

**Dansu Dance Company
& Dansu Crew present...**

Enchanted



**Saturday, March 9th, 2024
2:30pm & 6:30pm**

**Bartell Theatre
113 E Mifflin St, Madison, WI 53703
Drury Stage**

Studio Dansu Presents

Enchanted

Choreographers

Kooy Buie

Bryanna Cure

Alexis Lepperd

Jayme Shimooka

Fallon Stanislawski

Dansu Dance Company

Cece Erling

Tenzin Holinbeck

Amalia Junker

Tiana Shimooka

Teagan Weller

Eleanor Ziemlewicz

Artistic Director

Jayme Shimooka

Dansu Crew

Zarmeena Nu'man

Assistant to the Director

Eleanor McCarty

Jiayi Shi

Zoe Shimooka

Fallon Stanislawski

Costume Design

**The Choreographers
and Students**

Teagan Weller

Hannah Wells

Lighting Design

Collin Koenig

As a courtesy to others:

- Please turn off cell phones and refrain from texting during the performance
- Photography, audio recording, and videotaping of any kind are not permitted
- Smoking including the use of e-cigarettes is prohibited
- Food or beverages can be purchased and consumed in the lobby

Artistic Director's Note

We want to welcome you to Enchanted, our annual Dansu Dance Company Concert for 2025.

This year's concert takes inspiration from the idea of enchantment—the feeling of wonder, mystery, and transformation that dance can bring to both performer and audience. Our choreographers have each explored what it means to be enchanted, drawing from fairy tales, myths, magic, and even the moments in life that take our breath away.

Throughout this performance, you'll see pieces that transport you to ethereal realms, stories woven through movement, and interpretations of the unseen forces that shape our emotions and experiences. Some pieces may feel dreamlike, while others might challenge the way we perceive magic in the everyday world.

We hope this evening captivates you, inspires you, and, above all, enchants you. Enjoy the show!

Land Acknowledgement

Studio Dansu recognizes that our arts center and the theatres that we perform in occupy the land that is the ancestral home of the Ho-Chunk Nation, who have called this land Teejop (day-JOPE) since the time immemorial.

We acknowledge the circumstances that led to the forced removal of the Ho-Chunk people, and honor their legacy of resistance and resilience. We recognize and respect the inherent sovereignty of the twelve First Nations that reside in the boundaries of the state of Wisconsin. We celebrate their rich traditions, heritage, and culture that thrived long before our arrival.

Studio Dansu respectfully recognizes this Ho-Chunk land and affirms that we are better when we stand together and can work towards a collaborative future. We recognize this as a part of our core belief in the transformative power of the arts and our commitment to educating, enriching, and celebrating our shared human experience.

About the Performances

Music

Music: 'Music' - by BOB

Choreography: Kooy Buie

Dancers: Tenzin Holinbeck, Amalia Junker, Zarmeena Nu'man, Jiayi Shi, Tiana Shimooka, Zoe Shimooka, Fallon Stanislawski, Teagan Weller, Hannah Wells, Eleanor Ziemlewicz

Introduction

Jayme Shimooka

Lurking Shadows

Music: 'Head's Will Roll/Thriller' - by Glee Cast

Choreography: Bryanna Cure

Dancers: Cece Erling, Tenzin Holinbeck, Amalia Junker, Tiana Shimooka, Teagan Weller, Eleanor Ziemlewicz

Deep in the shadows of a Wisconsin forest, a supernatural spectacle unfolds with the chilling legend of the Hodag. As dancers weave through the woods, they embody the mythical beast's lurking presence.

Charmer

Music: 'Charmer' - by Stray Kids

Choreography: Fallon Stanislawski

Dancers: Zarmeena Nu'Man & Zoe Shimooka

Charmer was chosen to showcase the darker, more mysterious side of Enchanted. Also chosen to represent K-Pop in this magical show.

Sky full of Stars

Music: 'Sky full of Stars' - by Coldplay

Choreography: Alexis Lepperd

Dancers: Cece Erling, Tenzin Holinbeck, Amalia Junker, Tiana Shimooka, Teagan Weller, Eleanor Ziemlewicz

"Look at the stars. See their beauty. And in that beauty, see yourself."

~Draya Mooney, author

"For my part, I know nothing with any certainty, but the sight of the stars makes me dream."

