

steffi nossen dance foundation



8<sup>th</sup>  
gala

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Saturday  
March 25  
2023  
7PM

white plains performing arts center

A black and white photograph of Steffi Nossen, a German dancer and choreographer. She is captured in a dynamic dance pose, kneeling on one knee on a checkered floor. She is wearing a dark, long-sleeved, form-fitting dress and a wide, patterned bracelet on her left wrist. Her hair is styled in a classic, wavy bob. She is looking upwards and to the left with an expressive, focused expression. The background shows a room with a vaulted ceiling and a small arched window.

*"Anyone can dance,  
and everyone should."*

— Steffi Nossen (1905-1979)

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## FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Families, Friends, Colleagues and Alumnae,

Welcome to the 86th Anniversary Gala of The Steffi Nossen Dance Foundation; I am honored and privileged to be celebrating this monumental occasion with all of you.

Tonight, we gather in celebration of the Master Class and Company dancers and the incredible accomplishments they have made this year. Under the direction of Alyssa Fulmer, Company Director and alums, Jessica DiMauro Marks, Artistic Director, and Annie Doss, Master Class Faculty, they are rising to great artistry that would have made Steffi proud. They dance with honesty, integrity and drive every time they step into the studio while opening their hearts and minds to the great possibilities to come.

The lineage, legacy and longevity of the Steffi Nossen curriculum, school, foundation and mission have been rooted in the love, passion and commitment of our dancers, teachers, faculty, staff, Board and families. As the oldest dance institution in Westchester County we strive to bring integrity, inclusivity, diversity and honesty to every class, workshop and performance. This is what has propelled us through the last 86 years and inspires us to continue to diligently work, share and spread our mission for the years to come.

As we celebrate our dancers let's also think of both past and present tonight. We need and ask for your help in continuing to clear a path to the future. Along with our pre-professional program we have an extensive Outreach Program with both Adaptive dance classes for youth and adults and classes for people from underserved communities. All donations go directly to fund these programs along with our Financial Aid Fund. Please help us continue to share our love and passion for dance education throughout Westchester County by making a [donation](#).

Lastly, I am grateful for those who have led before me and those who lead alongside me; together we continue to carry Steffi Nossen's traditions, legacy and dreams into the future. Thank you to the staff, faculty, choreographers, composers, costume designers, production crew, Board and families for making this event possible and one to celebrate and remember.

Enjoy the show!

Shelley Grantham  
Executive Director  
Steffi Nossen Dance Foundation

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## PRODUCTION STAFF

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## *Steffi Nossen Mission Statement*

*Steffi Nossen School of Dance continues today with the same philosophy that Steffi imbued it with more than eighty years ago:*

**“Anyone can dance – and everyone should!” -Steffi Nossen**

*We believe that dance is a unique form of education, developing the body, mind, spirit and character. Our supportive, inclusive environment provides a home in which dancers of all shapes, sizes and abilities may take risks and challenge themselves, thereby building confidence and self-esteem. Dancers develop poise, elegance and a high level of technique and artistry.*

*Education, performance and outreach shape the mission of our school. Steffi Nossen dancers are taught the importance of giving back early on and often grow into leadership roles as teaching assistants or by taking part in volunteer opportunities throughout the school. Steffi Nossen School of Dance is a strong proponent of dance literacy and emphasizes the art, joy and discipline of dance to enhance the young mind while challenging each student’s individual cognitive, technical and artistic growth.*

# LINEAGE



**Steffi Nossen School of Dance** is rooted in modern dance and the premise that dance should be accessible to all. The entire village, tribe, town or county should have an equal opportunity to explore movement and music in order to make change, express their emotions, grow artistically, communicate, or build a community. At Steffi Nossen this lineage has been shared through countless teachers, choreographers and students in the past 86 years, several who have returned as alums to help continue in this mission of sharing the love of dance with the community. This strong bond our Steffi dancers grow, while taking class, training or teaching at Steffi Nossen is unique and one that should not be lost. Help us continue this lineage of movement education by supporting our past, present and future dance community.



# LEGACY



A native of Berlin, Steffi Nossen was born in 1905 and began ballet at age three. Influenced by modern dance pioneers, Mary Wigman and Rudolph von Laban, she eagerly embraced the new dance form and quickly made it her passion to share the love of dance and movement by educating as many as she could. In 1935, Steffi came to the United States and settled in Larchmont, New York, and established the dance school two years later, built upon her conviction that the experience of dance should be a part of every person's life.



