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Congratulations on being accepted into the Showstoppers Dance Company! For those of you new to Showstoppers, the Gotta Dance team leaders are:

Jana Belot, Executive Director
[Gabriel Chajnik](#), Artistic Director of Concerts
[Mandy Mondoro](#), Showstoppers Manager & Rehearsal Director

Throughout the season, all questions and communications should go through:

ShowstoppersGottaDance@gmail.com

We look forward to meeting new members of the Showstoppers family, reconnecting with our veterans and creating an amazing show with all of you!

Important Meeting Dates & Rehearsal Schedules

New Parents' and Dancers' Meeting

Friday February 8th, 7:00pm-7:30pm, Warren

This meeting is **mandatory for all first year Showstoppers parents and dancers and anyone who has not participated in Showstoppers the last two years**. Returning parents and dancers are welcome to attend. The meeting will be brief and is meant to answer any questions you may have.

Dance Captain Meeting

Friday February 8th, 7:30pm-8:00pm, Warren

This meeting is **mandatory for all Showstoppers Dance Captains**. The meeting will be brief. We will discuss your responsibilities as a Dance Captain.

Showstoppers Rehearsals

Thursday, April 25
Saturday, April 27
Sunday, April 28
Thursday May 2
Friday, May 3
Saturday, May 4
Sunday, May 5
Thursday May 9
Friday, May 10
Saturday, May 11
Thursday, May 16
Friday, May 17
Saturday, May 18
Sunday, May 19
Saturday, May 25-Midnight Madness
Saturday, June 1
Wednesday, June 5-Dress Rehearsal

Concert Performances

Saturday, June 8-Saturday, June 15
(no show on June 13)



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Showstoppers Rehearsal Schedules

Schedules are Subject to Change

The following rehearsal schedules are for April 25, April 27, April 28, May 2, May 3, May 4, May 5, May 9, May 10, May 11, May 16, and May 17. Rehearsal schedules for May 18, May 19, May 25, June 1, and June 5 are to be determined and will be announced by May 14th. Please be available for the full day on remaining rehearsal dates. We have created the scheduled so that there are minimal conflicts with your regularly scheduled dance classes. Due to the complexity of our rehearsal schedules, avoiding conflicts is not always possible. If you have a Showstoppers rehearsal at the same time as your regularly scheduled dance class, you will have an excused absence for your missed class and be able to make up that class in any class of the same level.

Thursday, April 25

Ridge A

3:00pm-4:00pm BROADWAY-Ariel

Saturday April 27

Branchburg A

12:30pm-1:00pm	BALLET-Aurora Borealis Pointe Partnering Lead
1:00pm-2:00pm	BALLET-Aurora Borealis Ballet Ensemble
2:00pm-3:00pm	BALLET-Skadi Pointe Ensemble
3:00pm-4:00pm	TAP-Bikini Bottom Day Ensemble + SpongeBob + Patrick + Squidward
4:00pm-5:00pm	BROADWAY-Ariel + Pre-show Pirates
5:00pm-6:00pm	TAP-The Battle Ensemble
6:00pm-7:00pm	BALLET-Njord Ballet Ensemble
7:00pm-8:00pm	TAP-SpongeBob + Patrick
8:00pm-9:00pm	MODERN-Titanic Ensemble + Trio + Quartet
8:45pm-9:30pm	MODERN-Titanic Leads

Saturday April 27

Branchburg B

1:00pm-2:00pm	JAZZ-Under the Sea Jazz Ensemble
2:00pm-3:00pm	JAZZ-Pirate Jazz Ensemble + Pirate Jazz Features
3:00pm-4:00pm	HIP HOP-Under the Sea Hip Hop Ensemble + Feature
4:00pm-5:00pm	HIP HOP-The Battle
5:00pm-6:00pm	CONTEMPORARY-Part of Your World + Dream Ariel
6:00pm-7:00pm	JAZZ-Scuba Jazz Ensemble + Leads
7:00pm-8:00pm	BROADWAY-Finding Nemo
8:00pm-9:15pm	JAZZ-Ursula Jazz Ensemble
9:00pm-9:30pm	JAZZ-Ursula Jazz Lead



