

Journey

Excital 2024

PRESENTED BY THE STUDENTS OF ...
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JOHN AND DEDE HOWARD AUDITORIUM



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noun

1. an act of traveling from one place to another, especially when they are far apart
2. a set of experiences that someone has over a period of time

I love a good road trip to...anywhere. When I was a child both of my grandfathers, though wildly different human beings, loved Pontiac Bonneville station wagons. They were enormous cars with a third row of seats where a kid could ride backward and watch the miles fall behind them. As a teenager in the 1970s I drove what was left of Route 66 at that time with my mother, all the way to Los Angeles. Twice. I loved every minute and every mile of that road. I'm still a frequent visitor to a short stretch of that famous road between I-57 and I-55 in Illinois, the signs say IL-53, but it will always be Route 66 to me.

There are probably not many in our audience that remember the little red car Zoe Jane Blocker drew for our program cover and that Josh Rybicki built for our stage this year. It was a 1985 Renault Alliance convertible, one of only 2400 ever built, special ordered by my mother just a few short months before I made her a grandmother for the first time and that I sadly sold this year. Miss Connie loved to put the top down and go on a journey. She believed in enjoying the ride.

The dance year is a kind of journey, forgive me the use of cliché. We traveled together and learned new things while we made the old ones better. Some of the Pink Panthers you'll see today started their dance journey more than 30 years ago when they were only as old as the kitty cats they'll appear on stage with. We'll start on Route 66 and end on a mountain top with lots of fun stops along the way. Our dancers will do their best to entertain you, to bring a smile to your face or a tear to your eye and to put some happiness into your afternoon. They've worked hard and come far and had some fun along the way. Today is about enjoying the ride.

Miss Connie's vision for all of us was, "A lifetime of dance" and we know she is smiling down as we continue on that road. Sixty-six years and counting...the journey isn't over.

"Let your joy be in your journey – not in some distant goal." ~Tim Cook

ACT I

Route 66

Becky Chamberlin Beth Gazella Falknor Caiti Hernandez Deborah Ward
Macie Klee Davina Liu Abigail Roe Abby Seeley Adalyn Stephens Terrencia Rogers
Evelynn Weigand Lillian Weigand Marie Wilson Caitlynn Wittendorf Annalise Bailey
Cora Garrison Anna Rose Ruble Everleigh Kivela Riggins Kivela Shelby VanLierop
Naomi Wilson Lily Bailey Zoe Blocker Alexa Comacho Carmen Desotelle Ariana Helbley
Miya Miller Jillian Morris Seamus Ruble Gemma Richards Jack Rybicki Starla Wagoner
Jonah Wilson Tougen Goss

Somewhere Out There

Annalise Bailey Cora Garrison Everleigh Kivela Riggins Kivela Anna Rose Ruble
Shelby VanLierop Naomi Wilson

Panda Bear

Davia Duncan Paetyn Morgan Ellie Schinske

Singin' in the Rain

Lily Bailey Zoe Blocker Ariana Helbley Miya Miller Jillian Morris Gemma Richards
Seamus Ruble Jack Rybicki Starla Wagoner Jonah Wilson

Come Together

Terrencia Rogers Evelynn Weigand Lillian Weigand Marie Wilson Caitlynn Wittendorf
Caiti Hernandez

Do Re Mi

Adalynn Rohm Lorna Thompson James Thompson

Masquerade: Waltz

Lily Bailey Zoe Blocker Alexa Comacho Ariana Helbley Miya Miller Jillian Morris
Gemma Richards Seamus Ruble Jack Rybicki Starla Wagoner

Dancer's March

Cora Garrison Everleigh Kivela Riggins Kivela Anna Rose Ruble Shelby VanLierop
Naomi Wilson

Movin' Right Along

Macie Klee Davina Liu Abigail Roe Abby Seeley Adalyn Stephens

Ballet Dream Waltz

Davia Duncan Paetyn Morgan Ellie Schinske

Merry-Go-Round of Life

Zoe Blocker Jillian Morris Gemma Richards Terrencia Rogers Evelynn Weigand
Lillian Weigand Marie Wilson Caitlynn Wittendorf

~ ~ ~ INTERMISSION ~ ~ ~
(15 minutes)

ACT II

Holiday Road

Zoe Blocker Carmen Desotelle Miya Miller Jillian Morris Seamus Ruble Jack Rybicki
Starla Wagoner Jonah Wilson

The Pink Panther

Becky Chamberlin Beth Gazella Falknor Caiti Hernandez

Ev'rybody Wants to Be a Cat

Davia Duncan Paetyn Morgan Ellie Schinske Adalynn Rohm Lorna Thompson
James Thompson

La valse d'Amelie

Terrencia Rogers Evelynn Weigand Lillian Weigand Marie Wilson Caitlynn Wittendorf

Monkey Business

Annalise Bailey Cora Garrison Everleigh Kivela Riggins Kivela Anna Rose Ruble
Shelby VanLierop Naomi Wilson

Slap Waltz

Macie Klee Davina Liu Abigail Roe Abby Seeley Adalyn Stephens

Roads

Lily Bailey Alexa Comacho Ariana Helbley

Pump Up the Jam

Terrencia Rogers Evelynn Weigand Lillian Weigand Marie Wilson Caitlynn Wittendorf
Caiti Hernandez

Happy Hands

Adalynn Rohm Lorna Thompson James Thompson

See Ya Later Alligator

Cora Garrison Everleigh Kivela Riggins Kivela Anna Rose Ruble Shelby VanLierop
Naomi Wilson

It's a Feel Good Thing

Becky Chamberlin Beth Gazella Falknor Caiti Hernandez Terrencia Rogers
Evelynn Weigand Lillian Weigand Marie Wilson Caitlynn Wittendorf Zoe Blocker
Carmen Desotelle Miya Miller Jillian Morris Seamus Ruble Jack Rybicki Starla Wagoner
Jonah Wilson

The Mountain Song - Finale

Our Cast

~ ~ ~ **ACKNOWLEDGMENTS** ~ ~ ~

As always, it has taken the help of many to do our show. A big “Thank You” to all who gave their time and talent to make our recital lovely to watch and such fun to do.

Teaching Staff	Caiti Hernandez Cammie Cassidy Hernandez Lillian Weigand Marie Wilson Caitlynn Wittendorf
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~ ~ ~ **IMPORTANT NOTE** ~ ~ ~

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