



Interrelationship Of Ballet Dance and Its Costume

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ABSTRACT

This study looks at the relationship between ballet dance and its costumes. It focuses on how costume design has changed over time and how it influences both performances and modern fashion. Ballet costumes have moved away from the heavy, restrictive outfits of the Renaissance period. Now, they are lightweight, functional, and visually expressive, meeting the technical and emotional needs of today's ballet. Using a mixed-methods approach, the research includes interviews with dancers, choreographers, and costume designers. It also features survey data to examine audience perceptions and how fashion influences them. The findings show that costumes are crucial for enhancing a dancer's movement, storytelling, and presence on stage, while also impacting how the audience interprets the performance. The study also points out that the visual aspects of ballet, such as soft color palettes, tulle fabrics, ballet flats, and flowing shapes, have significantly shaped modern fashion trends in casual wear, haute couture, evening attire, and bridal designs. Furthermore, today's ballet costumes pay more attention to sustainability, cultural diversity, and new technology. In summary, the research concludes that ballet and costume design have a close relationship. Costumes enhance the artistic identity of ballet, while ballet continues to influence global fashion.

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INTRODUCTION

Dance and Fashion showed the strong link between clothing and movement, highlighting how fashion influences dance and vice versa. The exhibition, curated by Dr. Valerie Steele with a striking design by architect Kim Ackert, featured about 100 historical and modern dance costumes, along with dance-inspired clothing. Many of these pieces were displayed for the first time. The display launched with ballet clothes from the Romantic era (1830s–1840s), a time when the ballerina became the ideal woman. Costumes included Fanny Elssler's Spanish-style "Cachucha" dress made of pastel pink satin and black lace. This contrasted with Marie Taglioni's white tulle outfit, which symbolized purity and elevation through early pointe shoes. The "classic" tutu—stiff, layered tulle attached to a tight corset—was developed as ballet evolved into the late 19th century. A standout feature was the work of iconic designer Barbara Karinska. Her stunning pieces, especially those made for Balanchine's ballet *Jewels*, were praised for blending beauty with movement. Unlike couture, which focuses on intricate details, the exhibit emphasized that dance clothes need to allow full movement, be safe, and look great from afar. Items like tights, leotards, wrap sweaters, and jersey skirts have transitioned from rehearsal spaces to everyday fashion because of

dancewear's impact. Martha Graham illustrated how fabric can extend the moving body through her innovative use of stretch jersey. Footwear played a crucial role in the evolution of ballet. Pointe shoes—ranging from early embroidered versions to Pavlova's squared box and Capezio's suede-tipped designs—enabled dancers to rise and balance on their toes. However, these shoes are physically demanding and often need to be replaced nightly. Ballet originated as a performance dance during the Italian Renaissance in the 15th century. It later transformed into a highly technical concert dance style in France and Russia. Ballet has its own unique vocabulary, a global reach, and serves as a foundation for many modern dance styles. Despite its graceful appearance, ballet requires great strength, balance, flexibility, and precise technique. Some fundamental movements include arabesques, pirouettes, and pliés. Well-known ballets include Romeo and Juliet, The Nutcracker, and Swan Lake. Ballet started as entertainment in royal courts, particularly during significant rituals and weddings. In the 16th century, Catherine de Medici helped popularize dance in the French court. Eventually, King Louis XIV made ballet a professional art form that demanded extensive training.

BALLET COSTUME

Ballet outfits have always changed in style and function. They need to allow full freedom of movement while enhancing the visual impact of dancing. The traditional ballerina look, which includes a tutu and pointe shoes, emerged in the 1830s. Major fashion designers like Christian Dior, Coco Chanel, Elsa Schiaparelli, Paul Poiret, and Simone Rocha have drawn inspiration from the ballet aesthetic.

The tutu is a multilayered skirt attached to a fitted bodice. It creates an impression of lightness and flight. The Romantic tutu, introduced by Marie Taglioni, reached mid-calf. However, by the late 19th century, it became shorter to show the full leg, setting the standard for classical ballet. Costumes have changed significantly over time:

- I. 17th century: dancers wore heavy court-style clothing, heeled shoes, masks, and wigs.
- II. 18th century: dancers like Marie Camargo shortened skirts and introduced soft slippers; Marie Sallé simplified costumes and removed masks.
- III. Late 18th to early 19th century: tights were invented, pointe shoes appeared, and lighter Grecian-style costumes were adopted.

OBJECTIVE

The presentence study on “Interrelationship of ballet dance and its costume” istaken up with the following objectives.

- I. To investigate the evolution of ballet dance costumes from its origin till date.
- II. To explore the interrelationship of ballet dance and its fashionable outfits.
- III. To analyse how ballet dance influence contemporary fashion.

METHODOLOGY

The purpose of this study is to identify the interrelationship between ballet dance and its costume. This chapter explains the research design, population and sample, sampling method, participants, data collection procedures, and data analysis techniques used to address the research questions.

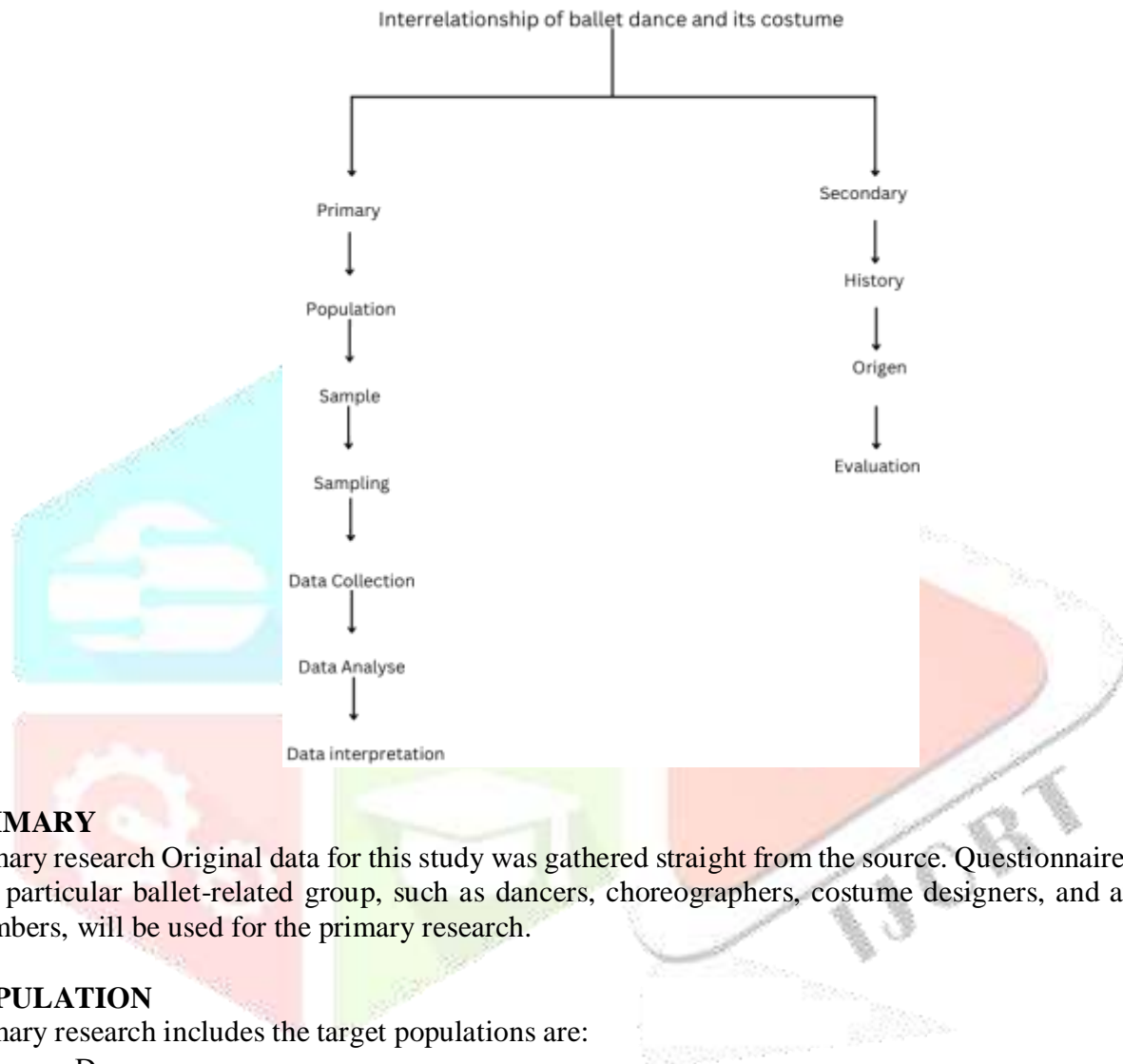
A mixed-methods approach was adopted to investigate the connection between ballet dance and costume:

- I. Qualitative methods included interviews with dancer groups and ethnographic observations, enabling an in-depth understanding of dancers' perspectives and experiences related to their costumes.
- II. Quantitative methods used descriptive statistics to summarize survey responses and inferential statistics to explore the relationship between ballet dance and costume. This approach provided statistical backing for the qualitative findings.

Purposive sampling was used to choose participants, concentrating on dancers with a lot of ballet expertise to guarantee pertinent and significant insights.

Data gathering procedures comprised:

- Interviews
- Surveys



PRIMARY

Primary research Original data for this study was gathered straight from the source. Questionnaires aimed at a particular ballet-related group, such as dancers, choreographers, costume designers, and audience members, will be used for the primary research.

POPULATION

Primary research includes the target populations are:

- Dancers
- Choreographers
- Costume Designers
- Common People
- Regular Audience Members

SAMPLE

A representative sample will be drawn from the target population. The sample size will be determined based on the population size and the required confidence level to ensure statistical significance. Stratified random sampling will be used to ensure representation from each subgroup (dancers, choreographers, designers, audience).

SAMPLING

Stratified sampling will be employed to categorize respondents into distinct groups such as professional dancers, costume designers, and fashion enthusiasts. This method ensures that all relevant subgroups are adequately represented in the sample.