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Sunday April 28

Branchburg A

9:00am-10:00am	BROADWAY-Ariel + Pre-show Pirates
10:00am-11:00am	BROADWAY-Finding Nemo
11:00am-12:00pm	BALLET-Skadi Pointe Ensemble
12:00pm-1:00pm	BALLET-Aurora Borealis Ballet Ensemble
1:00pm-2:00pm	BALLET-Njord Ballet Ensemble
2:00pm-3:00pm	MODERN-Titanic Ensemble + Trio + Quartet
2:45pm-3:30pm	MODERN-Titanic Leads
3:30pm-4:30pm	BALLET-Aurora Borealis Pointe Partnering Leads
4:30pm-5:30pm	TAP-Bikini Bottom Day Ensemble + SpongeBob + Patrick + Squidward
5:30pm-6:30pm	TAP-The Battle Ensemble
6:30pm-7:30pm	TAP-SpongeBob
7:30pm-8:30pm	TAP-SpongeBob + Patrick
8:30pm-9:30pm	TAP-Squidward

Sunday April 28

Branchburg B

9:00am-10:00am	HIP HOP-The Battle
10:00am-11:00am	BALLET-Njord Pointe Partnering Leads
11:00am-12:00pm	JAZZ-Pirates Jazz Ensemble + Pirates Jazz Features
12:00pm-1:00pm	JAZZ-Under the Sea Jazz Ensemble
1:00pm-2:00pm	JAZZ-Scuba Jazz Ensemble + Leads
2:00pm-3:00pm	JAZZ-Ursula Jazz Ensemble + Leads
3:00pm-3:30pm	JAZZ-Scuba Jazz Leads
3:30pm-4:30pm	JAZZ-Pirates Jazz Features
4:30pm-5:30pm	HIP HOP-Under the Sea Hip Hop Ensemble + Feature
5:30pm-6:30pm	CONTEMPORARY-Part of Your World + Dream Ariel



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Thursday May 2

Warren

11:00am-1:00pm
2:30pm -3:30pm
3:30pm-5:00pm
5:00pm-6:30pm

JAZZ-Dream Ariel Partnering Leads
MODERN-Titanic Modern Partnering Leads
JAZZ-Scuba Jazz Partnering Leads
JAZZ-Ursula Jazz Leads

Friday May 3

Ridge B

6:30pm-7:30pm
7:30pm-8:30pm
8:30pm-9:30pm

BALLET-Skadi Ice Queen Pointe Partnering Leads
BALLET-Aurora Borealis Pointe Partnering Leads
BALLET-Njord Pointe Partnering Leads

Saturday May 4

Branchburg A

12:30pm-1:00pm
1:00pm-2:00pm
2:00pm-3:00pm
3:00pm-4:00pm
4:00pm-5:00pm
5:00pm-6:00pm
6:00pm-7:00pm
7:00pm-8:00pm
8:00pm-8:30pm
8:30pm-9:30pm

BALLET-Skadi Ice Queen Pointe Partnering Leads
BALLET-Skadi Pointe Ensemble
TAP-The Battle Ensemble
TAP: Bikini Bottom Day Ensemble + Spongebob + Patrick + Squidward
TAP/HIP HOP-Squidward + Patrick
BALLET-Njord Ballet Ensemble
BALLET-Aurora Borealis Ballet Ensemble
BROADWAY-Finding Nemo
MODERN-Titanic Ensemble + Trio + Quartet
MODERN-Titanic Leads

Saturday May 4

Branchburg B

1:00pm-2:00pm
2:00pm-3:00pm
3:00pm-4:00pm
4:00pm-5:00pm
5:00pm-5:30pm
5:30pm-6:00pm
6:00pm-7:00pm
7:00pm-8:00pm
8:00pm-9:00pm
8:45pm-9:30pm

