

THE ILLINOIS HIGH SCHOOL DANCE FESTIVAL PRESENTS

# STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHY STATE SHOWCASE

FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2024  
7:00PM PERFORMANCE

## Selected Performing Schools

1. Barrington High School
2. John Hersey High School
3. Buffalo Grove High School
4. Highland Park High School
5. Southland College Prep High School
6. Downers Grove North High School
7. Elk Grove High School
8. Prospect High School
9. Whitney Young Magnet High School
10. Rolling Meadows High School
11. Niles West High School
12. New Trier High School
13. Carmel Catholic High School
14. Kenwood Academy High School



## **ALIEN SUPERSTAR**

Barrington High School, *BHS Orchesis Dance Company*

**Music:** "Alien Superstar" by Beyoncé

**Artistic Director:** Katelyn Reyes

**Assistant Director:** Stephanie Naumowicz

**Student Choreographers:** Fotoula Argyros and Sydney Slakis

**Dancers:** Fotoula Argyros, Erin Chon, Georgiana Daughton, Brooke Davis, Alexandra de Castro, Abbey Hanson, Avery Hanson, Ava Hutchison, Yashfeen Jafri, Dylan Murphy, Kyra O'Brien, Maya Patel, Emma Richmond, Mahalia Sadural, Sydney Slakis, Ava Sterrett, Emilia Vandenberg, Ava Weyburn

**Understudies:** Chelsea Hart, Kate Hoffman

**Instagram:** @bhs\_\_orchesis

*The initial intention of Alien Superstar was to give our dancers a piece they would enjoy and feel confident performing. Our dancers took our choreography and showcased their passion, versatility, and individuality. They demonstrated that our differences are "unique in a specific way that's personally ours." This is what makes us stronger.*

## **TIME TO LEAVE**

John Hersey High School, *Hersey Orchesis Dance Company*

**Music:** "Lucky I Got What I Want" by Jungle

**Artistic Director:** Christine Widell

**Assistant Director:** Stephanie Kelly

**Student Choreographers:** Brooke Andre & Annabelle Thomson

**Dancers:** Brooke Andre, Joey Burda, Nora Fink, Kailan Gogerty, Isabel Hinman, Jillian Jacob, Taylor Pierce, McKenzie Podlin, Jordan Roudabush, Hannah Stollfuss, Sadie Talbot, Annabelle Thomson, Isabella Variano, and Linnette Velez

**Instagram:** @herseyorchesis

## **THE JOURNEY**

Buffalo Grove High School, *Buffalo Grove High School Orchesis*

**Music:** "Soulstice" by Pato Shoucair

**Artistic Director:** Michelle Carrison

**Assistant Director:** Hannah Vaselaney

**Student Choreographer:** Kyana Luyando

**Dancers:** Alexandra Anagnostakos, Paige Anderson, Isabella Cuffaro, Natalie Larkowski, Kyana Luyando, Katie Mason, Amanda Merret, Mia Passannante, Anna Royz

**Instagram:** @bghsorchesis

## **THE TRUTH WITHIN**

Highland Park High School, *HPHS Dance Concert*

**Music:** "Heaven Up There" by Palace

**Artistic Director:** Radmila Olshansky

**Assistant Director:** Hanna DiLorenzo

**Student Choreographer:** Maya Kassof

**Dancers:** Zoey Bravos, Hope Feldman, Dylan Gershman, Ari Glazer, Sydney Glazer, Madeline Glazier, Maya Kassof, Sydney Lieberman, Mara Lishanskiy, Esther Loewenthal, Taylor Merel, Ava Muriel, Sabrina Musen, Talia Nathan, Emma Pasternak, Emmy Shamberg, Jeremy Vertan

**Instagram:** @hpdanceshow

## **ALL FOR US**

Southland College Prep High School, *Southland College Prep High School Legacy Dancers*

**Music:** "All For Us" by Labrinth & Zendaya

**Artistic Director:** Gloria L. Chatman

**Assistant Director:** Ricky Davis

**Student Choreographers:** Deborah Kpogo & Sofia Sciacca

**Dancers:** Leilani Barnes, Keylen Chatman, Aniyah Henderson, Deborah Kpogo, Diamond Lee, Binah McClerklin, Al Rainer, Sofia Sciacca, Jacob Southall, Zoe Taylor

**Instagram:** @Southlandcollegeprep

*This dance is about showing unity and mutual support for one another while coping with social and emotional challenges.*

## **BROKEN TRUST**

Downers Grove North High School, *Downers Grove North Orchestis Dance Company*

**Music:** "Take Me" by MISO

**Artistic Director:** Anne Driscoll

**Assistant Director:** Kate Neary

**Student Choreographer:** Teia De Mesa

**Dancers:** Kelsie Arndt, Niya Bouvier, Henry Conkright, Teia De Mesa, Kate Houlahan, Ellie Knudsen, Elina Lee, Avery Moore, Norah Rajesh, Madi Swenson, Pranavi Torlikonda

**Instagram:** @dgnorchesis

## **CHIKNI WITH A LITTLE TWIST**

Elk Grove High School, *Elk Grove High School Orchestis*

**Music:** "Chikni Chameli & Dhol" by Ajay-Atul Gogavale & Sanjay Leela Bhansali

**Artistic Director:** Lisette Rodriguez-Narang

**Assistant Director:** Allisha Komala

**Student Choreographer:** Leanne Thoppil

**Dancers:** Ashley Braude, Amelia Fife, Natalie Fries, Ella Gray, Maria Olivares, Denalia Roberts, Ysela Salgado, Brooke Sanaghan, Leanne Thoppil, Mihaela Veleva