DATA COLLECTION

Data is collected by explore the interrelationship of ballet dance and its fashionable outfits, And to analyse how ballet dance influence contemporary fashion. This questionnaires distributed to the sample population. This questionnaires include multiple-choice questions to capture quantitative data. Thus, the presentence study on “Interrelationship of ballet dance and its costume” is taken up with the following questionnaires.

1. Questionnaires: To explore the interrelationship of ballet dance and itsfashionable outfits.

Which of the following elements do you believe contribute most to the aesthetic appeal of balletdance?

- a) Choreography
- b) Music
- c) Costumes
- d) Lighting effects

How important do you think ballet costumes are in enhancing the overall performance?

- a) Essential
- b) Somewhat important
- c) Neutral
- d) Not important

In your opinion, how much influence do ballet costumes have on the audience's perception of a performance?

- a) Significant influence
- b) Moderate influence
- c) Minor influence
- d) No influence

What role do you think the evolution of ballet costumes has played in the development ofballet as an art form?

- a) Revolutionary
- b) Significant
- c) Minimal
- d) No impact

How do you perceive the relationship between ballet dance movements and the design ofballet costumes?

- a) Perfectly complementary
- b) Sometimes complementary
- c) Neutral
- d) They clash

Which aspect of ballet costumes do you find most captivating during a performance?

- a) Colors
- b) Fabrics/textures
- c) Silhouette/design
- d) Accessories

How often do you notice the details of ballet costumes during a performance?

- a) Always
- b) Often
- c) Sometimes
- d) Rarely

How do you think ballet costumes have evolved over the decades in terms of functionalityand practicality for dancers?

- a) Improved significantly
- b) Improved somewhat
- c) Stayed the same

d) Declined in quality

Which era of ballet costumes do you find most inspiring or influential?

- a) Classical (19th century)
- b) Romantic (early 19th century)
- c) Modern (20th century)
- d) Contemporary (21st century)

How do you perceive the relationship between ballet fashion trends and mainstream fashion trends?

- a) Ballet sets trends in mainstream fashion
- b) Mainstream fashion influences ballet costumes
- c) They are independent of each other
- d) Unsure

What factors do you believe influence the design of modern ballet costumes?

- a) Technological advancements
- b) Cultural influences
- c) Sustainability considerations
- d) All of the above

How do you think the functionality of ballet costumes affects dancers' performances?

- a) Enhances performance
- b) Hinders performance
- c) Neutral effect
- d) No impact

Which ballet costume designer do you think has had the most significant impact on the evolution of ballet fashion?

- a) Coco Chanel
- b) Christian Lacroix
- c) William Ivey Long
- d) Yves Saint Laurent

In your opinion, how has the color palette of ballet costumes evolved over time?

- a) More diverse and experimental
- b) More subdued and traditional
- c) Neutral
- d) No

How do you think the evolution of gender roles in society has influenced the design of ballet costumes?

- a) More gender-neutral designs
- b) Traditional gender-specific designs
- c) No influence
- d) Unsure

Which aspect of ballet costume design do you find most challenging or interesting?

- a) Balancing aesthetics with functionality
- b) Historical accuracy
- c) Adapting to dancer's movements
- d) Incorporating modern trends

How do you think the portrayal of characters through ballet costumes enhances storytelling in performances?

- a) Significantly enhances
- b) Moderately enhances
- c) Minimally enhances
- d) No enhancement

What impact do you think the availability of modern materials has had on the design and construction of ballet costumes?

- a) More innovative designs
- b) No significant impact
- c) Limited creativity
- d) Unsure

How do you perceive the influence of cultural diversity on the design of ballet costumes?

- a) Strong influence
- b) Moderate influence
- c) Minimal influence
- d) No influence

How do you think ballet costumes contribute to the identity and branding of ballet companies?

- a) Essential part of identity
- b) Somewhat important
- c) Neutral
- d) Not important

What impact do you think the fashion industry has had on the design of ballet costumes?

- a) Significant influence
- b) Minimal influence
- c) No influence
- d) Unsure

How do you perceive the interplay between tradition and innovation in the design of ballet costumes?

- a) Perfect balance
- b) More traditional
- c) More innovative
- d) Struggles to find balance

How do you think the evolution of dance techniques has influenced the design of ballet costumes?

- a) More flexible and durable fabrics
- b) More intricate designs
- c) No influence
- d) Unsure

How do you think the practicality of ballet costumes affects the ability of dancers to perform complex movements?

- a) Enhances ability
- b) Hinders ability
- c) Neutral
- d) No impact

How do you think the body positivity movement has influenced the design of ballet costumes?

- a) More inclusive sizing and designs
- b) No influence
- c) Limited impact
- d) Unsure

What role do you think sustainability plays in the design and production of modern ballet costumes?

- a) Essential consideration
- b) Minimal consideration
- c) No consideration
- d) Unsure

How do you perceive the evolution of ballet costumes in reflecting societal changes overtime?

- a) Highly reflective
- b) Somewhat reflective
- c) Neutral
- d) Not reflective

How do you think technological advancements have influenced the functionality and design of ballet costumes?

- a) Significantly improved
- b) Minor improvements
- c) No impact
- d) Unsure

What impact do you think collaborations between fashion designers and ballet companies have on the design of costumes?

- a) Innovations in design
- b) No impact
- c) Limited influence
- d) Unsure

How do you think ballet costumes contribute to the emotional impact of a ballet performance?

- a) Enhances emotional connection
- b) Neutral effect
- c) Minimal impact
- d) Unsure

Questionnaires: To analyse how ballet dance influence contemporary fashion.

Which ballet-inspired element is most noticeable in contemporary fashion trends?

- a. Tutu skirts
- b. Ballet flats
- c. Leotards
- d. Tulle

How does ballet influence the choice of colors in contemporary fashion?

- a. Soft pastels
- b. Bright neon
- c. Monochrome
- d. Earth tones

Which ballet-related garment has made a comeback in modern fashion?

- a. Leg warmers
- b. Corsets
- c. Bodysuits
- d. Waistcoats

Which designer is known for integrating ballet themes into their collections?

- a. Alexander McQueen
- b. Vera Wang
- c. Christian Dior
- d. Valentino

How does ballet influence the choice of fabrics in contemporary fashion?

- a. Silk and satin
- b. Denim and leather
- c. Mesh and lace
- d. Velvet and tweed

Which ballet-inspired accessory has gained popularity in modern fashion?

- a. Ballet shoe earring
- b. Ballet bun hair ties
- c. Ballet wrap scarves
- d. Ballet ribbon chokers

Which aspect of ballet technique has inspired detailing in contemporary clothing?

- a. Pirouettes (spins)
- b. Plies (bends)
- c. Arabesques (poses)
- d. Jetes

How does ballet influence the silhouette of contemporary fashion garments?

- a. Flowing and ethereal
- b. Structured and tailored
- c. Loose and oversized
- d. Fitted and streamlined

Which ballet-related trend has recently emerged in mainstream fashion?

- a. Ballet-inspired layering
- b. Tutu skirts as evening wear
- c. Ballet shoe boots
- d. Corsets with ribbon ties

Which celebrity is known for promoting ballet-inspired fashion?

- a. Taylor Swift
- b. Rihanna
- c. Zendaya
- d. Emma Watson

In what way does ballet influence the use of textures in contemporary fashion?

- a. Smooth and sleek
- b. Ruffled and layered
- c. Embellished and textured
- d. Minimalist and plain

How does ballet influence the overall aesthetic of contemporary fashion brands?

- a. Romantic and dreamy
- b. Bold and futuristic
- c. Vintage and classic
- d. Minimalist and modern

Which ballet garment has become a staple in everyday fashion?

- a. Ballet flats
- b. Leotards as tops
- c. Ballet-inspired skirts
- d. Tights as leggings

Which era in ballet history has had the most significant impact on contemporary fashion?

- a. Romantic era
- b. Classical era
- c. Neo-Classical era
- d. Contemporary era

How does ballet influence the choice of footwear in contemporary fashion?

- a. Ballet flats
- b. High-heeled pumps
- c. Platform sneakers
- d. Chunky boots

Which ballet-inspired trend has influenced casual wear the most?

- a. Lace-up bodysuits
- b. Sheer skirts
- c. Off-the-shoulder tops
- d. Tulle layering

How does ballet influence the patterns and prints in contemporary fashion?

- a. Floral motifs
- b. Geometric shapes
- c. Animal prints
- d. Abstract designs

Which ballet-related accessory is often paired with evening gowns in modern fashion?

- a. Ballet-inspired gloves
- b. Ballet bun hairpins
- c. Ballet shoe necklaces
- d. Ballet wrap shawls

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- a. Smokey eyes
- b. Dewy complexion
- c. Rosy cheeks
- d. Winged eyeliner

Which ballet technique has inspired the use of sheer fabrics in contemporary fashion?

- a. Pirouettes (spins)
- b. Plies (bends)
- c. Arabesques (poses)
- d. Jetes (jumps)

How does ballet influence the choice of hairstyles in contemporary fashion?

- e. Ballet buns
- f. Ponytails
- g. Beach waves
- h. Braids

Which ballet-related trend has influenced swimwear designs?

- a. Tulle cover-ups
- b. Ballet wrap swimsuits
- c. Ballet shoe sandals
- d. Ribbon ties

How does ballet influence the layering techniques in contemporary fashion?

- a. Cascading layers
- b. Minimalist layering
- c. Structured layering
- d. Ruffled layering

Which ballet-inspired theme has been incorporated into wedding dress designs?

- a. Ballerina skirts
- b. Ballet shoe embroidery
- c. Ribbon details
- d. Tulle veils

How does ballet influence the sleeve styles in contemporary fashion?

- a. Puffed sleeves
- b. Bell sleeves
- c. Cap sleeves
- d. Sleeveless

Which ballet accessory has become a fashion statement in streetwear?

- a. Ballet shoe keychains
- b. Ballet-inspired backpacks
- c. Ballet wrap belts
- d. Ballet-themed patches

How does ballet influence the waistline details in contemporary fashion?

- a. Corset-inspired lacing
- b. High-waisted silhouettes
- c. Cinched waist belts
- d. Dropped waistlines

Which ballet-inspired trend has influenced children's fashion?

- a. Tutu skirts
- b. Ballet shoe socks
- c. Ballet-inspired dresses
- d. Tulle hair accessories

How does ballet influence the use of metallics in contemporary fashion?

