



AYAKO SCHOOL OF BALLET  
PRESENTS

# GRADUATION RECITAL

WHERE: AYAKO SCHOOL OF BALLET OR VIA WEBINAR

JULY 31 6:00PM 2020  
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Welcome to Ayako School of Ballet's 2020 Graduation Recital. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, we have continued our classes and rehearsals via zoom since March 16. The participating students, regardless of age or level, have done remarkably well, gaining strength and focus and solidifying their technique. They are well-positioned to advance their studies and we look forward to seeing them in the studio again as conditions permit. As testimony to the strength and beauty of the students' work, we are thrilled to present the 2020 Graduation Recital.

## ACT I

### EXCERPT FROM 'LE JARDIN ANIME' FROM THE BALLET 'LE CORSAIRE'

**Cassandra Chen, Megan Fong, Kenna Kwok**  
**with**

Katrina Chen, Alysia Evans, Annie Gu, Rebecca Lee  
Jennifer Luo, Ayumi Sandez, Sofia Bessoudo

### VARIATIONS FROM 'LE CORSAIRE'

**Gulnara - Megan Fong, Paquita's Corsaire - Katrina Chen,**  
**Variation- Annie Gu, Jennifer Luo, Ayumi Sandez**  
**Medora - Cassandra Chen, Odalisque - Alysia Evans**  
**Paquita's Corsaire - Alice Finkelstein(pre recorded video)**  
**Medora - Kenna Kwok**

### **Coda**

with All dancers

# ACT II

Friday Inter/Adv students learned contemporary Variations from Mariko Takahashi via zoom from March to June. Saturday Advanced students learned Neo-Classical variations from Dominique Larose - 1st Soloist Northern Ballet UK via zoom.

## CONTEMPORARY AND NEO-CLASSICAL VARIATIONS

### **Contemporary Solos from Mariko Takahashi's Friday class**

Kelsie Fong, Alice Finkelstein by pre recorded videos

Annie Gu, Rebecca Lee, Sofia Bessoudo, Ayumi Sandez, Jennifer Luo

### **Northern Ballet's Variation from Cinderella by Dominique Larose**

Cinderella

choreography by David Nixon, Pianist: Andrew Dunlop

Katrina Chen

### **Message from Teachers and Staff**

Frankie Briones, Mari Takahashi, Graciela Acedo, Rika Onizuka  
**by online**

## THREE ODALISQUES FROM 'LE CORSAIRE'

**First Variation by Kenna Kwok, Second Variation by Megan Fong, Third Variation by Cassandra Chen**

**Coda**

**All dancers**

## GRADUATION

Ayako Takahashi, Karina Eimon

## PRESENTATION AND GRADUATING STUDENT'S SPEECH