JAZZ-Pirate Jazz Ensemble + Pirate Jazz Features
CONTEMPORARY-Part of Your World + Dream Ariel
HIP HOP-Under the Sea Ensemble +Feature
BROADWAY-Finding Nemo
JAZZ-Scuba Jazz Ensemble
JAZZ-Scuba Jazz Leads
JAZZ-Under the Sea Jazz Ensemble
HIP HOP-The Battle
JAZZ-Ursula Jazz Ensemble
JAZZ-Ursula Jazz Lead



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Sunday May 5

Branchburg A

9:00am-10:00am

10:00am-11:00am

11:00am-12:00pm

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1:00pm-2:00pm

2:00pm-3:00pm

3:00pm-4:00pm

4:00pm-5:00pm

5:00pm-6:30pm

BALLET-Skadi Pointe Ensemble

BALLET-Njord Ballet Ensemble

TAP-The Battle Ensemble

MODERN-Titanic Ensemble + Trio + Quartet + Leads

TAP-Bikini Bottom Day Ensemble + SpongeBob + Patrick + Squidward

BROADWAY-Ariel + Pre-Show Pirates

BALLET-Aurora Borealis Ballet Ensemble

BROADWAY-Finding Nemo

TBD

Sunday May 5

Branchburg B

9:00am-10:00am

10:00am-11:00am

11:00am-12:00pm

12:00pm-1:00pm

1:00pm-2:00pm

2:00pm-3:00pm

3:00pm-4:00pm

4:00pm-5:30pm

5:30pm-6:30pm

JAZZ-Pirates Jazz Ensemble + Pirates Jazz Features

JAZZ-Scuba Jazz Ensemble + Leads

CONTEMPORARY-Part of Your World + Dream Ariel

JAZZ-Ursula Jazz Ensemble + Leads

HIP HOP-Under the Sea Ensemble + Feature

HIP HOP-The Battle

JAZZ-Under the Sea Jazz Ensemble

BALLET-Njord Pointe Partnering Leads

BALLET-Aurora Borealis Pointe Partnering Leads



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Thursday May 9

Ridge A

3:00pm-4:00pm

BROADWAY-Ariel

Friday May 10

Ridge B

6:30pm-7:30pm

BALLET-Aurora Borealis Pointe Partnering Leads

7:30pm-8:30pm

MODERN-Titanic Trio + Quartet + Leads

8:30pm-9:30pm

BALLET-Skadi Ice Queen Pointe Partnering Leads

Saturday May 11

Branchburg A

12:30pm-1:30pm

BALLET-Skadi Ice Queen Pointe Partnering Leads

1:30pm-2:30pm

MODERN-Titanic Ensemble + Trio + Quartet + Leads

2:30pm-3:30pm

BALLET-Skadi Pointe Ensemble

3:30pm-4:30pm

BALLET-Njord Ballet Ensemble

4:30pm-5:30pm

BALLET-Aurora Borealis Ballet Ensemble

5:30pm-6:30pm

TAP-The Battle Ensemble

6:30pm-7:30pm

TAP-Bikini Bottom Day Ensemble + SpongeBob + Patrick + Squidward

7:30pm-8:30pm

BROADWAY-Finding Nemo

Saturday May 11

Branchburg B

1:00pm-1:45pm

JAZZ-Ursula Jazz Ensemble + Leads

1:45pm-2:30pm

JAZZ-Pirate Jazz Features

2:30pm-3:30pm

JAZZ-Pirate Jazz Ensemble + Pirate Jazz Features

3:30pm-4:30pm

JAZZ-Scuba Jazz Ensemble + Leads

4:30pm-5:30pm

JAZZ-Under the Sea Jazz Ensemble

5:30pm-6:30pm

CONTEMPORARY-Part of Your World + Dream Ariel

6:30pm-7:30pm

HIP HOP-Under the Sea Hip Hop Ensemble + Feature

7:30pm-8:30pm

HIP HOP-The Battle

7:30pm-9:30pm

BROADWAY-Finding Nemo

8:30pm-9:30pm

TAP-SpongeBob + Patrick

Thursday May 16

Ridge A

3:00pm-4:00pm

BROADWAY-Ariel

Friday May 17

Ridge B

6:30pm-7:30pm

BALLET-Skadi Ice Queen Pointe Partnering Leads

7:30pm-8:30pm

BALLET-Aurora Borealis Pointe Partnering Leads

8:30pm-9:30pm

BALLET-Njord Pointe Partnering Leads



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Showstoppers Policies: Please Read Carefully

