GONZAGA DANCE
2026-2027



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Letter from the Chair

It is with great enthusiasm that I greet you as we begin our new academic year. It is hard to believe that we are entering into 2026-27, and I am beginning my second year as Chair of Dance. As I reflect on our previous season, it is humbling to consider how much I have learned. I am also excited for the opportunity to continue to grow in my leadership in order to best serve the next era of Gonzaga Dance. My unofficial motto as we move forward is "Elevated, But Not Elitist." We have been working hard all summer long to finalize our upcoming season, build beautiful marketing materials, and solidify what is sure to be an exciting year for our students and our audiences. As we look ahead, some of the season highlights include: Hannah Thomas and The Good Works Dance Theatre, the Pacific Northwest Ballet, and of course, the return of the American College Dance Association's Northwest Regional Conference to the campus of Gonzaga University. AIM by Kyle Abraham will be the conference opener, which will no doubt electrify the 500 participants and community who attend! Our faculty is energized, our students are inspired, and our guest artists are the best in their field. Thank you for your continued support of Gonzaga Dance: for every performance you attend, for every donation you make, and for every way you help spread the word of what we are doing for our students and our community, we thank you!

- **Cynthia Gutierrez,** *Chair of Gonzaga Dance*

Year In Review

The 2025-2026 year was full of great performances! Check out some of our highlights...


Photo by Jenn Marquis

ACDA 2026

Cynthia and Jessica accompanied ten students to ACDA at University of Las Vegas, Nevada in March. Jessica as well as two seniors, Isabella Gonzalez and Gabby Funaro, brought works that were featured in the Adjudication and Informal concerts.


Photo by Sam Rains

THUMBELINA

In January, we debuted a new original story ballet by founding chair Suzanne Ostersmith based on the fairytale Thumbelina. It was a community favorite with our GU dancers on stage alongside two groups of local dance youth, leading to 4 sold-out shows in Magnuson Theatre!


Photo by Melissa Allen

SPRING DANCE CONCERT

We presented our annual Spring Dance Concert in April to close out the season featuring inspired works from our faculty, guest artist Jeffrey Peterson, and student Clio Tzetos. We heard continued feedback of how the quality of work in SDC continues to grow along with our student performers.

Dance and MWPAC Presents 2025-2026



COMPLEXIONS CONTEMPORARY BALLET



CAMPANA SOBRE CAMPANA CHRISTMAS IN MEXICO



BALLET HISPÁNICO NEW YORK

SUPPORT GONZAGA DANCE

There are multiple ways to contribute to the momentum of Gonzaga Dance. The Suzanne Ostersmith Dance Endowment supports professional experiences for our students, while other funds can be spent at the director's discretion.

***Please consider making a donation** by visiting us online at gonzaga.edu/dance (support us) or email dance@gonzaga.edu for more information.*


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Gonzaga Dance will be hosting the ACDA Northwest Regional Conference this Spring 2027!

Get tickets to the concerts!

For the second time, Gonzaga will be hosting the American College Dance Association's Northwest Regional Conference! In March 2027, we will be hosting up to 500 conference attendees on campus for dance classes, concerts, lectures, and more.

A highlight of the conference will be co-presenting AIM by Kyle Abraham with the Myrtle Woldson Performing Arts Center as the opening performance. Tickets are available to the community for all shows, so be sure to experience some of the amazing concerts we'll have throughout the conference.

Beyond ACDA, we will be presenting our regular season throughout the academic year, so stay tuned for:



Season Opener



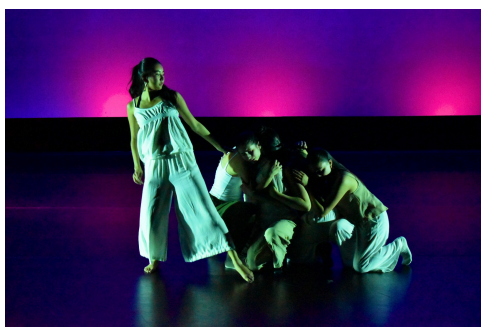
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Fall Student Choreography Showcase



Musical Theatre Dance Revue



Spring Student Choreography Showcase



Spring Dance Concert

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26 27 ARTS at GONZAGA

Season Opener

SEPTEMBER 18, 2026
MYRTLE WOLDSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

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OCTOBER 2, 2026
MYRTLE WOLDSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE MYRTLE WOLDSON CENTER

Pacific Northwest Ballet

OCTOBER 9 - 10, 2026
MYRTLE WOLDSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Fall Student Choreography Showcase

NOVEMBER 19 - 20, 2026
MAGNUSON THEATRE

Musical Theatre Dance Revue

JANUARY 22 - 23, 2026
MAGNUSON THEATRE

PRESENTED IN PARTNERSHIP WITH
THE MYRTLE WOLDSON CENTER

AIM By Kyle Abraham

MARCH 9 - 10, 2026
MYRTLE WOLDSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

ACDA

MARCH 10 - 13, 2026
MYRTLE WOLDSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER

Spring Student Choreography Showcase

APRIL 9 - 10, 2026
MAGNUSON THEATRE

Sping Dance Concert

APRIL 23 - 24, 2026
MYRTLE WOLDSON PERFORMING ARTS CENTER



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