- a. Metallic tutu skirts
- b. Ballet shoe metallic finishes
- c. Shimmering leotards
- d. Sparkling tulle overlays

DATA ANALYSIS

To find trends and connections between ballet dance and its clothes, statistical techniques were applied. The relationship between movement and costume design, as well as the impact of ballet aesthetics on modern fashion, were the main topics of analysis.

SECONDARY RESEARCH

Secondary research investigated existing literature, historical records, and scholarly studies on the connection between ballet and costume to determine how costume effects performance and dancer expression.

HISTORY

Ballet started in the Italian Renaissance courts of the 15th century as part of elaborate festivals. In the 16th century, Catherine de Medici brought ballet to the French court, turning it into an art integrating dance, clothing, music, and poetry. Early costumes were heavy and confining, inhibiting movement. During the reign of Louis XIV, ballet was formalized, professionalized, and transformed from court amusement to staged performance. By 1661, the first dancing academy established in Paris, and ballet vocabulary was standardized in French. Jean-Georges Noverre later championed expressive storytelling through ballet, setting the framework for narrative ballet in the 19th century.

By the mid-1800s, Russia became a significant center of ballet, and pointe work and calf-length skirts typified the Romantic era. Through inventive choreography, costumes, and design, Serge Diaghilev's Ballets Russes transformed ballet at the beginning of the 20th century. Ballet arrived in the United States in the 1930s. It was led by artists like George Balanchine, who founded the New York City Ballet, and Adolph Bolm, who established the San Francisco Ballet School.

ORIGIN

Ballet started in the Italian Renaissance courts during the 15th century. It was part of grand celebrations that mixed music, dance, and spectacle. In the 16th century, Catherine de Medici introduced and funded ballet in the French court. This led to the creation of ballet de cour, which combined dance, costumes, decor, songs, and poetry. In the 17th century, King Louis XIV made ballet very popular and formalized it. A dedicated dance academy opened in Paris in 1661. By 1681, ballet moved from court entertainment to stage performance. French ballet master Jean-Georges Noverre later promoted expressive, narrative-focused ballet, setting the stage for the storytelling ballets of the 19th century.

EVOLUTION

The term ballet first appeared in Renaissance Italy. Dance master Domenico da Piacenza combined different dances into a single staged work. Early ballet was performed for royalty by professional dance masters. It included dramatic elements, elaborate staging, and spectacle. Over time, this court entertainment developed into a polished art form that people around the world enjoy and celebrate.

DEVELOPMENT OF BALLET

Although ballet originated in Italy, its first significant production, The Queen's Comedy Ballet (1581), was produced in France under Catherine de Medici. Ballet then transitioned from court entertainment to the professional theater, where it was incorporated into dramatic and operatic productions.

MID-17TH TO 18TH CENTURY

Ballet flourished substantially during the reign of Louis XIV, who danced in shows himself and founded the Royal Academy of Dance in 1661. Pierre Beauchamp later established the five basic poses of classical ballet. During this era, dance transitioned from amateur court participation to professional performance. Early costumes and masks inhibited mobility, but French reformer Jean-Georges Noverre eventually introduced lighter garments and abolished masks, making ballet more expressive and technically difficult. By the late 18th century, ballet broke from opera and became an own art form.

ROMANTIC ERA (LATE 18TH – EARLY 19TH CENTURY)

By making the dancer the main character, romanticism revolutionized ballet. Marie Taglioni introduced pointe technique and the ethereal picture of a light, other-worldly dancer. Female ballet gained prominence, overshadowing male involvement. Russia became the new hub of classical dance, notwithstanding the later demise of Romantic ballet in Paris.

RISE OF RUSSIAN BALLET

In 1738, the first Russian ballet school was established. Ballet formed part of court etiquette, and subsequently evolved into a professional art under foreign masters like Charles Didelot. Tchaikovsky revolutionized ballet music with Swan Lake (1877), transforming music from background accompaniment into an emotional driving force.

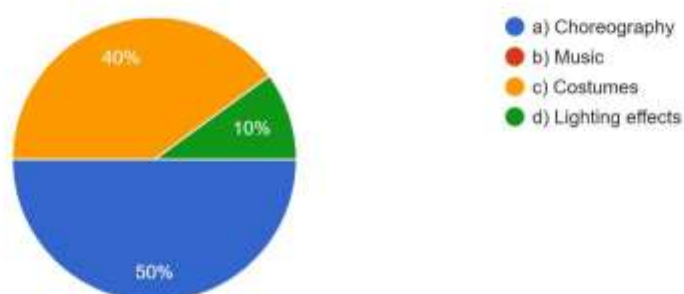
20TH CENTURY AND MODERN BALLET

Through pieces like The Firebird, Petrushka, and The Rite of Spring, Serge Diaghilev and the Ballets Russes popularized Russian dancers and culture while modernizing ballet throughout the world. Stars like Anna Pavlova became well-known throughout the world. George Balanchine later formed the New York City dance and pioneered neoclassical dance, focusing on music and pure movement rather than narrative.

RESULT AND DISCUSSION:

1. Questionnaires: To explore the interrelationship of ballet dance and its fashionable outfits.

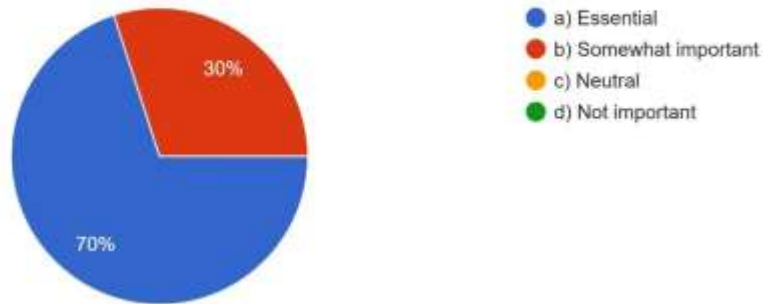
Which of the following elements do you believe contribute most to the aesthetic appeal of ballet dance?
10 responses



According to the pie chart, 50% of respondents think choreography is the most important factor in ballet dance's aesthetic appeal, followed by music (40%), costumes (10%), and lighting effects (0%).

How important do you think ballet costumes are in enhancing the overall performance?

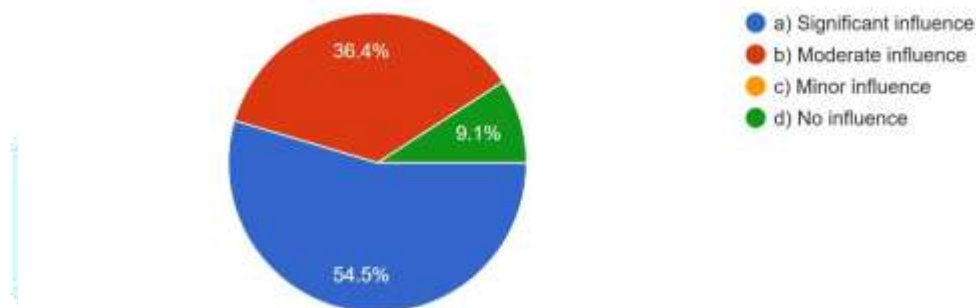
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70% of respondents say ballet clothes are critical in boosting the whole performance, while 30% consider them important.

In your opinion, how much influence do ballet costumes have on the audience's perception of a performance?

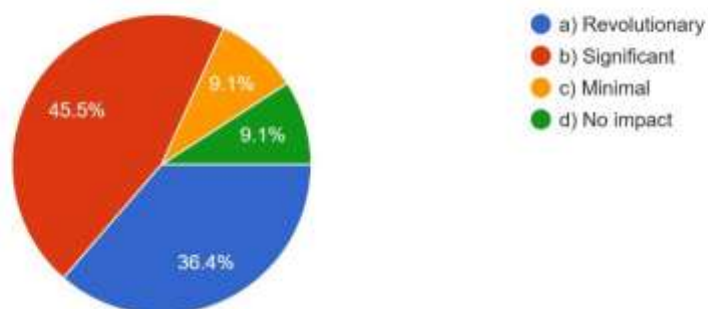
11 responses



Sixty percent of respondents believe ballet costumes have a significant influence on the audience's perception of a performance, while 30% believe they have a moderate influence and 10% believe they have a minor influence.

What role do you think the evolution of ballet costumes has played in the development of ballet as an art form?

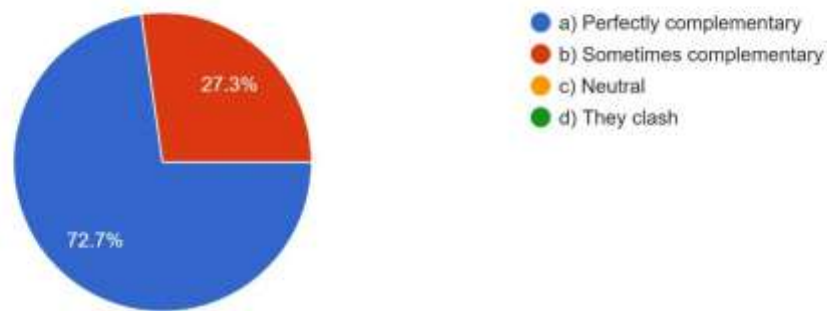
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Forty percent of respondents believe the evolution of ballet costumes has had a significant impact on the development of ballet as an art form, while another forty percent believe it was revolutionary, with the remaining twenty percent considering its impact minimal or non-existent.

How do you perceive the relationship between ballet dance movements and the design of ballet costumes?

