

Keshet's MONARCH – Fall 2026

MONARCH is a full-length dance production choreographed by Laura Orozco Garrett, featuring a cast of Keshet Dance Company professional dancers, Keshet community members: adult dancers, young dancers ages 10+ of all levels and abilities who want to dance with us, and Keshet's KP3 2026-2027 students (Keshet Pre-Professional Students),

MONARCH uses the life cycle of a monarch butterfly to explore themes of immigration, loss, transformation, longing, the beauty of life, separation, and ultimately hope. *MONARCH* asks us to reflect on the balance of the natural world and the anxiety and fear in today's political climate. Where is the hope? Who do we turn to? How do we protect the most vulnerable in our community?

IMPORTANT THINGS TO KNOW

Requirements for participation

- **Must be 10 years old by July 1, 2026**
 - The only exception for this is if you are a current KP3 student
- **Must attend an in-person audition on August 8 AND the Cast Meeting on August 9**
 - For dancers under the age of 18, a parent/guardian must be present with them at the Cast Meeting on August 9
- **Must be able to commit to the FULL rehearsal and performance schedule dependent on casting groups**
- **Must be able to register and attend a minimum of one weekly Keshet community class during the Fall 2026 session**
 - All classes are offered on a sliding scale, starting at \$0, each family/individual selects the price point that works best for them

Attendance Policy

- *B/C/D* cast members are allowed 2 absences MAXIMUM
More than 2 absences will result in removal from the cast
- A cast members are allowed 1 absence MAXIMUM
More than 1 absence will result in removal from the cast

- ABSENCE = not attending rehearsal or costume call
 - ABSENCE= arriving for rehearsal or costume call more than 15 minutes late
 - LATE= Arriving 1-15 minutes late for rehearsal
 - TWO LATES = ONE ABSENCE

- If a last minute emergency occurs, contact the Director of the production immediately and a case-by-case decision will be made regarding the possibility to continue being a part of the cast
- **You MUST arrive on time and prepared for rehearsals**
Two “late arrivals” to rehearsal equal an absence!
- All performances are required
- If there are any dates/times (rehearsals or performances) that you know you will not be able to attend, this is NOT the right commitment for you. Perhaps the Winter Concert is a better performance opportunity for you this fall!

Costumes & Costume Calls:

- There are no costume fees
- Costume call time slots are noted on your rehearsal schedule. Keep an eye on the Call Board and your email for information about which cast members are needed for which Costume Calls. If you need to make adjustments to your Costume Call day, please communicate this IN ADVANCE, rather than just not showing up. Absences without advance communication will be counted as rehearsal absences.

Casting

All who audition who can adhere to the participation requirements are cast!

Cast/Rehearsal Key

A - KP3 Levels F1, 1A, 1B, 2A,

B - KP3 Levels 3A, 3B, Community Members (Pear Group)

C - KP3 Levels 4A, Community Members (Mango Group)

D - KP3 Levels 5 and 7

E - Keshet Company Dancers

Classes

- All cast members must be able to register and attend a minimum of one Keshet community class during the Fall 2026 session
- The Fall session runs August – December 5, 2026
- All classes are offered on a sliding scale, starting at \$0, please select the payment option that works for you and your family

If you are over 18

- You'll need to have completed **Background Check** on file with Keshet in order to participate in *MONARCH*
- If you have not completed a background check with Keshet in the past 3 years, a link will be emailed to you following the cast meeting
- If you would like to donate \$25 to Keshet to help cover the cost of running a background check, it is much appreciated, but it is not required

Social Media

- Help us promote Keshet and this new production!
 - Check in to Keshet Dance Company & Center for the Arts on Facebook when you are here for class and rehearsals!
 - Share the *MONARCH* Facebook and Instagram updates from the Keshet pages!
 - #KeshetCenterfortheArts #KeshetDance #MONARCH2026 #CommunityConnection #unlimitedpossibilities

