



2024 CONTRACT

Congratulations on being accepted into the Showstoppers Dance Company! If this is your first year in Showstoppers, welcome! We are so excited to have you as part of our family.

The Showstoppers team leaders are:

Jana Belot (Executive Director)

[Gabriel Chajnik](#) (Artistic Director of Concerts)

[Mandy Lekites](#) (Showstoppers Rehearsal Director & Company Manager)

Throughout the season, all questions and communication should go directly to Mandy at ShowstoppersGottaDance@gmail.com. This email is the best way to get a response about Showstoppers, not through calling, emailing or messaging the office because the office can't answer all of your questions.

***Mandatory* Introductory Meeting for ALL Showstoppers + Parents**

This meeting is important for everyone to attend, even veterans of Showstoppers, so we can talk through all of the aspects of this contract and clarify any questions you may have. Attendance will be taken. There are two meetings, please choose the one that best suits your schedule. Meetings will take place on Zoom from the comfort of your home.

Option 1: Sunday, February 4th, 9:30am

Option 2: Monday, February 5th, 6:00pm

Dance Captain Meeting: Sunday, February 4th, 10:15am on Zoom. .

This meeting is mandatory for all dance captains. Attendance will be taken.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/7661954409?pwd=TXo2TjM4WFJSSEhDZHhjNFRlalfWdz09>

Meeting ID: 766 195 4409

Passcode: gottadance



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Casting

- Dancers are split into two casts, Cast A and Cast B.
- If you are in Cast A, you will be in Cast A for everything you are cast in. If you are in Cast B, you will be Cast B for everything you are cast in.
- There are a total of 17 concerts. All Showstoppers dances are in each show. The 17 concerts will be split between Cast A and Cast B.
- If your Showstoppers cast is not scheduled to perform on a given day, you won't attend the concert (unless to you have a class performance).

Rehearsal Schedules

- **All rehearsals are mandatory.**
- Not all Showstoppers are scheduled to attend all rehearsal days. Please check the Rehearsal Schedule document in your email for broken down schedules by date.
- Timing for rehearsals May 18 and after will be announced by May 8, but will be similar to previous weeks.

Rehearsal Dates

Sunday March 24 (video characters only)
Sunday April 7 (video characters only)
Sunday April 14 (video characters only)
Sunday April 21
Friday April 26 (leads only)
Saturday April 27 (ballet, pointe, modern only)
Sunday April 28
Friday May 3 (leads only)
Saturday May 4
Sunday May 5
Saturday May 11
Saturday May 18
Sunday May 19
Saturday May 25
Saturday June 1
Wednesday June 5
Friday June 7

**Acro rehearsal dates will be announced at a later date*



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Concerts:

- The schedule of which Showstoppers cast performs in which show is on the rehearsal schedule document in your acceptance email. A reminder that you are only performing in half of the concerts. .
- Weekday concert time is 6:00pm.
- Weekend concert times are 12:00pm, 3:00pm, and 6:00pm.

Concert Dates:

- Saturday June 8 - Wednesday June 19
- No show on Sunday June 16
- You are only required to attend the days when your cast is performing.

Team Days:

- We are so excited for our Showstoppers Team Days. On Monday June 10 and Tuesday June 11, you will be able to watch the show and cheer on your fellow performers in the opposite cast. On Monday, the cast that is not performing will watch the 7pm show and then we will have an ice cream party with both casts. On Tuesday, the opposite cast will watch the 7pm show and then we will have a pizza party with both casts. *If you have a class dance in either of those 7pm shows, you will be given the opportunity to watch a show on a different date, details to come. Mark your calendars!

Illness Policy:

If you test positive for COVID or another significant illness like strep throat or the flu, you will be required to email a picture of your doctor's note. You must rehearse with your group(s) over Zoom with your camera on the entire time. If you are too sick to dance, you must have your camera on the entire time as you watch rehearsal while resting. If you don't have your camera on, you will be counted as absent.

[ZOOM LINKS ARE BRIDGEWATER LINKS THAT ARE IN YOUR PORTAL UNDER LATEST ANNOUNCEMENTS*](#)

Warm Up Policy:

It is important to do a proper warm up before your rehearsals to prevent injury and prepare you to learn and execute choreography. All Showstoppers are required to attend a 15 minute warm up prior to their first rehearsal of the day. Please check your rehearsal schedules for timing. If you have back to back rehearsals, you do not need to re-warm up. Once you have warmed up for the day, it is your responsibility to keep your body warm for subsequent rehearsals.



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Showstoppers Policies Continued

Showstoppers is a pre-professional dance company and our policies reflect that. We have strict policies in place so that we can work hard, have fun, and deliver amazing performances. Your registration with Showstoppers means that you agree to abide by all of these policies.

Emails

- It is your responsibility to check your email regularly during the Showstoppers season 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. You should also have an up to date cell phone number in your portal in case of emergency. To update: log in to your portal on www.gotta-dance.com, then Account > Students > View "Dancer's Name". Update your information and save.

