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ELEVATE

Senior showcase

DANCE | 29 AUG | 3PM & 6PM | FORUM NORTH

TICKETS THROUGH EVENTFINDA

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Elevate running order

1. Diamonds - Jazz - No tears left to cry
2. Pearls - Lyrical - Over the rainbow
3. Kaylee - Jazz - Get back
4. Duo Jazz - Maya & Mia - Circus
5. Aden - Lyrical - The visitor
6. Missy - Jazz
7. Moonstones - Lyrical - I Lived
8. Kiana - Contemporary - I found
9. Duo - Kaylee & Sienna - MJ Jazz
10. Mia - Jazz - Another one bites the dust
11. Maya - Musical theatre - Don't lose your head
12. Emeralds - Lyrical - Heaven

1. Diamonds - Lyrical - Strange
2. Rubies - Jazz - This place about to blow
3. Duo - Lara & Sammy -
4. Gabby - Jazz - Strong enough
5. Libby - Contemporary - Crown
6. Trio - Brooke, Amanda & Kiana -
7. Lara - Lyrical - Voice within
8. Clown - Acro
9. Lexi - Lyrical/acro - Too little, too late
10. Sienna - Ballet - Nikiyas Death Variation
11. Amanda - Jazz -
12. Marabella - Contemporary - Runaway
13. Emeralds - Jazz - Rhianna
14. Diamonds - In this shirt
15. Finale



Belltech

Founded and directed by Tim Bell, Belltech is Northland's only dedicated theatre lighting design company. With years of experience spanning Whangarei, Auckland, Brisbane, and Perth, Tim brings expert design, staging, and technical skill to every project.

Belltech proudly caters to schools, organisations, theatre companies, and businesses of all sizes, offering creative, high-quality lighting that brings every stage to life. With a special love for dance shows, Tim's passion lies in crafting fun, dynamic designs that make performances truly shine.

WADPA – Whangarei Academy of Dance & Performing Arts

Established in 1976, WADPA has been at the heart of Northland's dance community for nearly 50 years. Offering classes in ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, contemporary, acro, and musical theatre, WADPA is dedicated to nurturing dancers of all ages and abilities.

With a focus on excellence, creativity, and community, WADPA provides opportunities for students to sit exams, compete nationally, and perform on stage, while building confidence, friendships, and a lifelong love of dance.

This year's Senior Showcase – Elevate is a celebration of our talented senior students. Student-led, fun, and creative, Elevate gives dancers the chance to perform pieces they love, share their passion, and take audiences on an inspiring journey.



Mia Abbott (15)

Jazz - Another one bites the dust - Choreographer - Mia Abbott

Mia is a 15 year old dancer who has been dancing for the past 11 years. Over that time her passion for dance has grown exponentially to where she would now love to pursue a career in dance teaching in order to share her love of dance with up and coming young dancers. Mia was honoured to receive a pacanz nomination last year which enabled her to perform in the national young performer awards in Palmerston North alongside new Zealand best dancers. Mia enjoys choreographing and performing jazz, contemporary and lyrical dances.



Maya Evans (14)

Musical theatre - Lose your head - Choreographer - Holly Duder-Joy

Maya has been dancing at WADPA since she was just 4 years old, and after ten years of dancing, her passion for dance continues to grow! She is a Year 10 student at Pompallier Catholic College and continues to balance her love for dance alongside her school work.

She trains across modern jazz, lyrical, contemporary, classical ballet, tap, and acrobatics and is a member of the senior WADPA performance group! Maya also enjoys assisting with dance classes and has been doing so since she was 9! This year, she has also taken up a teaching responsibility where she has taught multiple students solos and duos.



Lexi Duder (18)

Acro/Lyrical - Choreographer - Lexi Duder

Lexi has been part of the WADPA family since she could walk, and at eighteen she remains one of its most beloved members. Trained across all styles, she is a key part of the senior performance team and a natural in acrobatics, where her strength and flexibility never fail to impress.

Beyond performing, Lexi has a huge heart for teaching – the younger dancers absolutely adore her. This year she joins her closest friends in Elevate, dancing purely for the love of it, and tonight she performs her final solo, choreographed by herself.



Aden Edwards (18)

Lyrical - The visitor - Choreographer - Holly Duder-Joy

Aden began dancing at just six years old, and from that moment it became one of the biggest parts of his life. What started as a young child's passion quickly grew into a lifelong dedication to the art form, taking her on a journey through performance, teaching and choreography.

Dance has shaped who Aden is – giving her incredible friendships, unforgettable experiences and memories she will carry with her forever. Her background across multiple disciplines has allowed her to connect with dance not only as a performer but as someone who loves sharing that passion with others through teaching and creating work.



