

# THE MET GAZETTE

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 | Gala/Showcase countdown: 17 days!

## Order Flowers!

Save yourself a trip and support our flower sale fundraiser! Orders are being taken online now through May 27, with pickup in the lobby before each Sunday show. Three sizes of bouquets will be available. Proceeds benefit the Met company.

<https://forms.gle/vga4MnW4tzUiB7e17>

Questions? Email [MBABouquetOrders@gmail.com](mailto:MBABouquetOrders@gmail.com)

## Volunteer!

We are still in need of chaperones for several classes. Please don't wait, sign up today!

<https://signup.com/go/wRCpCza>

Questions? Email [metballetvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:metballetvolunteers@gmail.com)

## Come to Class!

These next few weeks are vitally important for finishing our pieces for showcase. PLEASE, ensure dancers are in all of their assigned classes and rehearsals. It's a team effort and we need YOU!

## It's almost here...tech week!

Tech week begins with studio rehearsals for dancers on May 31, while our volunteers are busy preparing the theater. Dancers begin rehearsing in costume at the theater on Wednesday, June 1. It is an exciting, hectic time as we make our final preparations for performance.

Please check over the full schedule on page 3 carefully. Note: this schedule is subject to updates/changes; please check your emails daily during tech/performance week!

**Wednesday, June 1:** Dress Rehearsal #1 at Abington Friends School, Muller Theater. This is for the **Sunday 1pm** cast.

**Thursday, June 2:** Dress Rehearsal #2 at Theater. This is for the **Sunday 4pm** cast.

*For both of these rehearsals, the schedule is as follows (company, see detailed schedule please):*

3:30pm: Chaperones arrive.

4:30pm: All Dancers arrive to back door, sign in, proceed to dressing room with chaperone.

5:30pm-7:30pm rehearsal of Three Wishes, beginning with finale.

As each dance is finished on stage, the group will be brought to the lobby for parents to take pictures (approx 10 min) in costume. The dancers will return to the dressing room with chaperones to change out of costume. They will then be dismissed as a group.

**Friday, June 3:** Stage rehearsal at theater (no costumes).

4:15 arrive for check-in and instructions.

4:30-5:30 Rehearsal for Trees, all pre-ballet, all level 2, and Mazurka on stage. *Parents are encouraged to stay and we will dismiss as soon as each group is finished.*

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## Order Supplies!

Don't forget to order your dancer's tights and shoes if you have not already done so.

Dress2Dance in Glenside will hold items for you for pickup: call 215.884.5756.

- Young ladies wearing children's sizes: Body Wrappers C45
- Ladies wearing adult sizes: Body Wrappers A45
- Buy at least two pairs!
- Boys/Men, please buy a package of black socks!

Mazurka ladies: Don't forget that you need a nude camisole leotard to go under the costume.

## Tickets!

As you know, tickets usually sell out for Showcase. If you have any extra tickets, please return them to the office ASAP. We have a waiting list for those who still need them.

## Register for Summer!

We have summer camps and study for all ages! There is just one week for our youngest dancers, Dance Canvas, July 5-8. Please join us and share with your young friends! We would love to introduce them to movement and to Metropolitan.

<https://metropolitanballetacademy.com/summer>

## How-to: Chaperone

We are so grateful to all of our parents who volunteer as chaperones. You are essential to making the performance possible.

Your first step is to sign up! See the volunteer link on page 1. Please sign up for one dress rehearsal and one show. Much of the training for this role is hands-on in the dress rehearsal! If you can't chaperone a show, please consider helping for Friday's rehearsal; it will be a shorter run-through without costumes.

When you sign up to volunteer, you are asked to submit PA clearances. Please email them to [metballetvolunteers@gmail.com](mailto:metballetvolunteers@gmail.com).

Alongside next week's newsletter, we will have your chaperone guide/manual attached to the email. This will have your key details and logistics.

Please take the time to read over the manual, chaperone guide, and tech week schedules. This will help you prepare for the week and understand how everything will run.