Steffi Nossen made significant contributions to the rich history of American modern dance and her legacy continues to positively influence the art form. Her carefully developed curriculum has informed the creative and artistic development of countless dancers over the generations, many of whom have gone on to successful careers in dance. More than 40 years after Steffi's death, the school continues to carry on her educational vision, unique teaching method and love for the community.



# LONGEVITY



The longevity of the school and foundation relies on the continued support of our dancers, families, faculty, teachers, choreographers, Board, donors and supporters. Finding a unique 'home' where people feel they are seen and heard for who they are while learning how to express themselves through movement, build confidence, artistry and strength needs to be highlighted and celebrated. Finding the true moments in a young dancer's life to give them an opportunity to feel free and powerful through movement while building a family that supports them is rare these days. This dedication to the individual in the room, no matter their cognitive, physical or technical ability is what makes Steffi Nossen School of Dance so special and has allowed us to be part of the community for 86 years. Through the commitment of our faculty, staff, alumni and board we dedicate ourselves to preserving Steffi's mission and continuing in this long line of dance history. Our past, present and future dancers are our 'home' and family and we are so proud to celebrate all of them in this 86th Anniversary Gala.



# PROGRAM

## ***Where We Start...***

Patterns created by the Steffi Nossen Core Modern Faculty  
Adapted for 2022-23 by Tara LeVoci, Courtney Murray, Caren Valente  
Core Modern I, I/II and III/IV

Dancers: Somi Calica, Delancey Czerw, Savannah Czerw, Madeline Dienes,  
Evangelina DiStefano, Aurelie Garcia, Elle Gonzalez, Shreya Guha, Olive Madin, Lilah Marcus,  
Kelsey Mukwashi, Paola Pastor Espinoza, Nava Quinones-Fine, Mazie Reed, Mira Singhal,  
Melany Slinchenkova, Aaliyah Taylor, Valerie Wahle, Adelaide Wright  
Assistants: Eva Aggarwal, Stephanie Avolio, Meghan Jimenez, Kaylee Canoni  
Live accompaniment: Zach Marks

## ***Brink***

Choreography: Janice Rosario  
The Steffi Nossen Dance Company

Dancers: Eva Aggarwal, Grace Allen, Salma Cannone, Kaylee Canoni, Sinclair Harris, Meghan Jimenez,  
Kierra Pizarro, Jinju Prince, Annelia Ritter, Veronica Rubio, Emiko Tonachel, Leah Vinodh,  
Stephanie Avolio (apprentice)  
Music selection: *You are mine* by Ezio Busso  
Costumes: Matthew Neff with alterations by Hennie Bijsmans Fry

## ***Yes! You?***

Choreography: Annie Doss  
Junior Master Class

Dancers: Aarushi, Gabriella Cardona, Delancey Czerw, Eliana Ferguson,  
Lilah Marcus, Mazie Reed, Aaliyah Taylor  
Music selection: *Swing 42* by Django Reinhardt and  
*Tripplets of Bellview Rendez-vous* (French version) by Matthieu Chedid & Béatrice Bonifassi  
Costumes: Steffi Nossen Costume Collection with alterations by Hennie Bijsmans Fry

## ***A Taste of Honey***

Choreography: Olivia Passarelli  
Dance Theater Group

Dancers: Mackenzie Avolio, Rebecca Bass, Alexis Canoni, Paola Parra,  
Mia Rosario, Blake Wilson, Ruby van der Zandt  
Music selection: *Emotions* and *When I Fall In Love* by Brenda Lee;  
*Ladyfingers* and *Green Peppers* by Herb Alpert and the Tijuana Brass.  
Music score arrangement by Olivia Passarelli  
Costumes: Steffi Nossen Costume Collection with alterations by Hennie Bijsmans Fry

## ***Appalachian Stomp***

Choreography: Michael Foley  
Restaged by: Jessica DiMauro Marks  
Steffi Nossen Dance Company

Dancers: Eva Aggarwal, Grace Allen, Salma Cannone, Kaylee Canoni, Sinclair Harris,  
Meghan Jimenez, Kierra Pizarro, Jinju Prince, Annelia Ritter, Veronica Rubio, Emiko Tonachel,  
Leah Vinodh, Stephanie Avolio (apprentice)  
Music selection: *Foggy Mountain Breakdown* by Lester Flatt, Earl Scruggs & The Foggy Mountain Boys,  
*Teardrops Will Kiss the Morning Dew* by Alison Krauss & Union Station,  
*Roll in My Sweet Baby's Arms* by Del McCoury  
Costumes: Steffi Nossen Costume Collection