Gabriella Ricketts (14)

Jazz - Strong enough - Choreographer - Cara-Lea Wright

Gabriella started dancing at the age of six and has been dancing at WADPA for the past four years. She trains in ballet, jazz, contemporary, lyrical, musical theatre and tap, with jazz and tap being her favourite styles. She loves dancing because it is so much fun and gives her a chance to express herself, challenge herself and do something she truly loves. One of her favourite parts about dance is the friendships she has made along the way. Gabriella also enjoys assisting with the younger dancers at the studio and helping them learn and have fun. She can't wait to share the stage with her friends and create more special memories together in this show!



Kiana-Lee Saville (14)

Contemporary - I found - Choreographer - Asha Huddleston

Kiana began dancing at the age of five, and now at fourteen her passion for dance is stronger than ever. For her, dance is more than just a sport – it is a fundamental part of who she is.

Over the years, not only has her love of dance grown, but so too have the relationships she has built at WADPA. The support, friendships and experiences she has gained there have helped shape her into the dancer she is today.

While she enjoys all styles of dance, her favourite is contemporary, as it allows her to connect deeply with the music and use her whole body to express emotion and tell a story – which is exactly why she has chosen to share this style today.



Amanda Donald (14)

Jazz - ? - Choreographer - Amanda Donald

Amanda is fourteen years old and began her dance journey at WADPA at just three years of age. More than a decade later, she is still doing what she loves most and hopes to continue that journey well into the future.

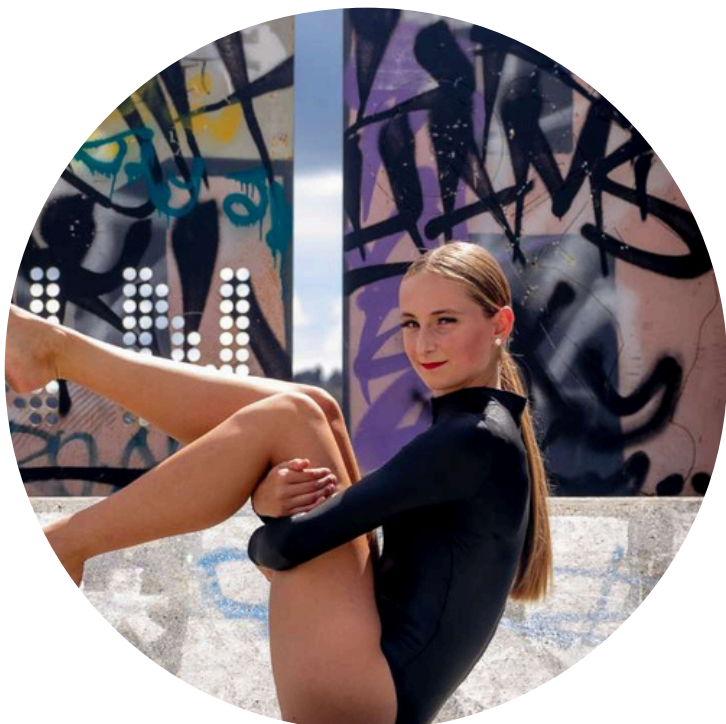
Throughout her time at WADPA, Amanda has built friendships she has grown up with and treasures the encouragement and support she receives from everyone around her. She loves performing across all styles of dance, with ballet, contemporary and jazz holding a special place in her heart.

Tonight, Amanda is absolutely thrilled to take to the stage!



Madison Vuletich (15)

Madison Vuletich is 15 and has been dancing since she was four years old. She has trained in ballet, jazz, contemporary, lyrical and tap over the years, with lyrical being her favourite. She also loves competing in solos, duos, trios and group dances, and getting to perform alongside her friends. Madison loves dance because it gives her a way to express herself, have fun and do something she loves. Her favourite part is being able to dance alongside her friends and share the experience with them. Although Madison is unable to perform in this year's show due to a concussion, she is excited to still be involved and support her friends from the sidelines. She can't wait to watch everyone take the stage and be part of the show in a different way this year!



Kaylee Tanner (16)

Jazz - Get back - Choreographer - Natalia Bates

Kaylee started her Dance journey at just 4 years old and is now 16. Starting with ballet and quickly expanded into many more styles and discovering her love for performing. Over the years she has trained in a wide variety of styles such as Ballet, jazz, lyrical, musical theatre, contemporary and acro. But lyrical is by far her favourite as it allows her to express her personality and creativity. Kaylee loves coming to dance as it is her second home. It is a place where she can express herself, challenge herself and make unforgettable memories with her dance family. Kaylee is also currently an assistant, assisting in junior contemporary this is her third year assisting and she enjoys it so much. She loves to inspire younger dancers, helping them build confidence and develop their love for dance just like her.



