



CLASSICAL BALLET

HISTORY

Origin:

- Italian renaissance courts
- First dance academy opened in 1661 Paris France
- 1681 started performing on a stage

HISTORY:

19th and early 20th century-

- The performances showed woman as passive and fragile (romantic ballets)
- Started using point shoes
- Calf-length skirts
- Started to spread through Russia created the classics
- Began to become very technical
- Movements footwork and jumps became more difficult
- This lead to shorter stiffer skirts that we use today



Pioneer choreographers

Marius Petipa- “father of classical ballet

- Known best for turning Russian folklore into ballet productions.
- Born into ballet era in St.Petersburg, Russia
- His ballerinas always danced on pointe
- Most famous works are sleeping beauty, nutcracker, and swan lake.



PIONEER CHOREOGRAPHERS:

Enrico Cecchetti-

- Came from a dancing family
- Was a virtuoso performer when he came to St.Petersburg
- Performed as bluebird and carabosse in sleeping beauty
- Became a ballet master and instructor
- 1905 established a school in St.Petersburg
- Anna pavlova's executive coach until 1909
- Has an official strict form of training

PIONEER CHOREOGRAPHERS:

Carlos Blasis-

- First to codify and publish an analysis of classical ballet technique.
- Credited with creating the position of attitude, inspired by Giambologna's statue of mercury
- Discovered spotting

Characteristics

- aesthetics, rigorous technique, flowing, and precise movements
- Pointe work, turnout, legs, and high extensions
- Agility, control, speed, grace, and lightness.
- Technique is based off of turn out of the legs(this adds more mobility in the hip joint).



CHARACTERISTICS:

3 Sections of Classical production:

- Opening- adagio (dance for two)
- Variation(s)- performance by partners
- Finale- coda (conclusion of the piece)

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