Barnes
House Manager.........................................................Taegan Praytor
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