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## *Boys' Scholarship Program Auditions!*

We are looking for more boys to join us at Metropolitan! Auditions are **June 11 at 9:00 am**. Boys, ages **7-11 and 12-17** are eligible to receive free, weekly dance classes plus performance opportunities. No prior dance experience required!

## Spotlight: Vesna, by Sarah Mettin

**Sarah Mettin**, Metropolitan's Artistic Associate, has created a contemporary piece, **Vesna**, which is Ukrainian for Spring. Mettin selected the Vesna music and theme months ago, to honor the 25-year history of Metropolitan Ballet's friendship with the Ukrainian Educational and Cultural Center -- where Metropolitan's office and studios are located -- and Met's frequent collaborations with the Voloshky School of Ukrainian Dance.

Mettin's piece, for a group of 11 young women and two young men, is a celebration of Spring, with abstract visual references to a flower slowing opening into bloom. "Folk dance is an important, joyous part of Ukrainian culture. I've been inspired by Ukrainian dance since I was a teenager, performing in the Metropolitan Ballet Company," says Mettin.

# Tech Week Detailed Schedule

	Tuesday, May 31 at Met	Wednesday, June 1 Dress Rehearsal	Thursday June 2 Dress Rehearsal	Friday June 3 Stage Rehearsal	Sunday June 5 SHOWCASE 2022!
<b>CM Tuesday</b>	1:00-2:15 w/ Collins and soloists				Dress Rehearsal 10:15 Performance 11:00
<b>CM Thursday</b>			4:00-4:30 AT STUDIO w/ Broullon (no soloists)		Dress Rehearsal 10:15 Performance 11:00
<b>Pre-Ballet Mon (Bluebirds/Bugs)</b>	5:45-7:00 run of 3 wishes	4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal		4:15 arrive 4:30-5:30 rehearse no costumes	Arrive at 12:30 for 1pm show
<b>Pre-Ballet Sat (Bluebirds/Bugs)</b>			4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal	4:15 arrive 4:30-5:30 rehearse no costumes	Arrive at 3:30pm for 4pm show
<b>Level 1 (Sm tree faeries)</b>	5:45-7:00 run of 3 wishes	4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal	4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal		Arrive at 12:30 shows at 1pm and 4pm
<b>Level 2 Monday (Roses)</b>	5:45-7:00 run of 3 wishes	4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal		4:15 arrive 4:30-5:30 rehearse no costumes	Arrive at 12:30 for 1pm show
<b>Level 2 Thursday (Roses)</b>			4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal	4:15 arrive 4:30-5:30 rehearse no costumes	Arrive at 3:30pm for 4pm show
<b>Level 2x (Violets)</b>	5:45-7:00 run of 3 wishes	4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal	4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal		Arrive at 12:30 shows at 1pm and 4pm
<b>Level 3 (Garland Dance)</b>	5:45-7:00 run of 3 wishes	4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal	4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal		Arrive 10:15 for pre-show, 1pm and 4pm shows

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<b>Levels 3x, 4, 4x (Trees)</b>	4:30-5:45 class Selya/D'Angelo 5:45-7:00 run of 3 wishes	4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal	4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal	4:15 arrive 4:30-5:30 rehearse no costumes	Arrive at 12:30 shows at 1pm and 4pm
<b>Level 5/Adv (Tree Faeries)</b>	4:30-5:45 class Selya/D'Angelo 5:45-7:00 run of 3 wishes	4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal	4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal		Arrive at 12:30 shows at 1pm and 4pm
<b>Boys</b>	5:45-7:00 run of 3 wishes	4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal	4:30 arrival at Theater 5:30-7:30 rehearsal		Arrive at 12:30 shows at 1pm and 4pm
<b>Adv Men</b>	4:30-5:45 class Selya/D'Angelo 5:45-7:00 run of 3 wishes	3:30pm warmup onstage	3:30pm warmup onstage	4:00-5:30 class at studio w/ D'Angelo	12:00 warmup

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**Company Dancers and all children performing in the Saturday Gala, your schedule will be emailed separately.**