# PROGRAM

## - *Intermission* -

### ***Prelude to a Sprint***

Choreography: Jessica DiMauro Marks  
Steffi Nossen Seniors: Sinclair Harris, Kierra Pizarro, Leah Vinodh  
Music selection: *Galang (Trio Riot Version)* by Vijay Iyer Trio  
Costumes: Jessica Pitino with alterations by Hennie Bijsmans Fry

### ***Sewing Stitches***

Choreographed and Performed by Alumnae Jocelyn Lewis and Sarah Dames  
Music selection: *Les Fleurs* by Minnie Riperton

*Program Note: Sewing Stitches explores the playful and nostalgic sentiment that comes with memories. Although with time we grow and change as individuals, we continue to weave into and out of the lives of the people around us, affecting one another in both seemingly minute and yet very pivotal ways.*

### ***Interlocking Grooves***

Choreography: Julia Burrer, in collaboration with the dancers  
The Steffi Nossen Dance Company  
Dancers: Eva Aggarwal, Grace Allen, Salma Cannone, Kaylee Canoni, Sinclair Harris, Meghan Jimenez, Kierra Pizarro, Jinju Prince, Annelia Ritter, Veronica Rubio, Emiko Tonachel, Leah Vinodh, Stephanie Avolio [apprentice]  
Music selection: *L.U.V.* by Romare, *All Night* by Romare  
Costumes: Steffi Nossen Costume Collection with alterations by Hennie Bijsmans Fry

### ***sincerely held***

Choreography: Annie Doss  
Master Class I  
Dancers: Mackenzie Avolio, Charly Bauerlein, Alexis Canoni, Liam Maor, Paola Parra, Mia Rosario, Ruby van der Zandt, Eliana Zweig  
Music selection: *The Joke* by Brandi Carlile, *Colors* by Black Pumas  
Costumes: Steffi Nossen Costume Collection with alterations by Hennie Bijsmans Fry

### ***Sprinting with Scissors***

Choreography: Jessica DiMauro Marks  
Master Class II Dancers: Eva Aggarwal, Grace Allen, Stephanie Avolio, Salma Cannone, Kaylee Canoni, Sinclair Harris, Meghan Jimenez, Kierra Pizarro, Jinju Prince, Annelia Ritter, Veronica Rubio, Emiko Tonachel, Leah Vinodh, Blake Wilson  
Music selection: *Bode* and *Hood* by Vijay Iyer Trio  
Costumes: Jessica Pitino with alterations by Hennie Bijsmans Fry

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### **Necklace Presentation**

Caitlin Sigda, 2022 Company President presenting necklace to  
Sinclair Harris, 2023 Company President

## ABOUT THE ARTISTS



### JULIA BURRER

Julia Burrer received her M.F.A. from University of Washington and a B.F.A. from Purchase College. She performed with Doug Varone and Dancers: touring extensively, teaching, serving as Rehearsal Director and restaging Varone's work on companies and universities. She has worked with Colleen Thomas, Bill Young, Gwen Welliver, and the Median Movement and been a guest artist at Gibney Dance Center and Bates Dance Festival. Julia directed Harkness Repertory Ensemble, a teen performing group at the 92nd Street Y and has been on faculty at Marymount Manhattan College, Barnard College, and The College at Brockport (SUNY). She currently teaches at Montclair State University.

### SARAH DAMES

Sarah Dames graduated from Ardsley High School and finished her time in the Steffi Nossen Dance Company in 2020. She is currently a junior at Union College with a combined major in Mathematics and Sociology with double minors in Dance and Data Analytics. Sarah is overjoyed that dance continues to be an active element of her life at Union. She is excited to see how her artistry will grow over the next few years and how dance will continue to be a vibrant part of her life.



