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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 leader is:

[Mandy Lekites](#) (Showstoppers Company Director)

Throughout the season, all questions and communications should go to Mandy at ShowstoppersGottaDance@gmail.com. Your questions will be answered quickly and efficiently through our dedicated Showstoppers email and all questions should be directed there instead of the Gotta Dance office email.

Introductory Meeting

Mandatory for all **NEW** Showstoppers and Parents

In this meeting, we will talk through all of the aspects of this contract and clarify any questions you may have. Attendance will be taken for first time Showstoppers and their parents. This meeting is not mandatory for dancers who have participated in Showstoppers before, but you are welcome to attend if you would like. There are two meetings, please choose the one that best suits your schedule. The meeting will take place on Zoom from the comfort of your home.

Option 1: Sunday, February 1 at 9:00am

Option 2: Monday, February 9 at 6:00pm

Mandatory Dance Captain meeting: Sunday, February 1 at 9:45am

Gotta Dance's Personal Meeting Room

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/82734090044>

Meeting ID: 827 3409 0044



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Casting

- Most dancers are split into two casts, Cast A and Cast B. If you are double cast in Cast A, you will be in Cast A for everything. If you are double cast in Cast B, you will be in Cast B for everything.
- Some Showstoppers are Full Cast in certain subjects, meaning they will perform in all 15 concerts for that subject. Dancers may be double cast in one subject and full cast in another. In this case, the dancer will perform in half of the shows for the double-cast subject and all of the shows for the full-cast subject. Please check your Casting Document for specific casting.
- There are a total of 15 concerts. All Showstoppers pieces appear in every show.
- If your Showstoppers cast is not scheduled to perform on a given day, you won't attend the concert (unless you have a class performance).
- The schedule of which Showstoppers cast performs in which concert is on the [Rehearsal Schedule](#) document.

Rehearsal Schedules

- **All rehearsals are mandatory.**
- **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.
- 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. Rehearsal times for dates after May 13th will be announced no later than May 6.

Rehearsal Dates

Friday, April 17: Leads only
Friday, April 24: Leads only
Sunday, April 26: All Showstoppers
Monday, April 27: Actors/Singers/Characters only
Friday, May 1: Acro only
Saturday, May 2: All Showstoppers
Sunday, May 3: All Showstoppers
Wednesday, May 6: Acro only
Saturday, May 9: All Showstoppers
Wednesday, May 13: Acro only
Saturday, May 16: All Showstoppers
Sunday, May 17: All Showstoppers
Monday, May 18: Recording studio-Actors/Singers only
Saturday, May 23: All Showstoppers-Midnight Madness
Saturday, May 30: All Showstoppers
Saturday, May 31: Lead Characters only
Tuesday, June 2 or June 3: Tech rehearsal for Lead Characters only
Sunday, June 7: All Showstoppers
Monday, June 8: Leads and Broadway dress rehearsal at RVCC
Tuesday, June 9: All Showstoppers-Dress Rehearsal at RVCC
Wednesday, June 10: All Showstoppers-Dress Rehearsal at RVCC

**Additional rehearsals for character leads, Broadway and Acro will be announced at a later date.*



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Concert Dates:

- Thursday, June 11-Saturday, June 20. No concert on Thursday, June 18.
- Weekday concert time is 6:00pm. Showstoppers weekday call time is 3:45 pm.
- Weekend concert times are 12:00pm, 3:00pm, and 6:00pm. Showstoppers weekend call time is 9:45 am.

Team Days:

- We are so excited for our Showstoppers Team Days. On Monday June 15 and Tuesday June 16.
- If you have a class dance in either of those 6pm shows, you will be given the opportunity to watch a show on a different date, details to come.
- Team Days are mandatory. Mark your calendars!
- If you are full cast, you will be able to watch the first half of the show from the audience.

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*](#)

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. Dancers 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.



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Showstoppers Policies Continued

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 scheduled.
- 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 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 Tuesday February 10. Production fees include costs for 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 absence requests must be submitted by Tuesday February 10. Please [click this SURVEY](#) to submit. Only absences submitted via the survey will be considered approved.
- If you do not submit an absence request 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.
- Excused absences only apply for studio rehearsals, not dress rehearsal or concerts, unless it is for your graduation, confirmation, bar/bat mitzvah or a senior related event.

Additional Policies

- 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.
- Showstoppers dancers may be asked to purchase specific shoes or tights.
- Showstoppers do not receive additional tickets beyond the allotted class tickets. However, we hope to provide a pre-sale to Showstoppers families when the extra concert tickets go on sale, before they are available to the general public. Extra tickets are subject to availability.
- 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. 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.



2026 CONTRACT REGISTRATION-Deadline February 10th

Production Fees	
1 subject:	\$589
2 subjects:	\$1,029
3 subjects:	\$1,374
4 subjects:	\$1,607
5 subjects:	\$1,839
6 subjects:	\$2,070
7 subjects:	\$2,300

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 10th. Fill out this [SURVEY](#) to request an excused absence.
5. [Click here to complete the Showstoppers Registration survey.](#)
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 10th, we will assume you will not be participating.