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FARMINGTON VALLEY DANCE FESTIVAL



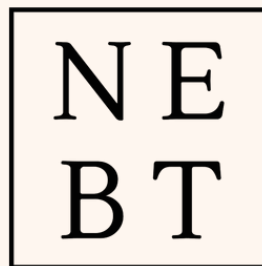
Saturday August 15th
6:00pm

ABOUT



Founded by New England Ballet Theatre in 2026, the Farmington Valley Dance Festival is a free, community-wide celebration of dance and the arts. Created to bring dancers, artists, families, and neighbors together, the festival offers a full day of performances, dance classes, workshops, local vendors, interactive activities, and opportunities to experience dance in new ways. Our mission is to make the arts accessible while celebrating the vibrant creative community of the Farmington Valley.

We hope this inaugural festival becomes an annual tradition.



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Excerpt from *A Midsummer Night's Dream*

Company: New England Ballet Theatre

Choreography: Rachael Gnatowski

Music: Felix Mendelssohn

Dancers: Fiona Burlin with Juliana Anderson, Tamar Cohen, Sarah Murphy, Meggie Peterson

KRUMP-Led Swan: A fusion of Grit and Grace

Company: Dimensional Dance

Choreography: Matisse Madden and Jus Hues

Music: Arvo Part, Public Quartet

Dancers: Matisse Madden and Jus Hues with Dimensional Dance

Dimensional Dance's duet features a striking collaboration between a KRUMP dancer and a ballerina, merging the raw energy of street dance with the elegance of classical ballet.

Through the Sea, Bearing Dreams

Choreography: Hope Blackburn-Shoup

Music: The Gloaming

Dancers: Valerie Buck, Tamar Cohen, Liana Guerrier, Leila McGough, Sarah Murphy, Jaslyn Rivera, Bria Ward

Sister

Choreography: Garet Wierdsma

Music: Ben Howard, Toulouse

Dancers: Makenna Palmer, Evelyn Vaughan

Chameleon

Company: The Connecticut Tap Collaborative

Choreography: Katie Cavenagh, Nicole Henkel, Mary Donato, Kayleigh Mierzejewski

Music: The Zak Icaza Boston Quintet

Dancers: Katie Cavenagh, Nicole Henkel, Mary Donato, Bella Carlson, Kaitlyn Maurais, Sam Camasso, Marie Scarfo, Michelle Wirkus, Kenzie Miller

Becoming

Choreography: Michela Poynter

Music: Vanbur & Jessica Jones & Tim Morrish

Dancers: Juliana Anderson, Valerie Buck, Tamar Cohen, Liana Guerrier, Leila McGough, Sarah Murphy, Jaslyn Rivera, Rachel Smith, Bria Ward

Poetry written and spoken by Heather Bachman

A Kuchipudi Dance Presentation Honoring Krishna

Company: Layavinyasa Company

Choreography: Dr. Yashoda Thakore

Music: Saint Annamayya

Dancers: Megha pathipaka, Laalasa Dongar, Vinisha Talluri, Poojashri Muppaneni

The performers are from Layavinyasa Company and have trained under Sarada Nori, the founder and Artistic Director of Layavinyasa . Layavinyasa specializes in two South Indian art forms - Kuchipudi dance and Carnatic classical music . These forms are rooted in mythological stories and ancient Hindu scriptures. Today's piece describes Lord Krishna, one of the popular Hindu Gods.

Greater Than

Company: New England Ballet Theatre

Choreography: Rachael Gnatowski

Music: Paige Plaisance, Guillermo Cueva

Dancers: Juliana Anderson, Fiona Burlin, Tamar Cohen, Sarah Murphy

Pas De Deux from *The Rose Window*

Company: New England Ballet Theatre

Choreography: Rachael Gnatowski

Music: Charles-Valentin Alkan

Dancers: Alfred Ibsen, Rachel Smith

Here From Where We Are

Choreography: Burns Kowalski

Music: Raymond Scott

Dancers: Melissa Burke, Burns Kowalski

EST. 1957

Company: IMMIX Dance Project

Choreography: IMMIX Dance Project

Music: 101 String Orchestra, Patsy Cline

Dancers: Alexia Bobrowski, Colby Connelly, Grace Fields, Bridget Knox, Jenna Patton, Cat Quinn, Michelle Wirkus

With

Valerie Buck, Tamar Cohen, Liana Guerrier, Leila McGough, Jaslyn Rivera, Bria Ward

Signs

Company: Next Dance Co

Choreography: McKenna Lerch

Music: Taylor Swift feat. Bon Iver

Dancers: Julia Hanssen, Amanda Hinze, Alina Krajewski, McKenna Lerch, Hannah Orlov, Helen Roets, Claire Sickinger, Kira Swain

Odette's Variation from *Swan Lake*

Company: New England Ballet Theatre

Choreography: Marius Petipa, Lev Ivanov

Music: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Dancers: Rachel Smith

Veridis Quo

Choreography: Alfred Ibsen

Music: Daft Punk

Dancers: Valerie Buck, Tamar Cohen, Liana Guerrier, Leila McGough, Sarah Murphy, Jaslyn Rivera, Bria Ward

Forgive Her, Hera

Company: Garet&Co

Choreography: Garet Wierdsma in collaboration with the dancers

Music: Laura Marling

Dancers: Emma Brockett, Noor Taweh

For mothers & daughters.

99 Luftballons

Company: New England Ballet Theatre

Choreography: Rachael Gnatowski

Music: Nena

Dancers: Juliana Anderson, Fiona Burlin, Tamar Cohen, Eloise Korzhak, Makenna Palmer, Evelyn Vaughan

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