



Outreach Ensemble Overview - Fall 2026

The **Outreach Ensemble** is a multi-level group of dancers dedicated to sharing the joy of dance in our community through high quality performance and outreach and representing North Coast Dance with professionalism and poise.

This class is open to dancers in Ballet Level 4 and above, including Teen/Adult Ballet, who are committed to flawless attendance in their other dance classes and rehearsals, and who are prepared to take on another weekly class and commit to participation in events outside the studio and weekly meeting time. Outreach Ensemble is a one semester commitment, with Auditions held in August and January.

Outreach Ensemble Class: Saturdays from 10:30-11:30am in Studio A

The **Outreach Ensemble** class meets once a week. In that class, members will learn new choreography and skills with the goal to perform at events, festivals, and in main stage performances.

Outreach Ensemble will have the same tuition rate as other NCD classes, however it does **not** require an additional Registration Fee. We do ask that dancers in the Outreach Ensemble provide 1 or 2 costume base elements that will be used for several performances: 1 black cap sleeve leotard and 1 pair of white tennis shoes for any outdoor performances. As we will be taking photos/videos in classes on a regular basis, dancers should wear tights, ballet shoes, and either their Ballet level leotard or Black outreach leotard to class each Saturday, with hair in a bun. Ballet skirts are welcome.

Outreach Ensemble Performances for Fall 2026:

1. **TBD community performance** - Sunday afternoon, either September 20 or October 4
2. **The Zombie Ballet** - Friday & Saturday, October 23 & 24 from 5:30 – 8pm (with dress rehearsal on 10/22)
3. **Schools to Dance** - Thursday, December 10th from 8:30am - 1:00pm (The HCOE sponsors this morning event where we perform for 1,400 students from local schools. Schools usually recognize this as a valid excuse to miss classes that morning. Discuss with your dancer's school to verify.)
4. Additional events, social media content, and performances may be added! We are exploring ways to partner with the Humboldt Library, Discovery Museum, Senior Resource Center, and other community groups!

Outreach Ensemble Audition Process:

Dancers interested in joining our Outreach Ensemble for Fall 2026 are invited to **audition on Thursday, August 20, from 5 - 6:30pm**. Dancers should come in ballet attire and ready to move, but do not need to prepare anything.

As our Outreach Ensemble acts as representatives of North Coast Dance to the community, the audition process also includes a **short video and photo submission**. These videos and headshots will be used in Social Media campaigns to promote the start of Fall classes and introduce our Fall '26 Outreach Ensemble, so put your best foot forward!

Please submit a **Headshot** and a **short video of yourself finishing one of the following sentences:**

- If I were a ballet step, I would be a _____. (and demonstrate!)
- I love dancing at NCD because _____.
- Here at North Coast Dance, we all _____. (can be silly or serious!)
- If NCD had a new slogan, it would be: _____.
- The most valuable lesson dance has taught me has been _____. (and elaborate if only one word!)

(Due date for videos and headshots is 9pm on Thursday, August 20st)

Instructions for videos and photos:

- Please record videos on a phone vertically.
- Headshots may be in color or black-and-white.
- Email your submissions to Eliza (northcoastdance.org@gmail.com) and Gina (ginagrebe.ncd@gmail.com).
- If you have any issues taking or submitting your videos or photos, feel free to email Eliza and Gina for help!