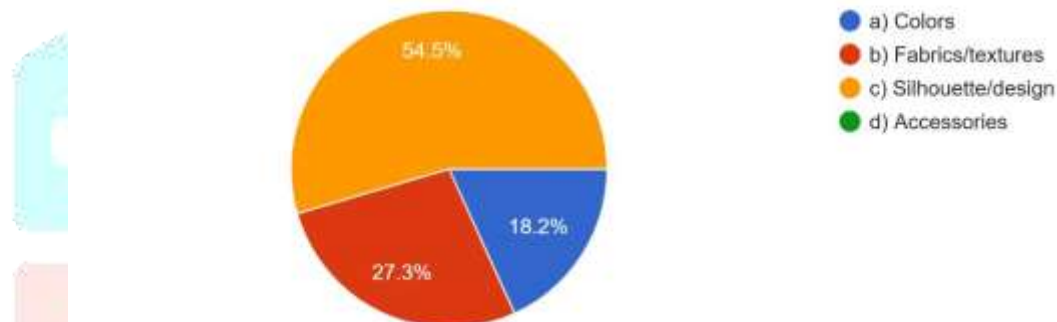
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Seventy-two percent of respondents perceive the relationship between ballet dance movements and the design of ballet costumes as perfectly complementary, while 30% perceive them as sometimes complementary.

Which aspect of ballet costumes do you find most captivating during a performance?

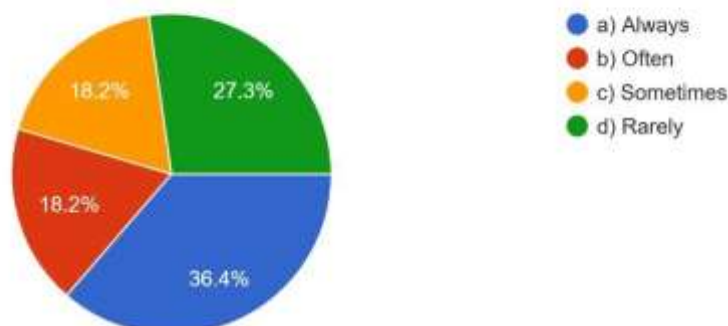
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Based on the pie chart, 54.5% of respondents find the colors of ballet costumes most captivating during a performance, followed by fabrics/textures at 27.3%, silhouette/design at 18.2%, and accessories at 9%.

How often do you notice the details of ballet costumes during a performance?

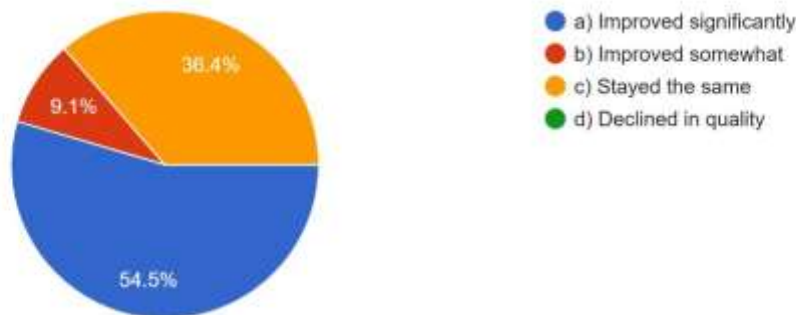
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Based on the pie chart, 36.4% of respondents always notice the details of ballet costumes during a performance, followed by 27.3% who often notice them, 18.2% who sometimes notice them, and 18.2% who rarely notice them.

How do you think ballet costumes have evolved over the decades in terms of functionality and practicality for dancers?

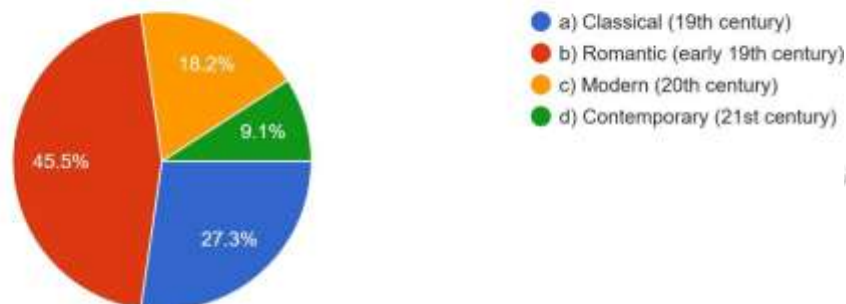
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Based on the pie chart, 54.5% of respondents believe that ballet costumes have improved significantly in terms of functionality and practicality for dancers, while 36.4% believe they have improved somewhat. 9.1% think they have stayed the same, and no one believes they have declined in quality.

Which era of ballet costumes do you find most inspiring or influential?

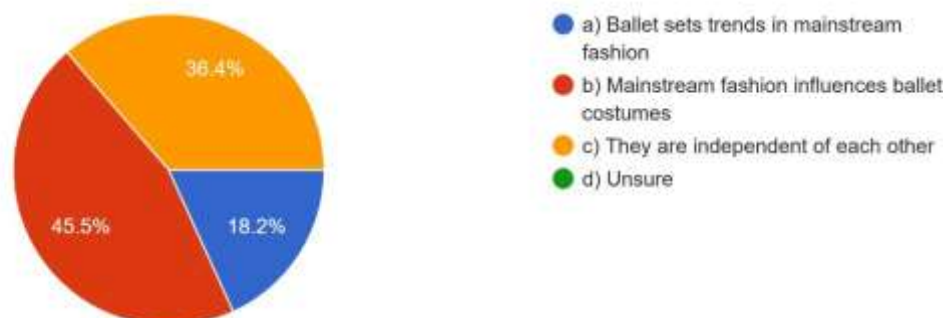
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According to the pie chart, 45.5% of respondents said that 21st-century ballet costumes were the most inspiring or influential, followed by 19th-century classical costumes (27.3%), early-19th-century romantic clothes (18.2%), and modern costumes (20th century) (9.1%).

How do you perceive the relationship between ballet fashion trends and mainstream fashion trends?

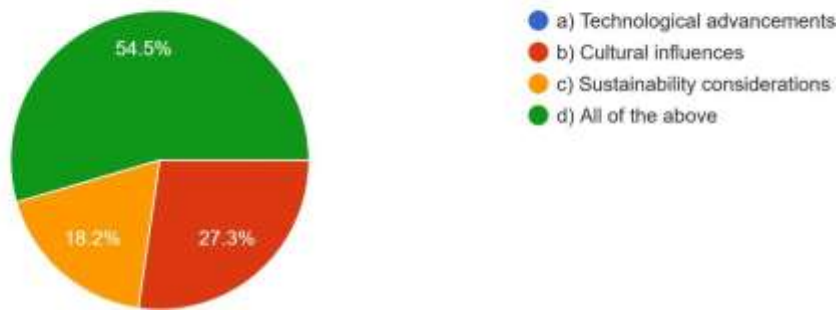
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According to the pie chart, 36.4% of respondents say ballet establishes trends in mainstream fashion, while 45.5% of respondents think mainstream fashion impacts ballet costumes. 18.2% believe they are independent of each other, and 0% are unclear.

What factors do you believe influence the design of modern ballet costumes?

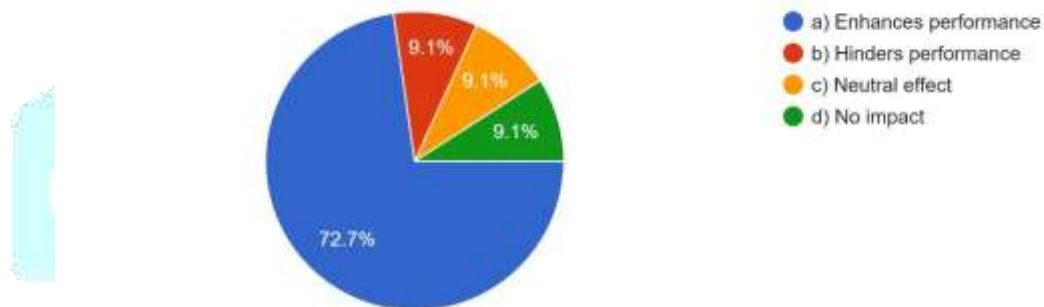
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Based on the pie chart, 54.5% of respondents agree that all of the variables listed (technology improvements, cultural influences, and environmental considerations) influence the design of modern ballet costumes. 27.3% think cultural influences are the most essential aspect, while 18.2% believe technology improvements are the major driver.

How do you think the functionality of ballet costumes affects dancers' performances?

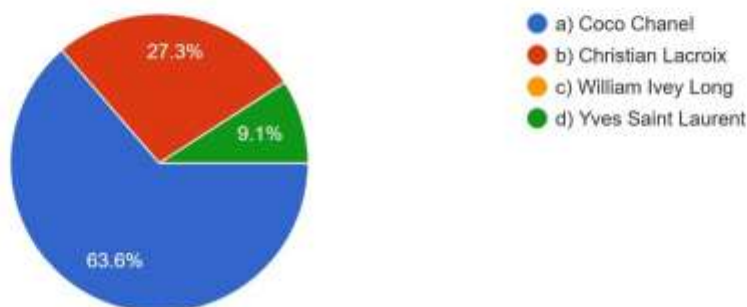
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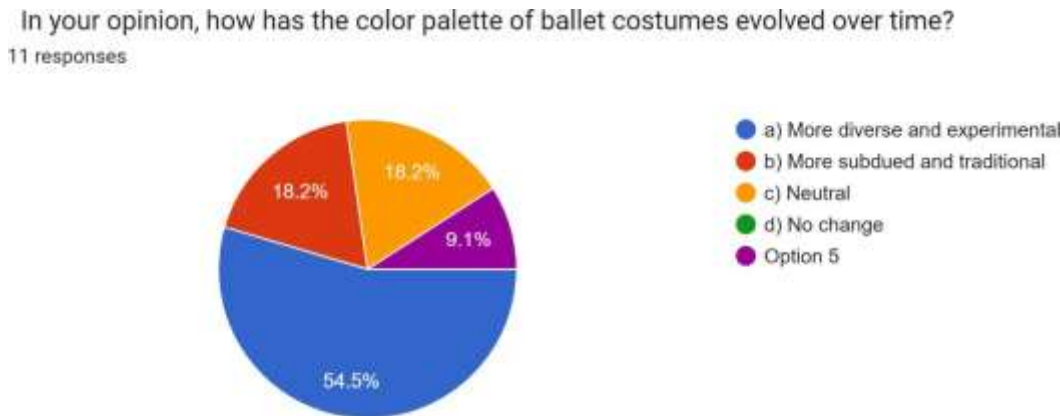
Based on the pie chart, 72.7% of respondents believe that the functioning of ballet clothes helps performance, while 9.1% think it hampers performance. 9.1% believe it has a neutral effect, and 9.1% think it has no impact.

