



ONCE UPON A TIME

CORNELL SCHOOL OF DANCE
SHOWCASE APRIL 2024

Welcome to our first full school show since before Covid!

The school has now been running for over 17 years, and we've done a number of shows – but never this big. This time, we've more students, more showings and *far* more costumes.

The children have all worked so hard to prepare for this – they, and you, should be very proud. Seeing them on stage during the last week rehearsing really brought home to me how far they've come in just a few months.

It's truly one of the great joys of my life to be able to teach these children, and it's something I never, ever take for granted. Of course, there simply would be no CSD without the constant support from you – the parents, grandparents and lift givers, the sequin sewers, hair plaiters and brew makers. It will forever humble me what an incredible community the children and the school have behind them.

So, on behalf of myself, my one-in-a-million mum and my phenomenal and inspiring team please sit back, relax, and enjoy the performance of *Once Upon a Time*

Miss Emily



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Thank you to...

Miss Barbara

I get to work with my best friend. Mum, you will never, ever know how much you mean to me, Eddison, Betsy and Sam. You're my rock and nothing this school has achieved would ever have been possible without you.

Miss Catherine

How lucky are we that you agreed to join us all those years ago. Your energy is remarkable, and your talent undeniable. Thank you for being the ultimate sounding board and keeping my kids topped up with Percy Pigs.

Miss Mandi

You have been exactly what we, and I, needed at exactly the right time. You've made an immediate impact with your acro lessons, and helped the students level up in a way that we just couldn't do before.



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Thank you to...

Miss Stacey

What an impact you've had on the children – their singing has come on an enormous amount, and they, and we, love having you as part of the team. Have the most amazing time becoming a mummy!

Miss Izzy

It's remarkable how mature, confident and inspiring you are to the children at such a young age, and thank you especially for the launch of Izzy's Homework Club! Even though you're substantially taller than me, you'll always be my little Izz-Whizz.

Misses Jess, Hannah, Edie and Emily

Four young ladies who are now firm features of the team. Your assistance, energy and devotion to helping younger children is appreciated by us all.

My parent crew

I'm in the incredibly enviable position that there are far, far too many of you to mention. From doing Betsy's hair, dropping a key off when I can't find mine, playing competition music, chats about a private lesson that last 45 minutes, saying 'I can help with that', and just being there for me, my mum and the children – you're all wonderful people.



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Goodbye to...

A number of things happened in October 2008 – Spotify was launched, Bitcoin was first floated as an idea, and the global economy crashed. But for us, it's most memorable because Jessica Coleman walked through our doors for the first time.

Nearly 16 years later, Jess (or Miss Jess as a lot of the students will know her), is leaving us.

Jess has accepted a place at Bird College, one of the finest performing arts colleges in the country.

Jess has blossomed into not just a wonderful dancer and performer, but also a talisman of the school, especially since she has joined us as an assistant.

The children adore her, I adore her (especially when she requests to organise my office and costume stores!), and she will be really missed.

Jess, you're amazing.



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Goodbye to...

Sophie Hay is leaving us as she completes her A-Levels and is set to go to University in September. That tiny Sophie has grown into the most amazing young woman and that CSD has been of part of it fills me with immense happiness.

Sophie, I'm so very proud of you, how hard you've worked, and the person you've become. Please look after your crimson scrunchie – it makes me smile every single time I see you still wearing it with it being your Pantomime present from over five years ago.

Go and conquer the world x



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Act One

City of Flickering Light – *Senior Academy*



The Wizard of Oz – *Wednesday KS2 Jazz*



Funny Bones – *Tuesday KS1 Jazz*



Comic Heroes – *Wednesday Year 8&9*



Meg and Mog – *Saturday Year 2*



Female Trailblazers – *Monday Year 10+*



Charlie and the Chocolate Factory –
Tuesday Year 3&4



The Chronicles of Narnia – *Tuesday Year
6&7*



The Great Gatsby – *Wednesday Year 11+*



Paddington Bear – *Saturday Year 1*



The Jungle Book – *Acro team showcase*



Hans Christian Andersen – *Weds Yr 3&4*



The Tiger Who Came to Tea – *Saturday
Preschool*



Cover is Not the Book – *Junior Academy*



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Act Two

Cinderella – Junior Academy Showcase



Gangster Grannies – Advanced Tap



The Hungry Caterpillar – Saturday
Reception



Alice in Wonderland – Saturday Jr. Jazz



Harry Potter – Tuesday Year 3&4 Jazz



Peter Pan – Wednesday Year 4&5



Hook – Monday Year 10+



Rainbow Fairies – Tuesday Year 1&2



Les Miserables – Wednesday Year 11+



Dracula – Wednesday Year 8&9



Aliens Wear Underpants – Tuesday
Reception & Year 1



Matilda – Tuesday Year 6&7



The Hunger Games – Senior Academy



Finale – The Cornell School of Dance



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