### JESSICA DIMAURO MARKS

A Steffi Nossen alumna, Jessica holds an MFA in Choreography from Jacksonville University and a BFA in Dance from Marymount Manhattan College. She has taught and choreographed works extensively for both pre-professional and professional dance companies in the greater NY area and Florida. Her company, DiMauro Dance, has been selected to perform at numerous curated festivals including DanceConversations at The Flea, WHITE WAVE'S WAVE RISING SERIES, The T: Dance, Watch, Reflect, Greenspace Blooms, The Hatch presenting series, CT Meets NY, and Queens Arts Express. Jessica is on faculty at Marymount Manhattan College and Montclair State University. She is certified in May O'Donnell Technique as well as a Kripalu Yoga Teacher, and ACE-Certified Personal Trainer and Group Fitness Instructor. [dimaurodance.org](http://dimaurodance.org)

### ANNIE DOSS

Annie Doss began teaching at Steffi Nossen in 2006. She received her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance from Marymount Manhattan College, studied at NYU's Tisch School of the Arts, and is currently pursuing her MS in Movement Therapy at Pratt University. A Steffi Nossen alumna with many performing credits, Ms. Doss has also presented her own choreography at the Theresa Lang and Red Room Theaters, Dance Theatre Workshop (DTW), SUNY Purchase, and Peridance Center. She is a founding member of DiMauro Dance and a Certified Pilates Instructor. In addition to her role as faculty member and choreographer at Steffi Nossen School of Dance, Ms. Doss is also a member of the Faculty at Trapeze School New York.



## MICHAEL FOLEY

Michael Foley received his B.A. from Bates College and his MFA in Dance from the University of Washington. He has performed throughout the world and taught workshops, master classes, and summer intensives for universities, world-wide. His work for “Michael Foley Dance,” was called “exuberant” and “hypnotic” by The New York Times. Michael is currently a Professor of Dance at the University of South Florida where he directs its study abroad programs in Paris and the esteemed Bates Dance Festival, serving as its co-director, as well as on the faculty of its professional training program and current chair of its National Pedagogy Committee. Michael has served as the Artistic Director of the Steffi Nossen Dance Foundation.



## JOCELYN LEWIS

Jocelyn Lewis is a Steffi alumna and graduated from Scarsdale High School in 2020. She is currently a junior at Connecticut College where she is a Dance and English double major. Since starting at Connecticut College, Jocelyn has had the opportunity to choreograph her own works and perform in pieces by peers, faculty, and guest artists. She hopes to continue to grow her artistic voice and is excited about keeping dance in her life for many years to come.



## OLIVIA PASSARELLI

Olivia Passarelli graduated from Montclair State University with a BFA in Dance Performance in 2020, and has since worked with Laura Halzack, Hope Boykin, Alison Cook Beatty, Jere Hunt, Yuki Ishiguro and Sonia Plum. She is currently on full scholarship at The Taylor School Professional Division. In 2021 she started five two Dance Company with co-director Sophie Gray Gaillard; they have since presented their work at Whitewave’s SoloDuo Dance Festival, KoDaFe International Dance Festival, and in various showcases in the New York area. Most recently, they were part of the SharedSpace program at Mark Morris Dance Center, and choreographed a music video for artist KAI.



## JANICE ROSARIO

Janice Rosario is a nationally recognized contemporary dance choreographer, educator, and activist who has been commissioned by numerous prestigious institutions throughout the United States. A native New Yorker, and a graduate of Hunter College, she studied at some of NYC’s most elite institutions including Ballet Hispánico and The Alvin Ailey School. She is currently on faculty at The Alvin Ailey School and Steps on Broadway. When not in the studio, she is running her nonprofit, The Good Neighbor Collective Inc, to support and empower those underserved in our communities. Through her work as an artist, educator and activist, Janice is driven to “create spaces where we can see each other past the divides to contribute to making an ever more inclusive community”.



# STEFFI NOSSEN COMPANY OFFICERS



## *Company Officers* *2022-2023*

*President*    Sinclair Harris  
*Vice President*    Leah Vinodh  
*First Officer*    Kierra Pizarro  
*Second Officer*    Jinju Prince



## STEFFI NOSSEN COMPANY OFFICERS



### SINCLAIR HARRIS, PRESIDENT

Sinclair Harris is a senior at White Plains High School. She has been dancing at Steffi for eight years and is this year's Company President. Sinclair cannot express enough how much the school has supported her and not only aided in her dance journey, but also provided her with valuable lessons and experiences that she will carry with her into the future. Sinclair is extremely proud of her fellow dancers for their endless hard work she is eternally grateful for the familial community this studio has given her during her time here. Although bittersweet, she is extremely excited for her last Gala with Steffi.