Which ballet costume designer do you think has had the most significant impact on the evolution of ballet fashion?

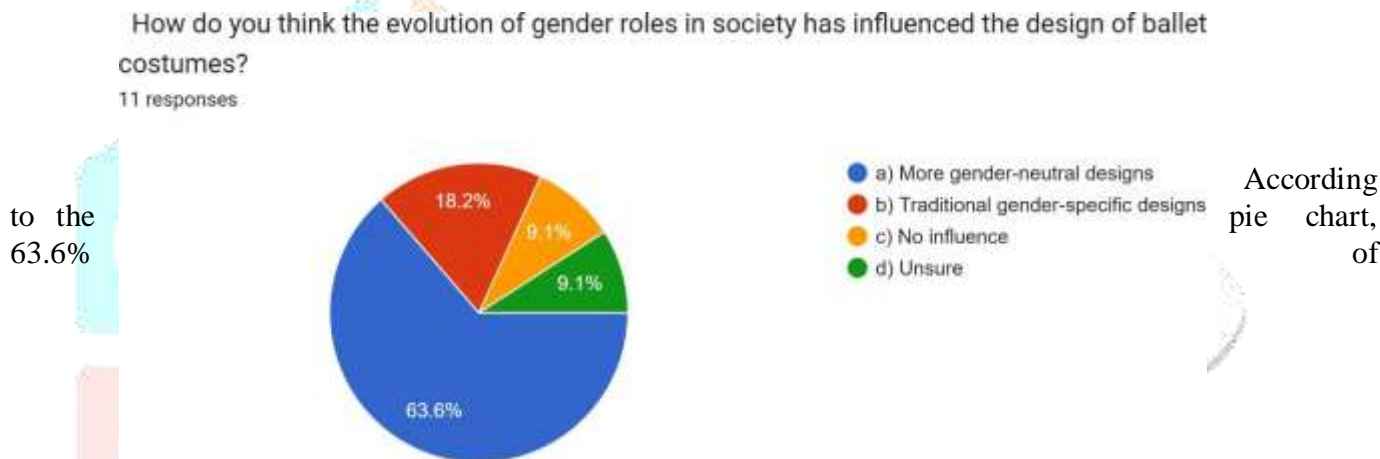
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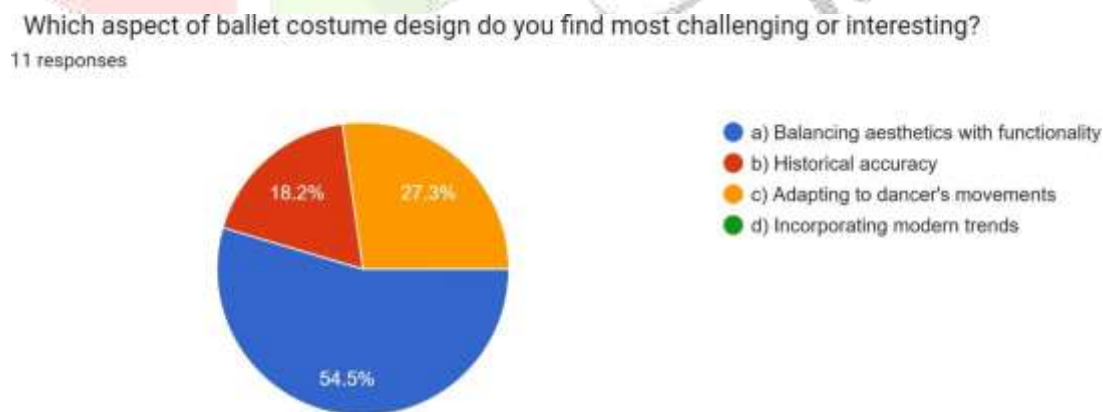
According to the pie chart, 63.6% of respondents think that Coco Chanel had the biggest influence on the development of ballet fashion, with Christian Lacroix coming in second at 27.3%, William Ivey Long at 9.1%, and Yves Saint Laurent at 9.1%.



Based on the pie chart, 54.5% of respondents believe that the color palette of ballet costumes has become more diverse and experimental over time, while 18.2% think it has become more subdued and traditional. 18.2% chose neutral, 9.1% chose no change, and 0% chose Option 5.



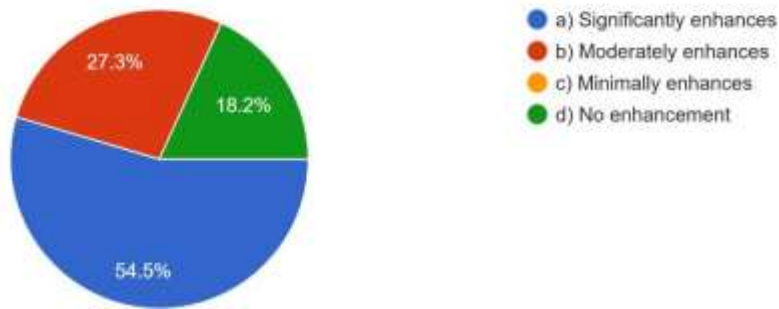
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Balancing aesthetics with functionality is the most challenging or interesting aspect of ballet costume design for 54.5% of respondents, followed by historical accuracy at 27.3%, adapting to dancer's movements at 18.2%, and incorporating modern trends at 0%.

How do you think the portrayal of characters through ballet costumes enhances storytelling in performances?

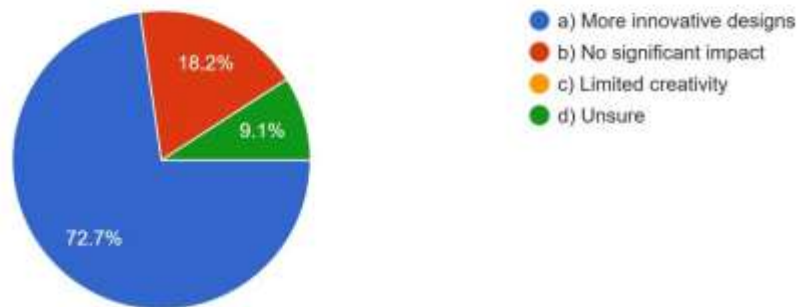
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Based on the pie chart, 54.5% of respondents believe that the portrayal of characters through ballet costumes significantly enhances storytelling in performances, 27.3% believe it moderately enhances storytelling, 18.2% believe it minimally enhances storytelling, and 0% believe it has no enhancement.

What impact do you think the availability of modern materials has had on the design and construction of ballet costumes?

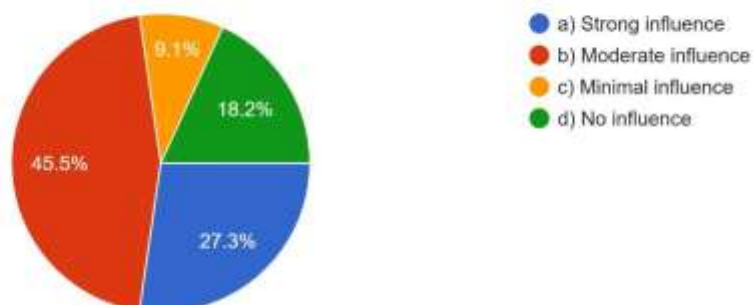
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Based on the pie chart, 72.7% of respondents believe that the availability of modern materials has led to more innovative designs in ballet costumes, while 18.2% think it has had no significant impact. 9.1% believe it has limited creativity, and 9.1% are unsure.

How do you perceive the influence of cultural diversity on the design of ballet costumes?

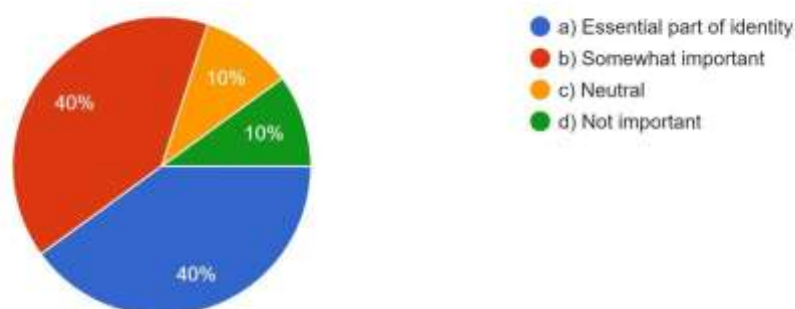
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According to the pie chart, 45.5% of respondents believe that cultural diversity has a significant impact on ballet costume design, followed by 27.3% who believe it has a moderate influence, 18.2% who believe it has a small influence, and 9.1% who believe it has no influence.

How do you think ballet costumes contribute to the identity and branding of ballet companies?

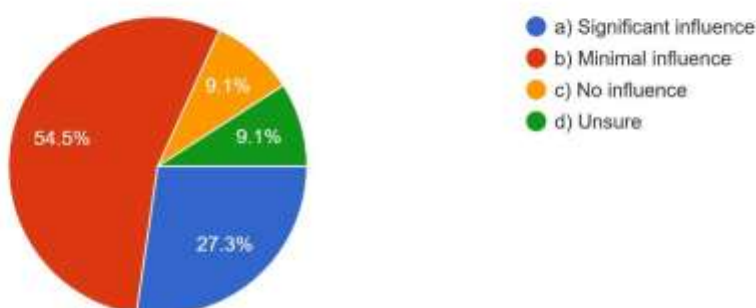
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According to the pie chart, 40% of respondents think ballet costumes are a crucial component of ballet companies' identities and branding, while another 40% think they are only marginally significant. In this regard, 10% of respondents believe costumes are neutral, and 10% believe they are unimportant.

What impact do you think the fashion industry has had on the design of ballet costumes?

