

DanceFest 2025

FEB 28 - MAR 2

KENNESAW STATE UNIVERSITY

Show #1 – Friday, February 28th, 2025 – 6:30 PM
Kennesaw State University

1. **“St. Tropez”** – CK DanceWorks – Choreographer: Maggie Wix
2. **“The Anointing Makes The Difference”** – One Spirit Dance – Choreographer: Yvette Reed, Kalaysia Robinson, Anetra Reed and Kiara Bryant
3. **“Friendship”** – Metro Atlanta Dance – Choreographer: Jennifer Cooper
4. **“The View Between Villages”** – KSU Club Dancers – Choreographer: KSU Club Dance
5. **“America”** – City Dance & Music – Choreographer: Blayne Mowrer
6. **“Prison of Decision”** – KSU Dance Major & DanceFest Stage Manager, Kaitlyn Podawiltz –
Choreographer: Kaitlyn Podawiltz
Prison of Decision explores one reaction type based upon experiences or outside forces. When we experience something for the first time, there is no telling how we will react.
7. **“Bruma”** – Garrison Dance Ensemble – Choreographer: Greta Valeyko
8. **“Overwhelmed”** – CK DanceWorks – Choreographer: Shannon Brown
9. **“Closure”** – KSU Dancer Sarah Esserwein – Choreographer: Sarah Esserwein
“The process of dealing with grief, and finding closure after the loss of a loved one.”
10. **“Smile”** – Metro Atlanta Dance – Choreographer: Hope Collins
11. **“White Teeth”** – KSU Dance Club Dancer Karyssa Son – Choreographer: Karyssa Son
12. **“Grace”** – One Spirit Dance – Choreographer: Yvette Reed, Kalaysia Robinson, Anetra Reed and Kiara Bryant
13. **“Dusk”** – City Dance & Music – Choreographer:
14. **“Body Language”** – KSU Club Dancer Mackenzie Vasquez – Choreographer: Mackenzie Vasquez
15. **“One Way or Another”** – CK DanceWorks – Choreographer: Brooke Laughman
16. **“Maybe”** – KSU Club Dance Dancer Kaya Waller – Choreographer: Kaya Waller
17. **“Red”** – Metro Atlanta Dance – Choreographer: Kia Street
18. **“Hair Love: Chemo Ninja”** – Garrison Dance Ensemble – Choreographer: Kelly Reed
19. **“Recurring Pathways”** – City Dance & Music – Choreographer:
20. **“Sirocco”** – KSU Dance Majors – Choreographer: Evan Hamilton & Molly Pollock
“The desert wind in many cultures is associated with isolation, barren landscapes, and the vast distance between people. Emotions like loneliness, longing, or desire can mirror this feeling of being carried across vast emotional distances, reaching out but not connecting.”

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Show #2 – Saturday, March 1st, 2025 – 5:30 PM
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1. **“Chaplin”** – Upstage Dance Center – Choreographer: Jeanne Palpant
2. **“Water From the Same Source”** – Norma’s Academy of Dance – Choreographer: Erin Rawlings
3. **“Wings”** – Balance Dance and Gymnastics – Choreographer: Jada Joyner
4. **“Rêverie”** – Rise City Dance – Choreographer: Rebecca Harman
5. **“Rain”** – North Georgia School of Ballet – Choreographer: Bethany Elias
6. **“Burlesque”** – Namari Dance Center – Choreographer: Stephen Reynolds
7. **“Birth of the Boogie”** – Upstage Dance Center – Choreographer: Jeanne Palpant
8. **“Smooth Criminal”** – Norma’s Academy of Dance – Choreographer: Tre' McClendon
9. **“Royal Party”** – Southern Dance Precision – Choreographer: Piper Bennett
10. **“Circus”** – Balance Dance and Gymnastics – Choreographer: Jada Joyner
11. **“Yoncé”** – Rise City Dance – Choreographer: Julian Valdivia
12. **“Now You Has Jazz”** – Upstage Dance Center – Choreographer: Chloe Mincey
13. **“Funky Mosquito”** – Norma’s Academy of Dance – Choreographer: Erin Rawlings
14. **“Collide”** – RISK Members Brady Michael and Cat Hooker – Choreographer: Brady Michael
15. **“Kaboom Pow”** – Southern Dance Precision – Choreographer: Karstyn McDaniel
16. **“Brandenburg Concerto”** – Upstage Dance Center – Choreographer: Jeanne Palpant & Chloe Mincey
17. **“Candy”** – Balance Dance and Gymnastics – Choreographer: Haley Ramirez
18. **“Everytime”** – Namari Dance Center – Choreographer: Troy Powell
19. **“Black Cat”** – Norma’s Academy of Dance – Choreographer: Danni Heverin
20. **“Berghain Drum Jack”** – Upstage Dance Center – Choreographer: Toni Doctor Jenkins
21. **“iMani (Faith)”** – Rise City Dance – Choreographer: Mychal Vandell
22. **“The Evening Sun”** – CK DanceWorks – Choreographer: Brady Michael
23. **“Be Here Long”** – North Georgia School of Ballet – Choreographer: Emily Cooper
24. **“More to Love”** – Upstage Dance Center – Choreographer: Jeanne Palpant, Chloe Mincey
25. **“Better Place”** – Southern Dance Precision – Choreographer: Kelly Bell & Piper Bennett
26. **“Set My Heart on Fire”** – Norma’s Academy of Dance – Choreographer: Erin Rawlings & Karla Locus