### LEAH VINODH, VICE PRESIDENT

Leah Vinodh is a senior at Edgemont Jr./Sr. High School. She has danced at Steffi for almost 15 years, and is this year's Company Vice President. She is extremely grateful for the community and family she has found at Steffi. Being in Company has taught Leah important life lessons she will keep with her throughout her life. Leah is so incredibly proud of the hard work and accomplishments of her fellow dancers, and will miss them dearly while she's away at college.



# STEFFI NOSSEN COMPANY OFFICERS



## KIERRA PIZARRO, FIRST OFFICER

Kierra Pizarro is a high school senior and has danced at Steffi Nossen School of Dance for ten years. She has been in the master class program for five years and the company program for three years. As well as attaining the role as first officer. Kierra is pleased with the advancements in her dancing style over the years. Through numerous teachers, she has had the opportunity to experience a wide variety of dance genres. She plans to utilize some of the training and techniques she has acquired from Steffi in the future to enhance her future performing arts career. Kierra is happy to have spent so much time getting to know so many people both inside and outside of the company. Steffi Nossen is a very inviting community and she made many new friends. She enjoyed her last year here and will be very sad to leave.

## JINJU PRINCE, SECOND OFFICER

Jinju Prince is a junior at Blind Brook High School and this year's Company Second Officer. She has been dancing at Steffi for six years and this is her third year in Company. Jinju is extremely proud of all the hard work she and her fellow dancers have put into this Gala. She is tremendously grateful for the support Steffi has given her and for all the experiences, memories, and connections she has made here. She cannot emphasize enough how impactful and valuable her time at Steffi has been. Jinju is so proud to be a part of the Steffi community and although bittersweet, she is looking forward to spending her senior year at Steffi.





# STEFFI NOSSEN DANCE COMPANY

The Steffi Nossen Dance Company members are selected from the most technically advanced and talented dancers in our Master Class Program through ongoing review and audition. Their love of dance and dedication set the tone for the school. Each year, two new works are commissioned and created for the company by professional choreographers. Dancers rehearse extensively and perform throughout the metropolitan area over the course of the year in benefits, lecture demonstration and outreach showings, often sharing the stage with professional dancers. Company members serve as mentors and teaching assistants with our younger dancers. The Steffi Nossen Dance Company embodies the mission and values of The Steffi Nossen School of Dance. We welcome performance opportunities at your school, agency or community event.



*(L to R) Back Row: Salma Cannone, Grace Allen, Kierra Pizarro, Leah Vinodh, Kaylee Canoni, Eva Aggarwal, Emiko Tonachel, Shefali Ghosh*

*(L to R) Front Row: Annelia Ritter, Veronica Rubio, Jinju Prince, Meghan Jimenez, Stephanie Avolio, Sinclair Harris*

# MASTER CLASS PROGRAM

## Master Class II



*(L to R) Back Row: Kaylee Canoni, Stephanie Avolio, Jinju Prince, Leah Vinodh, Kierra Pizarro  
(L to R) Middle Row: Meghan Jimenez, Sinclair Harris, Annelia Ritter, Veronica Rubio  
(L to R) Front Row: Grace Allen, Salma Cannone, Eva Aggarwal, Emiko Tonachel, Blake Wilson*

## Master Class I



*(L to R) Back Row: Mackenzie Avolio, Liam Maor, Ruby van der Zandt, Paola Parra  
(L to R) Front Row: Alexis Canoni, Eliana Zweig, Mia Rosario, Charly Bauerlein*

# MASTER CLASS PROGRAM

## JUNIOR MASTER CLASS



*(L to R) Back Row: Aarushi, Gaby Cardona, Eliana Ferguson  
(L to R) Front Row: Delancey Czerw, Lilah Marcus, Mazie Reed. Not pictured: Aaliyah Taylor*

## DANCE THEATER GROUP



*(L to R) Back Row: Blake Wilson, Ruby van der Zandt, Mia Rosario  
(L to R) Front Row: Alexis Canoni, Mackenzie Avolio, Paola Parra, Rebecca Bass*

# STEFFI NOSSEN DANCE COMPANY



**Eva Aggarwal**



**Grace Allen**



**Stephanie Avolio**



**Salma Cannone**



**Kaylee Canoni**



**Sinclair Harris**



**Meghan Jimenez**



**Jinju Prince**



**Kierra Pizarro**



**Annelia Ritter**



**Veronica Rubio**



**Emiko Tonachel**



**Leah Vinodh**

# Sinclair Harris



Sinclair,

We are so proud of how much you have grown and developed into such a beautiful and graceful dancer. It has been our joy watching you dance at Steffi Nossen for over the last 10 years and it will be our continued pleasure to see you incorporate your love of dance into the exciting future ahead of you!