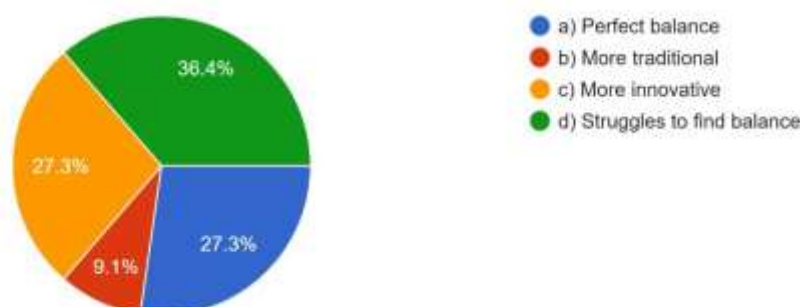
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According to the pie chart, 54.5% of respondents think the fashion business has a big impact on ballet costume design, while 27.3% think it has very little. 9.1% are unsure, and 9.1% think there is no influence.

How do you perceive the interplay between tradition and innovation in the design of ballet costumes?

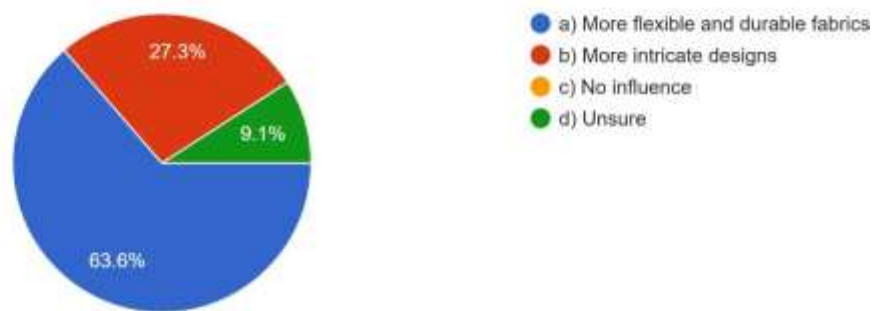
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According to the pie chart, 36.4% of respondents think ballet costume design achieves the right mix of tradition and innovation. Meanwhile, 27.3% believe more traditional elements are essential. Another 27.3% feel that increased innovation is important, and 9.1% believe the industry has a hard time balancing the two.

How do you think the evolution of dance techniques has influenced the design of ballet costumes?

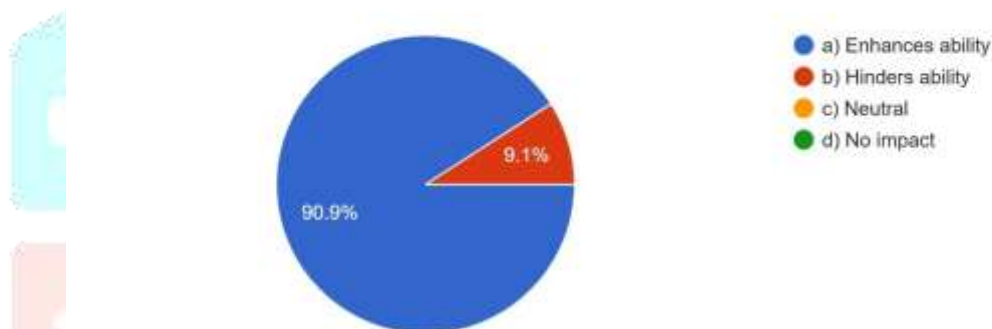
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Based on the pie chart, 63.6% of respondents believe that the growth of dancing methods has led to the use of more flexible and durable fabrics in ballet costumes. Meanwhile, 27.3% think it has resulted in more detailed designs. 9.1% are unsure, and 9.1% feel there is no influence.

How do you think the practicality of ballet costumes affects the ability of dancers to perform complex movements?

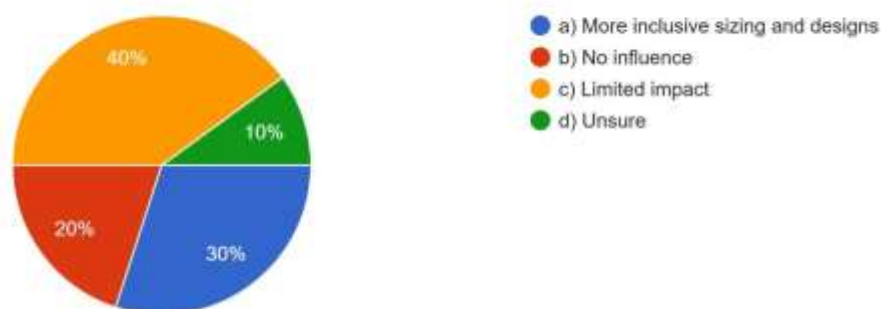
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Based on the pie chart, 90.9% of respondents believe that the practicality of ballet clothes helps the ability of dancers to accomplish difficult moves, while 9.1% believe it hampers their ability.

How do you think the body positivity movement has influenced the design of ballet costumes?

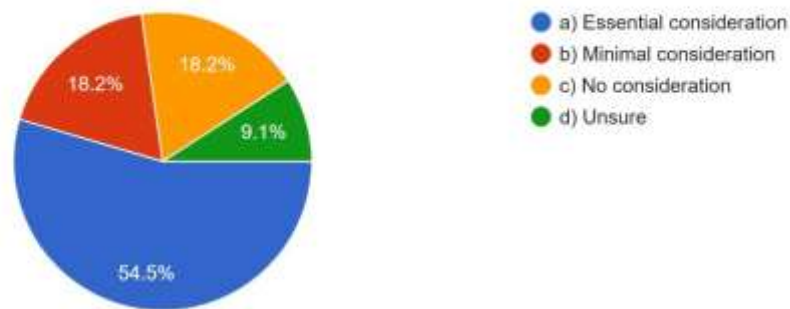
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Based on the pie chart, 40% of respondents believe that the body positivity movement has influenced the design of ballet costumes with more inclusive sizing and designs, while 30% think it has had a limited impact. 20% of respondents think the body positivity movement has no influence, and 10% are unsure.

What role do you think sustainability plays in the design and production of modern ballet costumes?

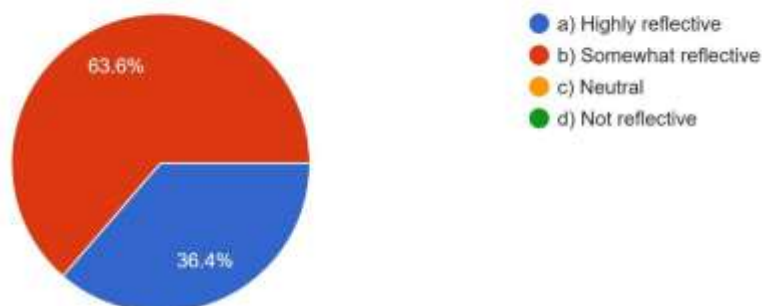
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According to the pie chart, 54.5% of respondents say sustainability is a crucial factor in the creation of contemporary ballet costumes, 18.2% think it is a minor factor, 18.2% think it is not a factor, and 9.1% are undecided.

How do you perceive the evolution of ballet costumes in reflecting societal changes over time?

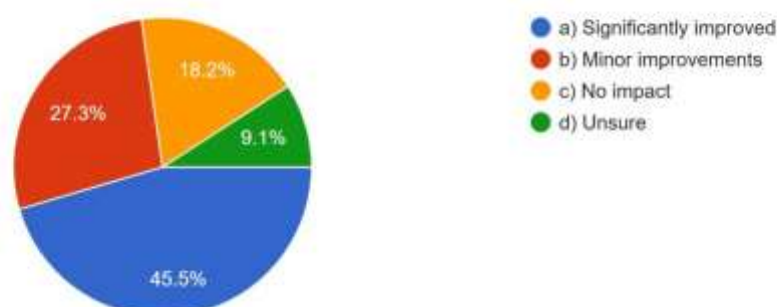
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According to the pie chart, 63.6% of respondents consider the evolution of ballet costumes as extremely reflecting of society changes throughout time, while 36.4% perceive them as somewhat reflective.

How do you think technological advancements have influenced the functionality and design of ballet costumes?

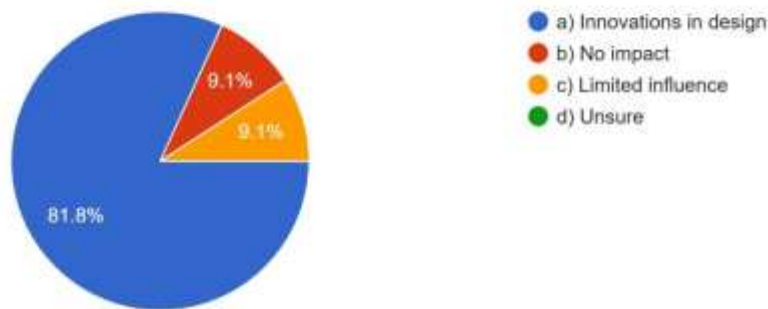
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According to the pie chart, 27.3% of respondents say there have been only slight improvements, while 45.5% of respondents think that technical innovations have greatly improved the utility and design of ballet costumes. Furthermore, 9.1% are unsure and 18.2% think there has been no effect.

What impact do you think collaborations between fashion designers and ballet companies have on the design of costumes?

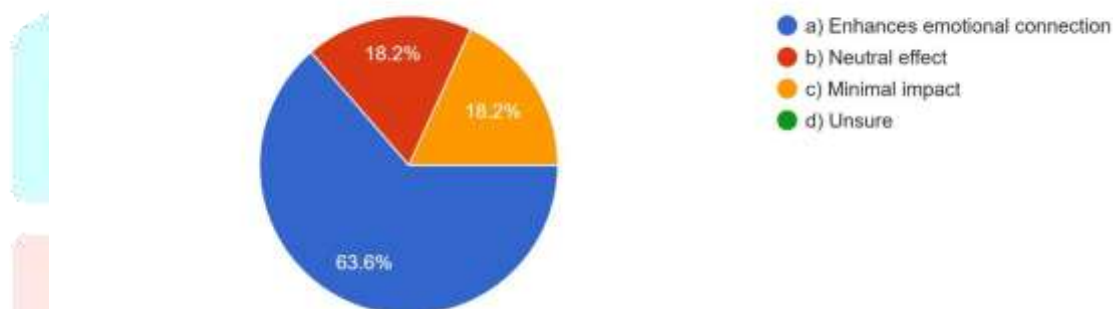
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Based on the pie chart, 81.8% of respondents agree that cooperation between fashion designers and ballet companies have a substantial beneficial impact on the creation of costumes, resulting to advancements in design. 9.1% say there is limited influence, while 9.1% are unsure.