~Vincent Van Gogh, Dutch Post-Impressionist Painter

About the Performances

Puppetmaster

Music: 'Shooting Star' - by XG, Billie Eilish' - by Armani White,
'Give it Back' - by B5, 'Here we go' - Lil Nas X, 'Lost' - by CloZee

Choreography: Kooy Buie

Dancers: Zarmeena Nu'man, Jiayi Shi, Zoe Shimooka,
Fallon Stanislawski, Teagan Weller, Hannah Wells

Always

Music: 'Always' - by Francois Klark

Choreography: Jayme Shimooka

Dancers: Tenzin Holinbeck & Amalia Junker

Ghost Light - 2018

Music: 'A Ghost Piano' - by Wendy Carlos ,
'Lacrimosa' - by Mushroomhead, 'Lachrimae' - by John Dowland,
'Orpheo De Euridice' - by Christoph Willibald Gluck,
'Adagio For Glass Harmonica' - by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart ,
'Giselle Entrance' - by Adolphe Adams, 'Valse triste' - by Jean Sibelius

Choreography: Jayme Shimooka

Dancers: Cece Erling, Tenzin Holinbeck, Amalia Junker,
Tiana Shimooka, Teagan Weller, Eleanor Ziemlewicz

Ghost Light is a choreographic piece inspired by the superstition that a ghost light is left on stage for the theatre's spirit to perform. The work explores different dance eras, from the Ancient Greek Chorus to turn-of-the-century silent film actresses, bringing their spirits to life through movement and performance.

Thank You

Jayme Shimooka

Enchanted

Music: 'Enchanted' - by Taylor Swift remixed

Choreography: Kooy Buie

Dancers: Zarmeena Nu'man, Jiayi Shi, Zoe Shimooka, Fallon
Stanislawski, Teagan Weller, Hannah Wells

About the Choreographers

Jayne Shimooka - Artistic Director & Director of Dansu Dance Company - has been sharing her love for the performing arts with students for over 20 years. She has a Bachelor of Arts Degree from UW-Eau Claire in Theatre Arts, Dance, and Music where she focused on arts management and performance. She also has a Bachelor of Science Degree in Dance Theory from UW-Madison where she concentrated on dance history and theory while continuing her technical discipline in dance. Later she has gone on to get numerous certifications in American Ballet Theatre, Acrobatic Arts, and Giordano Technique while becoming a board member of Dance Masters of WI, Wisconsin Dance Council, and National Dance Education Organization. Jayme founded Studio Dansu in 2015 to bring a performing arts studio with singing, dancing, and acting to the Madison area where she grew up, and now has expanded to include different fine and creative arts. She created this company to provide a space for students who wanted to take a more dedicated approach to their dance education, and is so proud of how far they have come!

Kooy Buie - Dansu Teaching Artist & Director of Dansu Crew - grew up as a self taught dancer from the age of 4. He mainly delves into street styles such as hip-hop, krump, locking, popping, and house, but has jazz influence from imitating Michael Jackson's dance style at a young age. He now has been teaching for over 10 years, and has attended numerous teacher trainings to hone in on not only his dance technique, but also to expand on his curriculum development and education methods. He aims to inspire others through his own expression as well as guiding them to find their own.

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Bryanna Cure - Dansu Teaching Artist - Bryanna first started taking dance classes in Madison, Wisconsin, when she was four years old. Throughout primary and secondary school she studied ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, and hula. In high school she also joined her school's pom squad, performing pom, funk, and kick routines. Bryanna's passion followed her into college where she continued to study dance, adding contemporary, ballroom styles, and musical theater classes to her repertoire. She also joined a collegiate dance team that she was a part of for three years (She later coached this team for an additional two years.). With her collegiate team she successfully choreographed for and participated in dance competitions throughout the Midwest, in group numbers, solos, and duets. Bryanna danced for the Wisconsin Wolfpack, a professional indoor football team, as well as, the Madison Mustangs and the Dane County Hawks semi professional football teams.

Alexis Lepperd - Dansu Teaching Artist - Alexis Lepperd has dedicated her life to dance and finds joy in sharing the art of dance with others. She studied ballet, tap, modern, and improvisation at UW-Whitewater, earning her BA in Dance Therapy with a minor in Theatre in 2005. Her choreography was featured in several university dance productions. She has been a member of Dance Masters of Wisconsin since 2002, having passed examinations in ballet, tap, and jazz, and previously served as a Board Assistant, Treasurer, and competition director for the organization. She was the owner and founder of the former Dance Teacher Network LLC (DTN), an online networking group for dance teachers, which had over 40,000 members. Alexis taught at several studios in southern Wisconsin and northern Illinois, beginning as an assistant in 1994. She opened her own studio in the Madison area in 2015, but decided to dedicate more time to her family, closing her studio in 2019. She joined Wingspan Dance Company following the closure of her studio, and continues to take and teach classes and workshops across the country. After working as a sub for a few seasons, Alexis joined the Studio Dansu staff in 2022, and is excited to be able to continue to share her passion for dance education and artistic expression with dancers from all walks of life!

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Fallon Stanislawski - Dansu Teaching Dancer & Artist - 19 joined Studio Dansu in 2021, but she has been dancing all of her life. She originally started by taking hip hop, and is now a part of the Dansu Crew, Hip - hop, and K-pop. She started teaching K-pop in 2024. Fallon aspires to travel around the world sharing her love of dance and inspiring others to find their passion through dance. She also enjoys drawing, listening to music, and practicing martial arts in her spare time.

Thank you!