Rehearsals

- All rehearsals are mandatory. Attendance is taken at the beginning of each rehearsal.
- Arrive to all of your rehearsals on time, ready to dance, knowing the choreography you have been taught. It is your responsibility to review the choreography between rehearsals.
- You will receive a weekly schedule reminder, but it is your responsibility to check the schedule carefully and know when your group is called.
- In some cases, you will be asked to learn choreography off of a video before coming to rehearsal. It is your responsibility to learn the choreography in its entirety and come to rehearsal prepared.
- Repeated late arrival of five minutes or more (three times) will result in removal from Showstoppers.
- Any missed rehearsal or show, with the exception of COVID related illness discussed with Mandy, will result in removal from Showstoppers.

Dress Code

- Gotta Dance dress code is required for all Showstoppers rehearsals.

Professionalism

- You have been accepted into a pre-professional dance company, and your behavior, etiquette, and work ethic should reflect that at all Showstoppers rehearsals and performances. This includes, but is not limited to: learning all choreography and reviewing it from week to week, acting professionally during all rehearsals, being on stage on time for all cues with the proper costume on, remaining in your designated areas back stage, and treating all of your fellow dancers with respect.

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 a comprehensive anti-bullying policy in place. 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 or theater. We have a zero tolerance policy and any infractions against these policies will result in immediate dismissal from Showstoppers at the discretion of the director of Gotta Dance.



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Registration Fees

- Pay non-refundable production fees by Monday February 12. Production fees include costs for judges, choreographers, rehearsals, costumes and accessories, lighting, stage rental, etc. and are largely subsidized by Gotta Dance.

Costumes

- All Showstoppers costumes and accessories are the property of Gotta Dance and are to be returned at the end of the production.
- It is your responsibility to take proper care of the costumes given to you for the length of the performances.

Excused Absences

- All Showstoppers are allowed one rehearsal absence. In order to qualify for an excused absence:
- All absences must be submitted by Monday February 12. Please click this **SURVEY** to submit. Only absences submitted via the survey by 2/12 will be considered approved.
- If you do not submit an absence via the survey and you miss rehearsal, you will be removed from Showstoppers.
- If you have an excused absence and miss a rehearsal, it is your responsibility to learn and perfect the choreography you missed. You should plan to meet with your dance captain, the dancer who does your role in the opposite cast, or another dancer in your group to learn everything. The choreographer will not "catch you up" at the next rehearsal and failure to learn what you have missed will result in removal from Showstoppers.
- Absences only apply for studio rehearsals, not dress rehearsal or concerts.
- We encourage you to dedicate yourself to Showstoppers and only take an absence if it something very important to you and your family.
The only absences that apply to dress rehearsal or concerts are for the dancer's own bar/bat mitzvah, confirmation or graduation.

Miscellaneous

- You must be registered and remain in a class of the discipline in which you are cast in order to participate in that group in Showstoppers.
- 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.
- Showstoppers may be asked to purchase specific shoes or tights.
- No additional tickets will be given for concerts.
- If you are cast in a partnering role, you accept this role with the understanding that if the professional male dancer you are paired with gets sick or injured, your role will need to be cut from the show. By accepting the role you accept the risks associated.
- We try our best to schedule Showstoppers rehearsals around your classes but it is not always possible. If one of your classes conflicts with a Showstoppers rehearsal, please email Mandy. If you take class on Wednesdays or Fridays, the Showstoppers stage dress rehearsals will conflict with your last week of class. The Showstoppers team will inform your teacher and you may do a makeup class at any time prior to the end of the season.



2024 CONTRACT REGISTRATION-Deadline February 12th

Production Fees	
1 subject:	\$535
2 subjects:	\$934
3 subjects:	\$1,247
4 subjects:	\$1,459
5 subjects:	\$1,669
6 subjects:	\$1,879
7 subjects:	\$2,089

To register for Showstoppers:

1. [Log in to your portal on www.gotta-dance.com](http://www.gotta-dance.com), then Classes + Events > Find Events > and choose the number of subjects you are registering for. Fees will be automatically charged to your credit card on file.
2. Add dancer's information and update the parent's information in your portal. Log into your portal on www.gotta-dance.com, then Account > Students > View "Dancer's Name". Update your name, cell phone, grade level and email and save. Please make sure you are "opted in" to receive emails from Gotta Dance.
3. Upload a photo of the dancer to your portal. This should be a good quality photo, close up of the face. The photo will only be used for internal purposes. To upload your photo: Log into your portal on www.gotta-dance.com, then Account > Students > Edit (click the photo of the pencil) > Upload the photo > Save.
4. Submit excused absence requests no later than February 12. Please do not respond to this email. Start a new email with the subject "Excused Absence".
5. Complete the Showstoppers survey. Click on the link included in your acceptance email, fill out all required fields and "save".
6. Allow Gotta Dance to use any photo taken during rehearsal and performances for the purpose of marketing and public relations.
7. Check emails daily throughout the Showstoppers season. Emails will be the only source of information throughout the season.
8. By completing this 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 withdraws from the company.

If you do not wish to participate in Showstoppers, kindly respond to this email and let us know. If we do not receive all of your registration information by February 12th, we will assume you will not be participating.