How do you think ballet costumes contribute to the emotional impact of a ballet performance?

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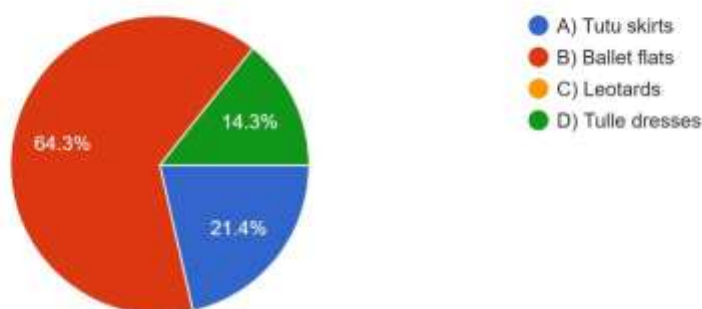


According to the pie chart, 18.2% of respondents think ballet costumes have no influence, while 63.6% think they improve the emotional connection with the performance. Additionally, 18.2% say costumes have a minor impact on the emotional impact.

Overall, the poll results clearly show that ballet costumes are an important part of ballet performance. Respondents believe costumes greatly affect how the audience sees the performance, improve the overall experience, and have developed alongside the art form. There is a strong preference for modern costume designs, influenced by a mix of fashion, technology, and cultural diversity. Balancing looks and functionality presents a challenge, but the field is increasingly focused on sustainability and diversity. Costumes are viewed as essential for storytelling, enhancing dance performances, and reflecting changes in society.

Which ballet-inspired element is most noticeable in contemporary fashion trends?

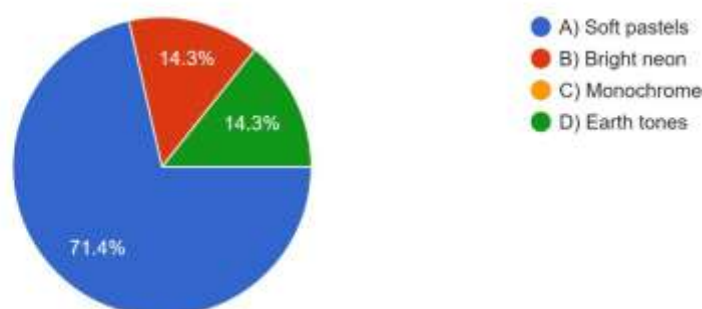
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According to the pie chart, 64.3% of respondents think that ballet flats are the most obvious example of ballet-inspired design, followed by leotards at 14.3% and tulle gowns at 21.4%. Only 14.3% of respondents selected tutu skirts, which garnered the fewest votes. This shows that ballerina flats are the most popular ballet-inspired fashion trend among the respondents.

How does ballet influence the choice of colors in contemporary fashion?

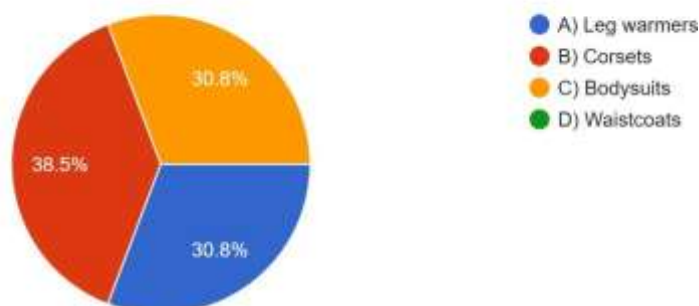
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Based on the pie chart, 71.4% of respondents believe that soft pastels are the most influenced by ballet in contemporary fashion, followed by bright neon and earth tones, both at 14.3%, with monochrome receiving the least amount of votes, at 14.3%. This suggests that soft pastels are the most popular ballet-inspired color trend among the respondents.

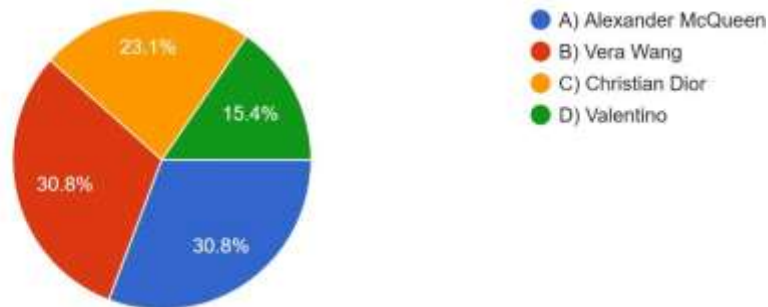
Which ballet-related garment has made a comeback in modern fashion?

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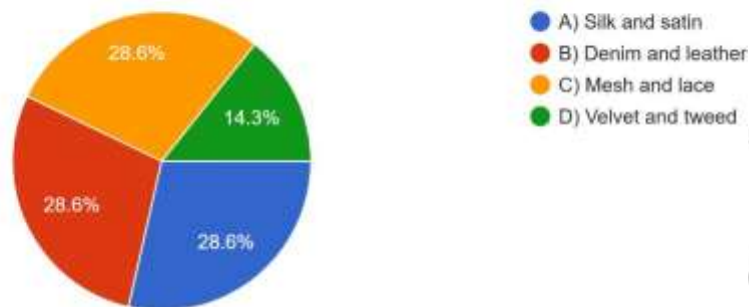
Based on the pie chart, 38.5% of respondents believe that corsets have made a comeback in modern fashion, followed by leg warmers and bodysuits, both at 30.8%, with waistcoats receiving the least amount of votes, at only 30.8%. This suggests that corsets are the most popular ballet-related garment believed to have made a comeback among the respondents.

Which designer is known for integrating ballet themes into their collections?
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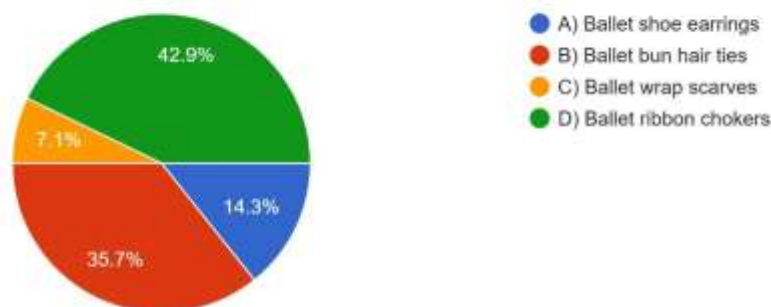
Based on the pie chart, 30.8% of respondents believe that Valentino is known for integrating ballet themes into their collections, followed by Alexander McQueen at 23.1%, Vera Wang at 30.8%, and Christian Dior at 15.4%. This suggests that Valentino and Vera Wang are considered the most likely designers to incorporate ballet themes into their fashion designs by the respondents.

How does ballet influence the choice of fabrics in contemporary fashion?
14 responses



Based on the pie chart, 28.6% of respondents believe that silk and satin are the most influenced by ballet in contemporary fashion, followed by denim and leather at 28.6%, mesh and lace at 14.3%, and velvet and tweed at 28.6%. This suggests that silk and satin and denim and leather are equally popular ballet-inspired fabric trends among the respondents.

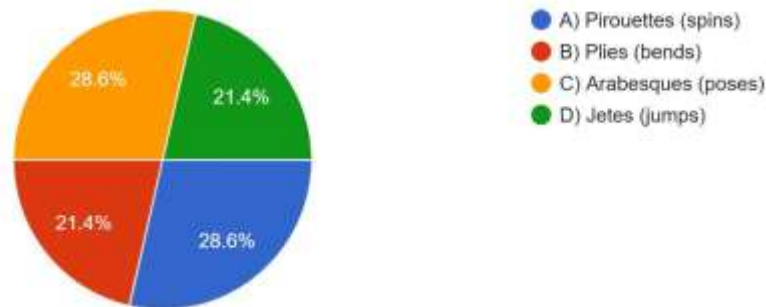
Which ballet-inspired accessory has gained popularity in modern fashion?
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Based on the pie chart, 42.9% of respondents believe that ballet bun hair ties have gained popularity in modern fashion, followed by ballet shoe earrings at 35.7%, ballet ribbon chokers at 14.3%, and ballet wrap scarves at 7.1%. This suggests that ballet bun hair ties are the most popular ballet-inspired accessory among the respondents.

Which aspect of ballet technique has inspired detailing in contemporary clothing?

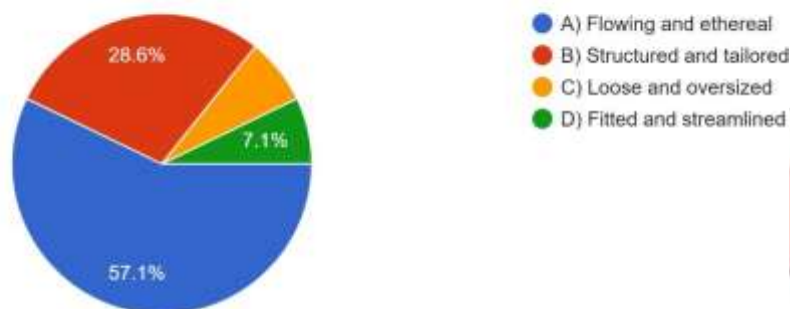
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Based on the pie chart, 28.6% of respondents believe that pirouettes (spins) and jetés (jumps) have inspired detailing in contemporary clothing, followed by pliés (bends) and arabesques (poses), both at 21.4%. This suggests that pirouettes and jetés are equally popular ballet technique aspects believed to have inspired clothing detailing among the respondents.

How does ballet influence the silhouette of contemporary fashion garments?