- Attend all rehearsals and perform in all 13 concerts and updates will be emailed at various times throughout the process. Attendance will be taken at the beginning of all rehearsals and concert warm-ups. Repeated late arrival (2 times of more than 5 minutes) will result in loss of a show. Late arrival a third time will result in dismissal from Showstoppers. Any missed rehearsal or show will result in dismissal from Showstoppers. **There are no exceptions.**
- Adhere to the Gotta Dance [dress code](#) for all rehearsals and concert warm-ups. See the Gotta Dance website for [class attire guidelines](#) if you are unsure.
- Be responsible for learning your choreography and retaining it from week to week. Act in a professional manner during all rehearsals.
- Act professionally during shows by being on stage on time for all entrances, wearing your costume as instructed, and remaining in designated dancer areas in the theater. The consequence for repeated disciplinary actions is the loss of a performance or dismissal from the company.
- [Gotta Dance Anti-Bullying Policy](#): Gotta Dance is committed to providing a safe and supportive community that fosters a lifelong love for dance and creative expression. In order to guarantee that all of our dancers are able to best pursue their passion, we have updated our comprehensive anti-bullying policy applicable to our students, dance families, staff, and employees. We define bullying as any behavior; physical, verbal, written (either electronically or in person), that detrimentally targets another dancer. This behavior is described as bullying if it physically or emotionally harms a dancer, targets a dancer for any actual or perceived characteristic, or creates a hostile environment in the dance studio. These updates to our zero tolerance policy allow for swift dismissal from Showstoppers at the discretion of the director of Gotta Dance.
- Check your email regularly from February 8-June 15 for rehearsal updates and important information. All correspondence will be done through the email listed in your portal, so please make sure it is up to date. Please make sure you have an up to date cell phone listed in case of an emergency. To update: Log in to your portal on www.gotta-dance.com. Under "Account", choose "Contacts". Update your information and save.
- Pay the non-refundable production fee no later than February 8. Production fees include costs for judges, choreographers, rehearsals, costumes and accessories, lighting, stage rental, etc. and are substantially subsidized by Gotta Dance. The production fee you are charged is a small portion of the total production cost.
- All Showstoppers costumes and accessories are the property of Gotta Dance and are to be returned at the end of the production.
- Performing with Showstoppers Dance Company is a high reward. We ask that you respect your fellow dancers by not discussing Showstoppers during class time.
- You must be registered and remain in a class of the discipline you are cast in in order to participate in Showstoppers.
- If you choose to accept a role that includes partnering, please understand that it may be cut from a performance if illness or injury with the partner occurs.
- If you have a severe allergy that Showstoppers should be aware of, please email ShowstoppersGottaDance@gmail.com
- A note about casting: If you have been placed in a Full Cast group but prefer to be Double Cast, please let us know.



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Showstoppers Policies: Please Read Carefully (continued)

- Note: Gotta Dance is not responsible for dancers when they are not in rehearsal. Dancers who drive with older dancers in between rehearsals do so at their own risk.
- All Showstoppers may be asked to purchase specific dance shoes. If necessary, you will be able to try these shoes on during rehearsal and purchase them through Gotta Dance. Details about which group will need to purchase shoes are coming soon.

If you are double cast:

- You will be paired up with another dancer during the first rehearsal. You will take turns rehearsing your part during rehearsal.
- Performances will be split.
- Double cast dancers are expected to attend all regular and dress rehearsals for their section. A cast mate cannot cover for you!
- Double cast performance schedules will be emailed by May 14. Once double cast schedules are made, NO switching of performances is allowed. Failure to adhere to this rule will result in immediate dismissal from Showstoppers.
- Casting changes may be made by Gotta Dance staff until May 14.

