


Sol Variation Showcase

**2025-2026
Information**

A ballerina is the central figure, wearing a dark green leotard with gold embroidery and a full green tutu with gold fringe. She holds a wooden tambourine with metal jingles. The background is a gradient of purple and pink with a diagonal line.
**Dallas
Ballet
Center**

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What is Variation Showcase?

Variation Showcase is an opportunity for your dancer to prepare, outside of regular classes, a solo or ensemble piece of choreography in his/her choice of styles, and perform that piece in a theater setting for an audience and a panel of adjudicators. Feedback from the adjudicators can be used to improve future dance performances.

Variation Showcase is not a competition. Dancers will not be ranked in any way, and there are no winners or losers. Everyone will benefit from the opportunity to perform on a stage in front of an audience and receive professional feedback.

Variation Showcase 2026 will take place on **Sunday, February 22, 2026** at the Granville Arts Center in Garland, TX. A full studio run-through in costume will be held at
Dallas Ballet Center on **Sunday, February 15.**

Participation Fees

\$60	one solo
\$90	two+ solos
\$40/person	duet
\$35/person	ensemble (3+ dancers)

Maximum participation fee per dancer: \$150

**All fees will be billed to your DBC account prior to the event.*

Video Fee: \$25 per family

Costume Rental Information

Dancers participating in Variations Showcase may choose to rent a costume from Dallas Ballet Center, but it is not required. A sign-up for choosing costumes will be sent in early January 2026.

All participants will be charged a \$50 deposit on October 15, 2025.

Costume Rental Fees

Category I \$35

- Simple stretch dress
- Ready-made (catalog) costume
- Simple men's costume (i.e., poet shirt + vest or cummerbund)

Category II \$80

- Romantic tutu
- Men's tunic
- Small "baby" tutu (for very small/young dancers)

Category III \$115

- Classical tutu

Maximum rental fee per dancer: \$175

All rental costumes will be transported to and from the theater by our wardrobe team.



Scan or click to register participation interest in Variation Showcase 2026

(deadline to complete: September 15, 2025)

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ZOOM RECORDING

An **Informational Meeting** for Variation Showcase 2026 was held on Wednesday, June 25, 2025 at DBC.

Scan or click QR code to view recording of this meeting:



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- FOR:** Any DBC student interested in learning a classical, contemporary, hip hop, tap, jazz variation/ solo/duet/ensemble to perform for adjudication at DBC's Variation Showcase.
(Participants must be approved by DBC Faculty)
- SUBJECT:** Cost of rehearsing, costumes, participation fee, rehearsal time, coaching, time involved, Q & A, etc.
- BENEFITS:** Students will perform one or more variation on-stage at the Granville Arts Center. They will become more confident with their stage presence and gain stronger technical skills with greater artistry by rehearsing the same piece. They will have greater poise and understanding of their chosen dance genre.
- LOCATION:** Granville Arts Center in Garland, TX
- DATE:** Sunday, February 22, 2026
- FEES:** See previous page for participation & costume rental fees; \$50 deposit due October 15, 2025; balance of fees will be charged to your DBC (Studio Director) account February 1, 2026.

OTHER COSTS

- **Rehearsal/Coaching Fee:** \$40+ per ½ hour (\$30+ to the instructor and \$10 to DBC for studio rental). Optional guest coaches (such as Olivier Pardina & Christina Ghiardi) will have higher rates. Cost for 8 – 20 private or semi-private rehearsals: weekly rehearsals are encouraged and should start by August 2025. Rehearsals are generally 30 minutes per week for a solo. The variation(s) should be chosen by October 2025.
- **Choreography Fee** for contemporary, tap, hip hop, jazz which will be paid to the coach/choreographer.
- **Costumes:** Most classical ballet costumes can be rented from DBC for a nominal fee. Jazz/contemporary costumes are also available. DBC Costumer Missy Knowlton will handle costume choices and alterations; you may provide your own costume if desired. *(A custom-made tutu costs a minimum of \$1000)*
- **Pointe Shoes:** \$75 to \$120+ per pair; pointe shoes may need to be replaced every two to six weeks depending on the dancer.
- **Tickets** for the performance will be available in February.
- A **Video Fee** of \$25 will be charged for each participating family.