**Costume Designer:** Emily Kleinfeldt

**Instagram:** @eghs\_dance

## **VIENNA**

Prospect High School, *Prospect High School Orchestis*

**Music:** "Vienna" by Billy Joel

**Artistic Director:** Melanie Monnich

**Assistant Director:** Nicole Stoltz

**Student Choreographer:** Katie Ryerson

**Dancers:** Julia Dmitruk, Samantha Hautzinger, Brooke Ipsen, Marie Kall, Ava Kennedy, Brooke Michalczyk, Lucy Neumann, Kelly Ninness, Brooke Powell, Katie Ryerson, Kayla Sagendorph, Nicole Schane, Kaitlyn Schmidt, Mia Spotak

**Instagram:** @phsorchesis

## **DEFINING OUR DESTINY**

Whitney M. Young Magnet High School, *Whitney Young Magnet High School Guys & Dolls Dance Company*

**Music:** "The Miseducation of Lauryn Hill" by Lauryn Hill

**Artistic Director:** Jeanette Gordon

**Student Choreographer:** Fallon Perkins

**Dancers:** Isabella Jobes, Vanessa Lowder, Mya Occomy, Fallon Perkins, Samantha Sergel, Raegan Stevens

**Instagram:** @gnddanceco

## **TRANSCEND**

Rolling Meadows, *RMHS Orchesis Dance Company*

**Music:** "A Moment Apart" by ODESZA

**Artistic Director:** Christina Varey

**Assistant Director:** Alison Deberge

**Student Choreographers:** Ashley Bermudez, Mia Marchetti,  
Katie Murphy

**Dancers:** Gabi Avdjiev, Ashley Bermudez, Julia Bobro, Tessa Boruta,  
Moira Jackman, Mia Marchetti, Madeline Miller, Katie Murphy,  
Kamila Nowak, Taya Rozanski, Julia Skowyrza

**Instagram:** @rmhs\_orchesis

## **EVOLUTION ORANGE**

Niles West High School, *Niles West Orchesis*

**Music:** "Goosebumps" by Travis Scott; "Yeah!" by Usher; "DNA" by Kendrick  
Lamar

**Artistic Director:** Kristen Baron

**Assistant Director:** Liz Teahan

**Student Choreographers:** Niyah Lewis & Rebecca Morgan

**Dancers:** Alba Ahmeti, Lyla Archilla, Gabby Cachero, Kathleen Calub,  
Sofia Campos, Morgan Cruz, Orli Eisenberg, Leah Feldman, Ylonah Hasal,  
Mindy Katz, Zenya Kontos, Hannah Kucharik, Hanna La, Niyah Lewis,  
Anna Lusson, Jayla Macalalad, Diana Martinez, Pia Mendoza,  
Moreen Mercado, Ariyanna Miah, Rebecca Morgan, Alyssa Nano,  
Vy Nguyen, Biya Qamar, JeAnna Soriano, Lilianna Swenson, Lana Telic,  
Sarah Van Hees, Mylo Vasquez, Morgan Warner-Mackey

**Instagram:** @nileswestorchesis

## **GET YOUR FINGER OUT OF MY FACE**

New Trier High School, *Dance Lab 2*

**Music:** Excerpt from Dance Moms Television Show

**Artistic Directors:** Johannah Wininsky and Katie Kritek

**Student Choreographers & Dancers:** Asher Alcantara, Audrey Mesterharm,  
Colleen Schindler

**Instagram:** @newtrierdancedivision

*This dance is inspired by "The Statement," a work by Canadian choreographer Crystal Pite.*

## **RECOLLECTION**

Carmel Catholic High School, *Carmel Catholic Orchestis Dance Company*

**Music:** Max Richter

**Artistic Director:** Kacey Valentine O'Keeffe

**Assistant Director:** Lexie Van Skyock

**Student Choreographer:** Delaney Haley

**Dancers:** Andrea Alarcon, Alyssa Centeno, Abrielle Fitzpatrick, Delaney Haley, Maddie Holden, Angie Kmiec, Kelly Lamb, Jennie Lochner, Erick Orozco, Annie Titterton, Sophie Wielgo

**Rehearsal Assistant:** Bella Garcia

**Instagram:** @cchs.dance

## **TO MY FATHER**

Kenwood Academy, *Kenwood Dance Project*

**Music:** Jennifer Hudson, Luke Solomon, Miko Jones Visual Horizons, Terry Hunter

**Artistic Director:** Laretta Tarara

**Student Choreographer:** Kennedy Dunkin

**Dancers:** Cassidy Allen, Brenda Brown, Kayla Brown, Kennedy Dunkin, London Freeman, Makenzie Holloway, Kai Jacks, Mairah Lopez, Mia Moore, Thai Myers, Averi Sayles, Makaila Shepard, Angela Shoffner, Sophia Sparks, Morgan Taylor, Trinity Thurman, Maya Watkins, Zaria Williams, Ella Wu

**Instagram:** @kenwooddance

*Growing up, my father always played house music in the car. As he danced in his seat to the beat of the rhythm he'd say, 'We need to do a daddy-daughter dance, Kenabelle!' I'd roll my eyes in slight appeal to the idea. This dance expresses my gratitude for my father and the influence he has on me to this day. From my music, style, and presence, he continues to brighten my horizon artistically. I love you, GQ ♥ Kennedy*

**SHOWCASE FINALE** featuring all 2024 State Performers & Choreographers

**Music:** "Down (No Side Remix)" by Jay Sean

**Finale Coordinator:** Kacey Valentine O'Keeffe



## **Save The Date!**

Saturday, October 5th, 2024

Fall Dance Festival & Professional Company Performance  
at Lyons Township High School

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## 2024 STATE CHOREOGRAPHERS



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