Excused Absences

You qualify for an excused absence if you are a graduating senior, graduating from 8th grade, receiving your own bat/bar mitzvah or religious confirmation. If you believe you qualify for one excused absence of a single performance or rehearsal, you must notify us by email no later than February 8. We will notify you by email if you have been excused. Please note that if you are granted an excused absence, it is possible you may be double cast for the entire length of the performances. Excused absences are only allowed for graduations or dancer's own religious commitments— there will be no exceptions made. Graduating seniors may use their excused absence for a graduation related event.

Dancers will not be excused from rehearsal or a show for any reason other than their own graduation or religious confirmation or bat/bar mitzvah. This includes illness, family emergencies, or hospitalization. Graded school concerts/events or college testing are not considered excused absences. Please check your end of the year activities and SAT/ACT testing dates before committing to Showstoppers.

Additional Tickets and Volunteers

Please note that Showstoppers do not receive additional tickets beyond their normal class allotment. A limited number of tickets may be available for purchase. You may also want to volunteer to usher—this allows you to watch the show from the rear of the theater without a ticket. Showstoppers does need a limited number of parent volunteers for various jobs. We will be conducting interviews for those who wish to volunteer. We are so grateful for our parent volunteers and know that it takes a certain personality to work with all the various components backstage. Only those parents scheduled to volunteer will be allowed backstage. More details to follow.



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REGISTRATION-Deadline February 8

Production Fees

1 Subject: \$425 • 2 Subjects: \$590 • 3 Subjects: \$755 • 4 Subjects: \$925
5 Subjects: \$1,095 • 6 Subjects: \$1,265 • 7 Subjects: \$1,435

Note: If you are participating in Jazz and Hip Hop, you will pay for 2 subjects. If you are participating in Modern and Ballet/Pointe, you will pay for 2 subjects. If you are participating in Jazz and Contemporary, you will pay for 2 subjects. Additional costs may occur throughout the season, including but not limited to, specific shoes, optional food for show days and optional team clothing.

To register for Showstoppers:

1. **Log in to your portal** Log in to your portal on www.gotta-dance.com. Select Classes + Events, Find Events, Add Filter, Event Type, and choose the number of subjects you are registering for. Fees will be automatically charged to your credit card on file.
2. Add the dancer's information and update the parent's information in your portal. Log in to your portal on www.gotta-dance.com. Choose "My Students", add the dancer's Name, Cell Phone, Grade Level, and Email, and "Save". Also in your portal, choose "My Contacts", update the parents' email and cell phone number, and "Save". Please make sure you are "Opted In" to receive emails from Gotta Dance.
3. Submit a good quality picture of yourself to ShowstoppersGottaDance@gmail.com no later than February 8. The photo submitted (school photos are perfect) will be used for company posters and other internal purposes. Please do not respond to this email, start a new email with subject "Showstoppers Photo".
4. Submit excused absence requests no later than February 8. Requests received after February 8 will not be considered. Please do not respond to this email, start a new email with subject "Excused Absence".
5. Complete the Showstoppers Survey. Click on the link included in your welcome email, fill out all required fields and "Save."
6. Allow Gotta Dance to use any photo taken during rehearsals and performances for the purpose of marketing and public relations.
7. Check emails every day from February 8-June 15 for schedule updates, etc. Emails will be the only source of information throughout the season.
8. By completing your registration, you agree to all Showstoppers Dance Company policies.

***If you need to set up a payment schedule, please email ShowstoppersGottaDance@gmail.com before the payment deadline. There will be no refunds if a dancer is dropped or withdrawals from the company.*

If you do not wish to participate in Showstoppers, kindly respond to the email and let us know. If we do not receive all of your registration information by February 8, we will assume you will not be participating in Showstoppers.