Keshet Contacts & Any Questions

General Questions	(505) 224-9808	info@KeshetArts.org
Questions about Tickets		boxoffice@KeshetArts.org
Questions about Classes		frontdesk@KeshetArts.org
Questions about KP3 Program		kp3@KeshetArts.org
Questions about Costumes		costumes@KeshetArts.org
Questions about Rehearsals		info@KeshetArts.org

MONARCH Fall 2026 Keshet Production Audition Schedule

AUDITIONS: Saturday, August 8

- 10:00am- 11:15am Ages 10-16 (All Levels & Abilities)
- 12:00-1:15pm Ages 17+ (All Levels & Abilities)

CAST MEETING: Sunday, August 9 (MANDATORY)

- 2:00-3:30pm

Location: 4121 Cutler Ave NE ABQ, NM 87110

Questions? Email info@KeshetArts.org or call (505) 224-9808

MONARCH Fall 2026 Rehearsal & Performance Schedule

Week 1

Friday, August 21

5:30-7pm Cast C, D, E

Saturday, August 22

3:30-4:30pm Cast A, B, C, D

4:30-5:30pm Cast B, C, D

Week 2

Friday, August 28

5:30-7pm Cast C, D, E

Saturday, August 29

2:45-3:30pm Costume Call

3:30-4:30pm Cast A, B, C, D

4:30-5:30pm Cast B, C, D

Week 3

Friday, September 4

5:30-7pm Cast C, D, E

Saturday, September 5

2:45-3:30pm Costume Call

3:30-4:30pm Cast A, B, C, D

4:30-5:30pm Cast B, C, D

Week 4

Friday, September 11

5:30-7pm Cast C, D, E

Saturday, September 12

2:45-3:30pm Costume Call

3:30-4:30pm Cast A, B, C, D

4:30-5:30pm Cast B, C, D

Week 5

Friday, September 18

5:30-7pm Cast C, D, E

Saturday, September 19

2:45-3:30pm Costume Call

3:30-4:30pm Cast A, B, C, D

4:30-5:30pm Cast B, C, D

Week 6

Friday, September 25

5:30-7pm Cast C, D, E

Saturday, September 26

2:45-3:30pm Costume Call

3:30-5:30pm Cast A, B, C, D, E

Week 7

Friday, October 2

5:30-7pm Cast C, D, E

Saturday, October 3

2:45-3:30pm Costume Call

3:30-5:30pm Cast A, B, C, D, E

Week 8 (FALL BREAK)

Friday, October 9

NO REHEARSAL

Saturday, October 10

NO REHEARSAL

Week 9

Friday, October 16

5:30-7pm Cast C, D, E

Saturday, October 17

2:45-3:30pm Costume Call

3:30-5:30pm Cast A, B, C, D, E

Week 10

Friday, October 23

5:30-7pm Cast C, D, E

Saturday, October 24

2:45-3:30pm Costume Call

3:30-5:30pm Cast A, B, C, D, E

Week 11

Friday, October 30

5:30-7pm Cast C, D, E

Saturday, October 31

2:45-3:30pm Costume Call

3:30-5:30pm Cast A, B, C, D, E

Week 12

Friday, November 6

5:30-7pm Cast C, D, E

Saturday, November 7

2:45-3:30pm Costume Call

3:30-5:30pm Cast A, B, C, D

Week 13

Friday, November 13

5:30-7pm Cast C, D, E

Saturday, November 14

3-6pm FULL CAST

Week 14 TECH WEEK/SHOW WEEK!

Monday, November 16

5:30-8:30pm FULL CAST

Tuesday, November 17

5:30-8:30pm FULL CAST

Wednesday, November 18

5:30-8:30pm FULL CAST

Thursday, November 19

8:30am-1pm Hold for Potential School Matinees

5:30-8:30 FULL CAST

Friday, November 20

5pm Warm up

5:30pm Call

6:30pm Show

Saturday, November 21

12:30pm Warm up

1pm Call

2pm Show (SENSORY FRIENDLY)

5pm Warm up

5:30pm Call

6:30pm Show

Sunday, November 22

12:30pm Warm up

1pm Call

2pm Show