

The Richard L. and Barbara D. Kuss Memorial Concert
Presents:

A Spring Performance with

GARY GEIS SCHOOL OF DANCE
&
GARY GEIS DANCE COMPANY

MAY 4, 2024 AT 6:30PM
CLARK STATE KUSS
AUDITORIUM

Act 1

Spanish Suite

Gary Geis Dance Company

Choreography: Celina Schroer

Music: *Don Quixote: Act I: A Square in Barcelona, Quiteria (Kitri) Enters, Moreno* - Ludwig Minkus

Dancers: NeVaeh Campbell, Kara Collier, Taylor Compston, Kate Duffey

Coppelia

Class: Pre Dance

Instructor/Choreographer: Rose Chonko

Music: *Coppelia/Tableau 1: No. 1 Valse* - Leo Delibes

Demonstrator: Lorelei Geron-Jones

Dancers: Austyn Baker, Emilia Block, Bridget Botkin, Hadassah Crickard, Amila McClary,

Emmett Potts, Brooklynn Tincher

Wildest Dreams

Class: Intermediate Ballet 2

Instructor/Choreographer: Celina Schroer

Music: *Wildest Dreams* - Piano Tribute Players

Dancers: Violet Barnes, Claire Dilts, Elizabeth Doss, Olivia Driscoll, Lorelei Geron-Jones

Velvet

Gary Geis Dance Company

Choreography: Mary Cunningham

Music: *Harlem Nocturne* - The Lounge Lizards, *Feeling Good* - Nina Simone

Dancers: NeVaeh Campbell, Taylor Compston, Kate Duffey

Blame It on the Boogie

Class: Pre Ballet/Pre Tap 2

Instructor/Choreographer: Rose Chonko

Music: *Blame It on the Boogie* - The Jacksons

Dancers: Alexis Berger, Madison Berger, Eleanor Cliff, Quinn Errett, Dillon Grauer, Maren Mattox

The Happy Dance

Class: Beginner Tap

Instructor/Choreographer: Mark Cummings

Music: *Happy Dance* - MercyMe

Dancers: Alexandra Amend, Aubrey Evans, Violet Grigorian, Charlie Guest, Erma Herrera,
Amelia Lain, Clara Lain, MyKalia Lawson, Owen McGee, Isabella Shoopman

Cast A Long Shadow

~For Gary~

Gary Geis Dance Company

Choreography: Mark Cummings

Music: *Nuovo Cinema Paradiso* - Mr & Mrs Cello

Photographer: Marlies Hemmann

Dancers: Kara Collier

with NeVaeh Campbell, Taylor Compston, Delaney Foley

Dream

Class: Beginner Ballet 1 (Tuesday)

Instructor/Choreographer: Rose Chonko

Music: *A Dream Is a Wish Your Heart Makes* - Royal Philharmonic Orchestra

Dancers: Taylenn DeArmond, Isabella Evans, Leah Evans, Annie Guest, Brooklyn Pence,
Beatrice Rabe, Alexa Rich, Zosia Rose, Alivia Weaver

Feel the Beat

Class: Intermediate 2/Advanced Modern

Instructor/Choreographer: Celina Schroer

Music: *Chawarma* - Iroko Percussions

Dancers: NeVaeh Campbell, Kara Collier, Taylor Compston, Mary Cunningham, Elizabeth Doss,
Kate Duffey, Lorelei Geron-Jones, Madison Smith

~ *Intermission* ~

Act 2

Blues for Sale

Gary Geis Dance Company - Tap Ensemble

Choreography: Lori Gaver

Music: *Straighten Up And Fly Right* - Nat King Cole, *Blues for Sale* - Harry James

Dancers: Lori Gaver, Carolyn Joseph, Gail Suzel

and Lorelei Geron-Jones, Lucy Shows-Fife

with Taylor Compston, Landon Owen, Luke Parrett, Madison Smith,

Peasant Dance

Class: Intermediate Ballet 1

Instructor/Choreographer: Celina Schroer

Music: *Czardas from "Coppelia"* - Leo Delibes

Dancers: Sarah Blade, Charlotte Caplinger, Julia Doss, Delaney Foley, MyKalia Lawson,
Lucy Zartman

Echo

Gary Geis Dance Company
Choreography: Rose Chonko
Music: *Guitar Peace* - Billy Strings
Dancers: NeVaeh Campbell, Mary Cunningham, Kate Duffey