Lara Stevens (14)

Lyrical - Voice within - Choreographer - Holly Duder-Joy

Lara is fourteen years old and has been dancing since the age of two, with her competitive journey beginning at just four years old. Dance has always been a huge part of her life, and she loves nothing more than challenging herself to learn new skills and performing on stage. Her favourite style is lyrical, drawn to the way it allows her to tell a story through movement and emotion. For Lara, one of the best parts of dancing is the friendships she has built along the way and the unforgettable memories she continues to create with her dance friends.



Sienna Renwick (16)

Variation/Ballet - Nikiyas death - Choreographer - Marius Petipa/Abbie Jennings

Sienna's love for dance has grown by the day since she started dancing at WADPA in 2018. She has trained in all styles available and grown a great range of skills through her training. Dancing is a sanctuary for her and Sienna's absolute favorite feeling is being on stage and sharing her limitless passion with the audience. This year Sienna has been lucky enough to be nominated for PACANZ for ballet, with her two variations including Nikiya's Death Variation which she will be performing for you in Elevate. Since starting Sienna has never been able to imagine her life without dance and knows in her heart it will never leave her where ever life leads. Her love for dance is unsurpassed, but her appreciation for her teachers and teammates comes in close second. Sienna cannot wait to see you in the audience!



Marabella Macpherson

Contemporary- Runaway - Choreographer - Asha Huddleston

Marabella Macpherson is a fourteen-year-old dancer from Whangārei, New Zealand, who first fell in love with dance at the age of four. She joined the WADPA family at seven years old and hasn't looked back since.

Over the years, Marabella has developed a real passion for performance, bringing energy and enthusiasm to everything she does – and she'll be the first to admit she loves a great costume to match! Her favourite styles are acro and jazz, where her personality truly shines through.

Today, Marabella steps outside her comfort zone and is thrilled to take to the stage to perform her contemporary solo. We can't wait to watch her shine!



Libby Kaiser (18)

Contemporary - Crown - Choreographer - Teagan Stewart

Olivia Kaiser has been dancing since the age of three and has spent the past 15 years growing up at WADPA. Throughout her years of dance, Olivia has explored a range of styles including contemporary, ballet, acro, lyrical and jazz, with contemporary being her favourite.

Recently completing her ballet diploma, Olivia is proud to continue developing her skills and challenging herself through dance. Although dance is a hobby for Olivia, it has become an important part of her life and has taught her valuable lessons in discipline, commitment, confidence and perseverance. She hopes to carry these qualities with her into whatever career path she chooses in the future.

Olivia is grateful for the friendships, memories and experiences dance has given her over the years and is excited to share the stage with her fellow dancers at the WADPA Senior Showcase.



Elizabeth Mauer-Maclaine (15)

I started dancing in 2019 with Grade One Jazz, and since then dance has become a huge part of my life. I love everything about it, from performing on stage and wearing costumes to the nerves before going on, to laughing with my friends in class. Although competitions and exams have been a big part of my dance journey, I'm especially excited to perform just for the fun of it in Elavate and share that experience with my friends. For me, dance has never been just about competing or getting things right; it's about the people, the memories, and, most importantly, doing something I love.



Pearls PG

Lyrical - Over the rainbow - Choreographer - Tabitha Kaiser

The Pearls are WADPA's youngest performance group, with dancers aged between six and ten. This year they have worked hard, grown together as a team and supported one another every step of the way. For many, this is their very first year as a group – and we couldn't be prouder.



Rubies PG

Jazz - Blow- Choreographer - Trinity Briden-Jones

The Rubies are a performance group of dancers aged between eight and eleven, bringing together experienced members and newer faces who have moved up from last year's mini group. This year they have taken on new challenges, grown enormously as a team and worked incredibly hard. We are so very proud of every one of them.



Moonstones PG

Lyrical - I lived - Choreographer - Peyton Seymour

The Moonstones are a performance group of dancers aged between eleven and fourteen, bringing together returning members and some exciting new faces. This year they have worked extremely hard on brand new routines, and that dedication shows – not only in their dancing, but in the maturity they bring and the way they show up for one another. We are incredibly proud of every single one of them.



Emeralds PG

Lyrical - Heaven- Choreographer - Asha Huddleston
Jazz - Rhianna - Choreographer - Asha Huddleston

The Emeralds are a performance group of dancers aged between twelve and fifteen – a wonderful, hard-working team who have truly thrived this year. Dancing alongside and complementing the Diamonds, they have supported one another every step of the way and brought a fantastic attitude to everything they do. The growth and progress these girls have shown throughout the year has been outstanding, and we could not be prouder of each and every one of them.

Diamonds PG

Lyrical - Strange- Choreographer - Holly Duder-Joy

Jazz - No tears - Choreographer - Quinn Annamans

Contemporary - In this shirt - Asha Huddleston

Thank You

A huge thank you to everyone who has supported Elevate this year — from our wonderful guest performers to our incredible Senior Diamonds Performance Team.

Your passion, talent, and energy have made this showcase truly unforgettable.

We can't wait to welcome you back next year for our next Senior Showcase!