

# **DANCEFEST 2026**

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28TH**

**SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST**

**KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY**

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## SAT FEB 28 PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE

- #1 - "Dream Girls" - British Academy of Performing Arts - Choreographed by Jennifer Smiles Armstrong
- #2 - "Worthy of Love" - Dance Tech & Talent - Choreographed by Kristin Foister
- #3 - "The Corner" - DanceFest Assistant Kaitlyn Podawiltz
- #4 - "Beautiful People" - Dance Tech & Talent - Choreographed by Beau Foister
- #5 - "Grand Adventure" - Dance Tech & Talent - Choreographed by Kristin Foister
- #6 - "Of, These" - British Academy of Performing Arts - Choreographed by Noel Dupuis
- #7 - "That's Entertainment" - CK DanceWorks - Choreographed by Maggie Wix
- #8 - "What foolishness would you like to see?" - Chattanooga Dance Theatre - Choreographed by Emily Schebler
- #9 - "Girls, Girls, Girls" - Dance Tech & Talent - Choreographed by Beau Foister
- #10 - "Otherside" - British Academy of Performing Arts - Choreographed by Candis Alston-Davis
- #11 - "Letter" - Dance Tech & Talent - Choreographed by Kristin Foister
- #12 - "Fabulous" - Dance Tech & Talent - Choreographed by Beau Foister
- #13 - "Throw It All Away" - CK DanceWorks - Choreographed by Maggie Wix
- #14 - "Good to Go" - Dance Tech & Talent - Choreographed by Beau Foister
- #15 - "The Greatest" - British Academy of Performing Arts - Choreographed by Anari Terry
- #16 - "Little Wonders" - Dance Tech & Talent - Choreographed by Kristin Foister
- #17 - "Ordinary" - Dance Tech & Talent - Choreographed by Beau Foister
- #18 - "Women's Walking Stick" - Chattanooga Dance Theatre - Choreographed by Christine Mashburn-Paul
- #19 - "Piece by Piece" - Dance Tech & Talent - Choreographed by Kristin Foister
- #20 - "Heaven" - British Academy of Performing Arts - Choreographed by Xavier Charles DeMar
- #21 - "Read All About It" - Dance Tech & Talent - Choreographed by Kristin Foister
- #22 - "Keep The Rain" - DanceFest Assistant Liesel Nelson
- #23 - "Hieroglyph" - North Georgia School of Ballet - Choreographed by Bethany Elias
- #24 - "Mania" - Dance Tech & Talent - Choreographed by Beau Foister

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## SUN MAR 1 PERFORMANCE SHOWCASE

- #1 - "Hi Barbie!" - Metro Atlanta Dance - Choreographed by Payton McCarthy
- #2 - "My Bestie" - Balance Dance - Choreographed by Haley Ramirez
- #3 - "Neverland" - The Atlanta Dance Academy - Choreographed by Jessica Altchiler
- #4 - "Black & Gold" - Metro Atlanta Dance - Choreographed by Kia J. Street
- #5 - "Born This Way" - Balance Dance - Choreographed by Haley Ramirez
- #6 - "Keep The Rain" - DanceFest Assistant Liesel Nelson
- #7 - "Into The Woods" - Metro Atlanta Dance - Choreographed by Payton McCarthy
- #8 - "Drops" - Rise City Dance - Choreographed by Robin Dekkers
- #9 - "Melt Away" - Metro Atlanta Dance - Choreographed by Kia J. Street
- #10 - "Footprints in the Sand" - Balance Dance - Choreographed by Jada Joyner
- #11 - "On Repeat" - The Atlanta Dance Academy - Choreographed by Jonathon Carter
- #12 - "Human" - Reinhardt University Student Dani Lusian
- #13 - "M.I.A" - Metro Atlanta Dance - Choreographed by Kia J. Street
- #14 - "Imagine" - Balance Dance - Choreographed by Haley Ramirez
- #15 - "Coffee" - Metro Atlanta Dance - Choreographed by Lola Hartley
- #16 - "Hot Note" - Balance Dance - Choreographed by Jada Joyner
- #17 - "Turn Around" - Metro Atlanta Dance - Choreographed by Jennifer Cooper
- #18 - "Us Against The World" - The Atlanta Dance Academy - Choreographed by Tricia Chambers
- #19 - "Glitter" - Metro Atlanta Dance - Choreographed by Jennifer Cooper
- #20 - "The Corner" - DanceFest Assistant Kaitlyn Podawiltz
- #21 - "Mean Girls" - Balance Dance - Choreographed by Haley Ramirez
- #22 - "Here On Who" - Metro Atlanta Dance - Choreographed by Hope Collins
- #23 - "Elevate" - Rise City Dance - Choreographed by Mychal Vandell

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## CREDITS & SPECIAL THANKS

A Special Thank You from Allison & DanceFest Productions

On behalf of DanceFest Productions, and from my full heart - thank you.

To every single person who supports us and the arts in general: thank you for believing that creativity matters. Thank you for buying tickets, sharing posts, cheering from the audience, and encouraging young artists to take the stage. Your support fuels not just performances, but possibility. The arts expand minds, builds empathy, and creates community, and you help make that happen.

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**To the artists. Thank you for expanding the world.**

**To creation. Thank you for keeping us curious.**

**We create because we believe in connection.**

**We gather because we believe in growth.**

**We continue because of you.**

With gratitude always,  
Allison Gupton  
DanceFest Productions