You've Got a Friend In Me

Class: Pre Ballet/Pre Tap 1
Instructor/Choreographer: Rose Chonko
Music: *You've Got a Friend In Me* - Randy Newman
Demonstrator: Lorelei Geron-Jones
Dancers: Ava Baker, Brooke Berger, Sophia Errett, Madelyn Harstel, Alivia Jeske, Neema Scott,
Caroline Shaffer

Beauty and the Beast

Class: Beginner Ballet 1 (Thursday)
Instructor/Choreographer: Celina
Music: *Beauty and The Beast (from "Beauty and the Beast)* - Magic Philharmonic Orchestra
Dancers: Florence Carter, Elias Case, Ethan Case, Aliza Clark, Edith Graff, Susanna Graff,
Erma Herrera, Aurora Jeske, Carter Keriazes, Vaughn Sims

Root

Gary Geis Dance Company
Choreography: Mark Cummings
Music: *Dinner at the Sugarbush* - Brent Lewis
Dancers: Kara Collier, Mary Cunningham, Elizabeth Doss, Lorelei Geron-Jones, Madison Smith

Mr. Ross Is The Boss (We love you Joe!)

Class: Intermediate Tap
Instructor/Choreographer: Lori Gaver
Music: *Do You Love Me?* - The Contours
Dancers: NeVaeh Campbell, Leah Dilts, Julia Doss, Kate Duffey, Delaney Foley, Iris Mohler,
Poppy Sullivan

Gavotte

Class: Beginner Ballet 2
Instructor/Choreographer: Celina Schroer
Music: *Ballet Suite No. 3 (arr. L. Atovmyan): Gavotte* - Dmitri Shostakovich
Dancers: Vieira Balch, Ava Clark, Elinoar Clark, Aubrey Evans, Vivian Guest, Sofia Morales,
Myah Pyles, Rosemary Raster, Sadie Thompson, Mary Kate Zartman, Paige Zartman

Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy

Class: Intermediate Jazz 2

Instructor/Choreographer: Rose Chonko

Music: *Boogie Woogie Bugle Boy* - Bette Midler

Dancers: Elizabeth Doss, Lorelei Geron-Jones, Madison Smith

Pas de Cinq

Class: Pointe 2

Instructor/Choreographer: Celina Schroer

Music: *Pas de quatre: Finale No. 8 (Orch. W. McDermott)* - Cesare Pugni

Dancers: Carissa Buehler, NeVaeh Campbell, Kara Collier, Taylor Compston, Kate Duffey

~ *Intermission* ~

Act 3

Stars and Stripes Forever

Class: Advanced Ballet

Instructor/Choreographer: Celina Schroer

Music: *Stars & Stripes - A Ballet in Five Campaigns: Fifth Campaign* - John Philip Sousa,
adapted and arranged by Hershey Kay

Dancers: Carissa Buehler, NeVaeh Campbell, Kara Collier, Taylor Compston, Mary Cunningham,
Kate Duffey, Madison Smith

Shock

Class: Boys Scholarship Class

Instructor/Choreographer: Mark Cummings

Music: *Eraser, Mr. Self Destruct, The Downward Spiral* - Nine Inch Nails

Dancers: Charlie Board, Josh Board, Keith Board, Alijah Jeske, Arlo Larson, Lucas Lobertini,
Viator Phipps

Judy

Classes: Intermediate and Advanced Tap

Instructor/Choreographer: Lori Gaver

Music: *Get Happy, Putting on the Ritz* - Judy Garland

Dancers: Taylor Compston

with Lorelei Geron-Jones, Carolyn Joseph, Landon Owen, Luke Parrett, Lucy Shows-Fife,
Madison Smith, *and* NeVaeh Campbell, Leah Dilts, Julia Doss, Kate Duffey, Delaney Foley,
Lori Gaver, Iris Mohler, Poppy Sullivan, Gail Suzel

Stick It To the Man

Class: Adult Tap

Instructor/Choreographer: Mark Cummings

Music: *Stick It To the Man* - The Original Broadway Cast of School of Rock

Dancers: Jen Compston, Ryan McCarty, Emily Parsons, Zoie Ramirez, Ian Williams

Romeo and Juliet

Class: Pre Pointe/Pointe 1

Instructor/Choreographer: Celina Schroer

Music: *Romeo and Juliet, Op. 64 - Act 2: Folk Dance* - Sergei Prokofiev

Dancers: NeVaeh Campbell, Taylor Compston, Elizabeth Doss, Lorelei Geron-Jones,
Madison Smith

Funkytown

Class: Beginner/Intermediate 1 Jazz and Modern

Instructor/Choreographer: Taylor Nelson

Music: *Funkytown* - Lipps Inc.