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Show #3 – Sunday, March 2nd, 2025 – 4:30 PM Kennesaw State University

1. **“Barbie”** – British Academy of Performing Arts – Choreographer: Jennifer Plumley Smiles
2. **“Atlas-One”** – Dance Tech & Talent – Choreographer: Kristin Foister
3. **“Little Shop of Horrors”** – Southern Dance Precision – Choreographer: Kelly Bell
4. **“Honesty”** – Metro Atlanta Dance – Choreographer: Jennifer Cooper
5. **“I Slay”** – Dance Tech & Talent – Choreographer: Beau Foister
6. **“Sparkle”** – City Dance & Music – Choreographer: Mark Burns & Charray Helton
7. **“Call Me Queen”** – Metro Atlanta Dance – Choreographer: Meredith Olivia
8. **“Giants”** – Dance Tech & Talent – Choreographer: Kristin Foister
9. **“Here”** – British Academy of Performing Arts – Choreographer: Chrishalon Williams
10. **“Happiness Does Not Wait”** – Southern Dance Precision – Choreographer: Kelly Bell
11. **“Back to School”** – Metro Atlanta Dance – Choreographer: Kia Street
12. **“Time”** – Southern Dance Precision – Choreographer: Kelly Bell & Kara Gates
13. **“Fix My Crown”** – Dance Tech & Talent – Choreographer: Beau Foister
14. **“Lean on Me”** – Dance Tech & Talent – Choreographer: Kristin Foister
15. **“Dance Til You Feel Better”** – Metro Atlanta Dance – Choreographer: Payton McCarty
16. **“Diamonds”** – Dance Tech & Talent – Choreographer: Beau Foister
17. **“Bop to the Top”** – City Dance & Music – Choreographer: Blayne Mowrer
18. **“Mountain Song”** – Southern Dance Precision – Choreographer: Kelly Bell & Kara Gates
19. **“ANOTHER VERSION OF EVENTS”** (excerpt) – KSU Dance Majors – Choreographer: Billy James Hawkains III
Extracted from the full-length work, ANOTHER VERSION OF EVENTS, this excerpt serves as a collective call for the dancers to unite and reach toward a power greater than themselves. Its rigorous, unflinching nature keeps audiences captivated until the final moment and ultimate release.
20. **“My Days”** – Metro Atlanta Dance – Choreographer: Eileen Epperson
21. **“Goosebumps”** – Southern Dance Precision – Choreographer: Kelly Bell
22. **“Shake the Room”** – Dance Tech & Talent – Choreographer: Beau Foister
23. **“Fire”** – British Academy of Performing Arts – Choreographer: Noel Dupuis
24. **“Fireworks Start Now”** – North Georgia Dance & Music Factory – Choreographer: Jennifer Cyran
25. **“I Wish”** – Metro Atlanta Dance – Choreographer: Kia Street
26. **“Don’t Give Up on Me”** – Southern Dance Precision – Choreographer: Kelly Bell
27. **“Girls”** – Dance Tech & Talent – Choreographer: Kristin Foister
28. **“Just Playin”** – Dance Tech & Talent – Choreographer: Beau Foister
29. **“What About Your Friends”** – Metro Atlanta Dance – Choreographer: Tyler Kidd
30. **“The Bae’s”** – Southern Dance Precision – Choreographer: Johnathan Bryant
31. **“Hand to Hold”** – Dance Tech & Talent – Choreographer: Kristin Foister
32. **“Ribs”** – Metro Atlanta Dance – Choreographer: Meredith Olivia
33. **“Vertigo”** – Dance Tech & Talent – Choreographer: Beau Foister
34. **“Take Me to the River”** – British Academy of Performing Arts – Choreographer: Candis Alston-Davis
35. **“Why We Like Spelling”** – Metro Atlanta Dance – Choreographer: Payton McCarty
36. **“Bird Set Free”** – Dance Tech & Talent – Choreographer: Kristin Foister
37. **“Viva Las Vegas”** – Southern Dance Precision – Choreographer: Kelly Bell

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