Love forever,  
Sydney, Mom, Dad

# Blake Wilson



"TO BE WHO YOU ARE AND BECOME WHAT YOU ARE  
CAPABLE OF IS THE ONLY GOAL WORTH LIVING!"

– Alvin Ailey

Blake,

You are on the most amazing and  
transformative journey through dance.  
Your family is so proud of you and we love  
you "NO SPACE".

Love,

Mochi, Parker, Mom, Dad and Gramma

# Delancey Czerw



Modern Dancing: Now and Then  
Happy 10th Birthday Delancey!  
We love you so much!  
xoxo,  
Mom, Dad and Savannah

# Charly Bauerlein



We wish you much luck,  
**CHARLY!**

You have a true dancer's spirit!  
We love you and know you'll  
shine!

XO,  
Grandma, Judy and Steve

## Lilah Marcus

Dear Lilah,

**Congratulations!!!**  
We are so proud of you  
and the rest of JMC!!!

Love,  
Mommy, Daddy,  
Harrison and Charlie

## Mia Rosario



"WHEN YOU DANCE  
YOUR PURPOSE IS NOT  
TO GET TO A CERTAIN  
PLACE ON THE FLOOR.  
IT'S TO ENJOY EACH  
STEP ALONG THE WAY."

--Wayne Dyer

Congratulations Mia!  
Keep on dancing!!  
Mami is very proud of you!

## Ruby van der Zandt



Congratulations to Ruby and all of  
the Master Class students!  
And thank you to everyone at  
Steffi Nossen for another  
wonderful year.

From,  
Liz, Carl and Zoë van der Zandt

## Salma Cannone



Dearest Salma,  
You are a joy to watch, from the baby  
blue leotard to company you have  
grown into a beautiful dancer!  
We love you.

Love,  
Dad, Mom, Jack & Leo



## Veronica Rubio



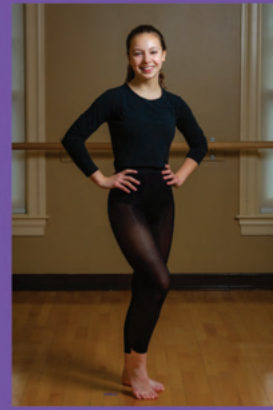
"TO DANCE IS TO BE OUT OF YOURSELF. LARGER, MORE BEAUTIFUL, MORE POWERFUL... THIS IS POWER, IT IS GLORY ON EARTH AND IT IS YOURS FOR THE TAKING."

—Agnes De Mille

It has been our pride and joy to watch you grow into a beautiful dancer. We love seeing you dance and today was no different!

Love you always,  
Mama, Papa & Valentina

## Grace Allen



So proud of Grace and all the wonderful Steffi dancers! And endless gratitude to everyone at Steffi Nossen that makes this all possible!

Much love,  
Kelli Keough and Tony Allen

## Leah Vinodh



Leah,  
We are so happy to watch you grow to be such a beautiful dancer. You started at Steffi when you were just 2 years old and continued to love & enjoy dancing for the last 15 years. We are so proud of all your accomplishments at Steffi, your second home!

Love,  
Dad, Mom & Toby

***Leah Vinodh***

Leah, we are so happy to watch you grow to be such a beautiful dancer. You started at Steffi when you were just 2 years old and continued to love & enjoy dancing for the last 15 years. We are so proud of all your accomplishments at Steffi, your second home!  
Love, Dad, Mom & Toby

***Emi Tonachel***

We love the way you dance, Emi! Keep on moving!  
Love, Dad, Mom and Yumi

***Emi Tonachel***

Emi, We are so proud of the confident and talented dancers you've become!  
Love, Mimi and Baba

***Emi Tonachel***

Emi – Love watching you continue the Steffi tradition. Sending hugs(your favorite!).  
From, Miya, Lily, Chris and Yuki

***Eliana Zweig***

Congratulations Eliana! We are so proud to see you dance in your first Gala show! Love, Mom and Dad

***Mazie Reed***

Mazie, We are so proud of you!  
We love you, Mom, Dad, Judie, Alice, Ella, Paga, Paka and Grammy

***Charly Bauerlein***

To my beautiful granddaughter, Charly; Wishing you a fantastic performance of beauty and grace!  
Love you, Nani xo

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