Dancers: Violet Barnes, Grace Fowler, Vivian Guest, MyKalia Lawson, Iris Mohler, Sofia Morales,
Viator Phipps, Rosemary Raster, Juniper Schneider, Poppy Sullivan, Vaughn Sims

Barbie Dreams

Gary Geis Dance Company

Choreography: Celina Schroer

Music: *Choose Your Fighter* - Ava Max, *Barbie Dreams* - FIFTY FIFTY, Kaliii

Dancers: Josh Board, NeVaeh Campbell, Kara Collier, Taylor Compston, Mary Cunningham,
Elizabeth Doss, Kate Duffey, Delaney Foley, Lorelei Geron-Jones, Madison Smith



Summer Dance Opportunities and Performances!

Summer Arts Festival Performance: July 5 at 8pm

Summer Class Session 1: June 3 - 22

Summer Class Session 2: July 15 - August 3

Fairy Themed Mini Camp 1 (Age 3-5): June 3 - 6

Fairy Themed Mini Camp 2 (Age 3-5): July 15 - 18

Princess Themed Mini Camp 1 (Age 6-8): June 17 - 20

Princess Themed Mini Camp 2 (Age 6-8): July 22 - 25

Intermediate and Advanced Level Summer Intensive (Age 12+): August 5 - 9

Register online at www.garygeisdance.org



About Gary Geis School of Dance

Dance training and concert performance are our focus and our passion! Founded by Gary Geis, we've spent more than 30 years training dancers of all ages. We believe everyone can dance... real classes for real people. We offer excellent training for children (starting at age 3), teens and adults in ballet, jazz, modern, pointe, tap, belly dance, and Zumba and have many levels for beginners and advanced dancers. Our adult ballet and our pre school classes for children are the best ways to introduce yourselves and your family to dance!

We have four, spacious studios with state-of-the-art sprung floors, 15-foot ceilings and large windows allowing for natural lighting. The school is conveniently located on the second floor of the renovated historic Bushnell Building, in the heart of downtown Springfield.



About Gary Geis Dance Company

Founded in 1999 by Gary Geis, Mark Cummings and Lori Common, the Gary Geis Dance Company, or GGDC, is a non-profit, performing company founded to enhance the performing arts by providing professional training and performing opportunities to young dancers seeking a career in dance or musical theatre. The company consists of a first and second company as well as a tap ensemble. GGDC strives to achieve its mission by holding open auditions to the public and presenting quality performances at reasonable rates. It provides several performance opportunities through in-studio lecture demonstrations, performing at community public events and annual concerts. Over the last 24 years, GGDC has had the opportunity to perform as guests with professional companies such as Thodos Dance Chicago, Dance Kaleidoscope and the Springfield Symphony Orchestra. The company dancers have also participated in master classes with the Alvin Ailey II, Russian National Ballet, Doug Varone and Dancers, Rhythmic Circus, and Dayton Contemporary Dance Company.

GGDC Mission

The Gary Geis Dance Company's mission is to advance the appreciation of the art of dance and to bring focus on excellent dance education and training in the Springfield, Ohio, community. With the wide range of experience that our artistic staff have to offer, our goal is to provide the members of this pre-professional dance company with a highly diverse curriculum, with master classes and performance experiences. By design, this preparation and training will act as a "springboard" into a professional career in a major dance or musical theatre company.

Founder

Gary Geis

Proprietor

Mark Cummings

Artistic Directors

Mark Cummings, Celina Schroer

Ballet Mistress

Celina Schroer

Instructors

Rose Chonko, Mark Cummings, Holly Dilts, Lori Gaver, Amy Kuss, Taylor Nelson,
Celina Schroer

Class Assistants

NeVaeh Campbell, Lorelei Geron-Jones, Madison Smith

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NeVaeh Campbell, Kara Collier, Taylor Compston, Mary Cunningham, Elizabeth Doss,
Kate Duffey, Lorelei Geron-Jones, Madison Smith

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Josh Board, Delaney Foley

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