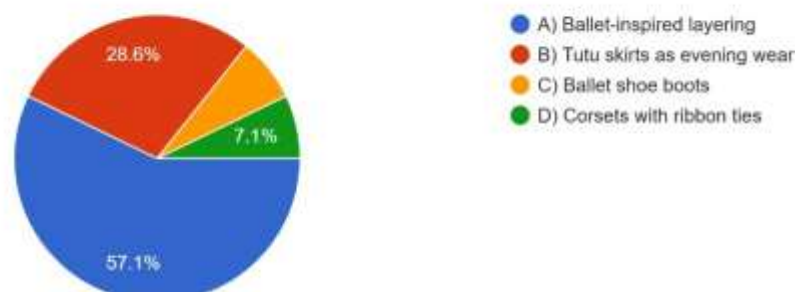
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Based on the pie chart, 57.1% of respondents believe that ballet influences the silhouette of contemporary fashion garments to be flowing and ethereal, followed by structured and tailored at 28.6%, with loose and oversized and fitted and streamlined both at 7.1%. This suggests that flowing and ethereal is the most popular ballet-inspired silhouette trend among the respondents.

Which ballet-related trend has recently emerged in mainstream fashion?

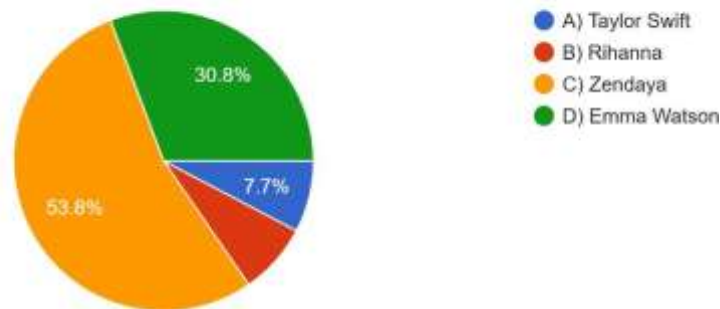
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Based on the pie chart, 57.1% of respondents believe that ballet-inspired layering has recently emerged in mainstream fashion, followed by tutu skirts as evening wear at 28.6%, with ballet shoe boots and corsets with ribbon ties both at 7.1%. This suggests that ballet-inspired layering is the most popular ballet-related trend among the respondents.

Which celebrity is known for promoting ballet-inspired fashion?

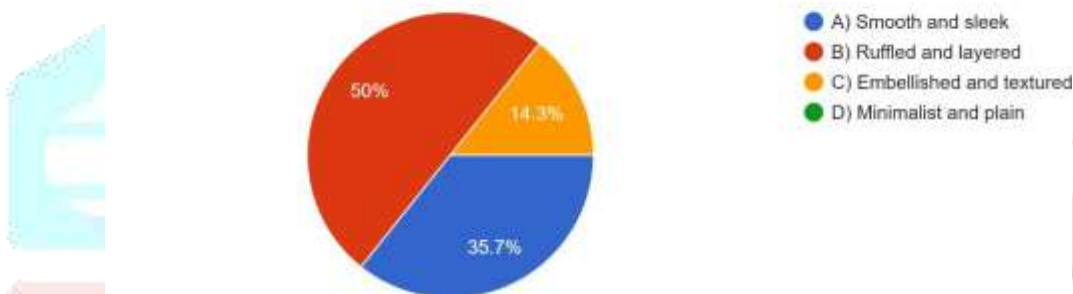
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Based on the pie chart, 53.8% of respondents believe that Zendaya is known for promoting ballet-inspired fashion, followed by Taylor Swift at 30.8%, with Rihanna and Emma Watson both at 7.7%. This suggests that Zendaya is considered the most likely celebrity to promote ballet-inspired fashion among the respondents.

In what way does ballet influence the use of textures in contemporary fashion?

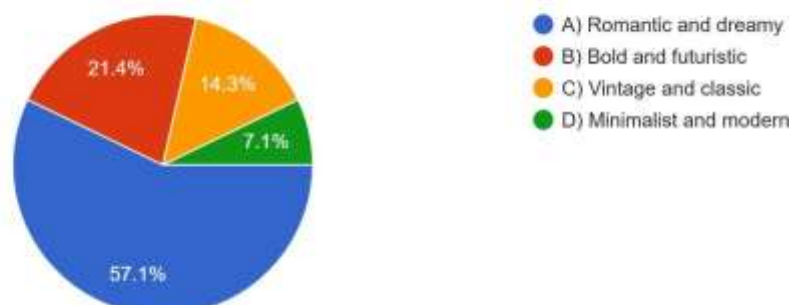
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Based on the pie chart, 50% of respondents believe that ballet influences the use of ruffled and layered textures in contemporary fashion, followed by smooth and sleek at 35.7%, embellished and textured at 14.3%, and minimalist and plain receiving the least amount of votes, at 0%. This suggests that ruffled and layered is the most popular ballet-inspired texture trend among the respondents.

How does ballet influence the overall aesthetic of contemporary fashion brands?

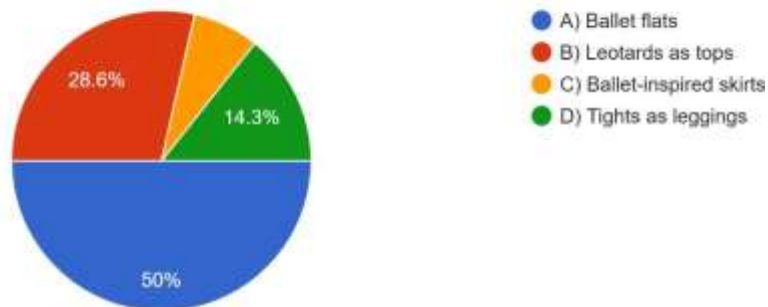
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Based on the pie chart, 57.1% of respondents believe that ballet influences the overall aesthetic of contemporary fashion brands to be romantic and dreamy, followed by bold and futuristic at 21.4%, vintage and classic at 14.3%, and minimalist and modern at 7.1%. This suggests that romantic and dreamy is the most popular ballet-inspired aesthetic trend among the respondents.

Which ballet garment has become a staple in everyday fashion?

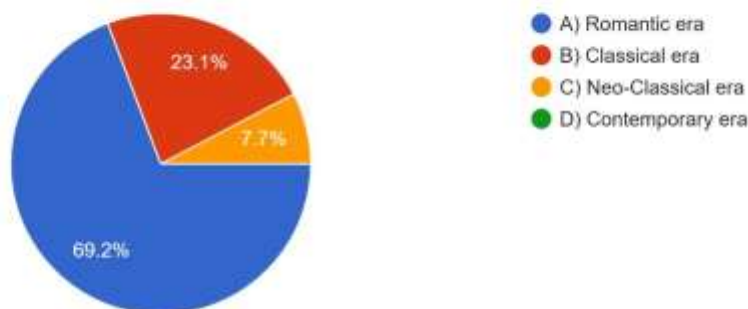
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Based on the pie chart, 50% of respondents believe that ballet flats have become a staple in everyday fashion, followed by ballet-inspired skirts at 28.6%, leotards as tops at 14.3%, and tights as leggings at 7.1%. This suggests that ballet flats are the most popular ballet garment believed to have become a staple in everyday fashion among the respondents.

Which era in ballet history has had the most significant impact on contemporary fashion?

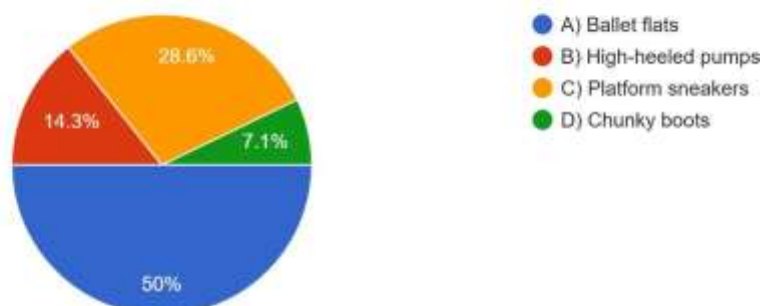
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Based on the pie chart, 69.2% of respondents believe that the Romantic era has had the most significant impact on contemporary fashion, followed by the Classical era at 23.1%, with the Neo-Classical era and the Contemporary era both at 7.7%. This suggests that the Romantic era is considered the most influential era in ballet history on contemporary fashion trends among the respondents.

How does ballet influence the choice of footwear in contemporary fashion?

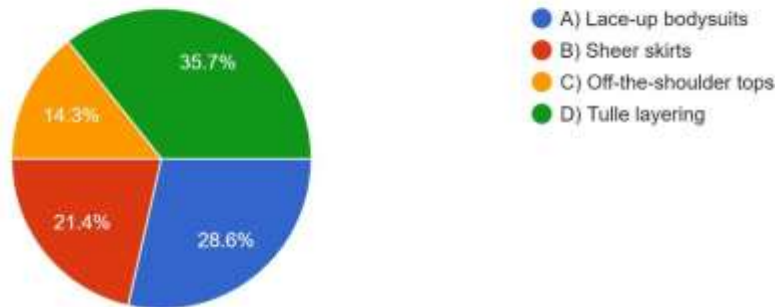
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Based on the pie chart, 50% of respondents believe that ballet flats are influenced by ballet in contemporary fashion, followed by high-heeled pumps at 28.6%, platform sneakers at 14.3%, and chunky boots at 7.1%. This suggests that ballet flats are the most popular ballet-inspired footwear trend among the respondents.

Which ballet-inspired trend has influenced casual wear the most?

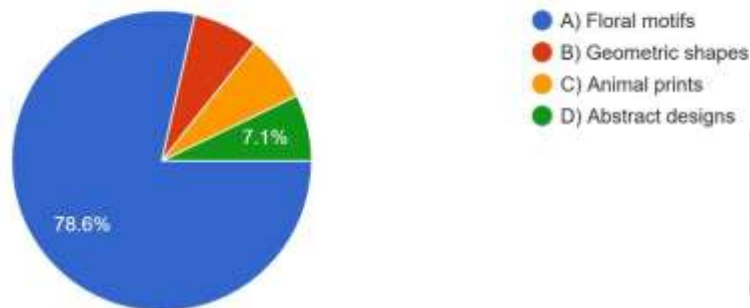
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Based on the pie chart, 35.7% of respondents believe that lace-up bodysuits have influenced casual wear the most, followed by tulle layering at 28.6%, sheer skirts at 21.4%, and off-the-shoulder tops at 14.3%. This suggests that lace-up bodysuits are the most popular ballet-inspired trend among the respondents.

How does ballet influence the patterns and prints in contemporary fashion?

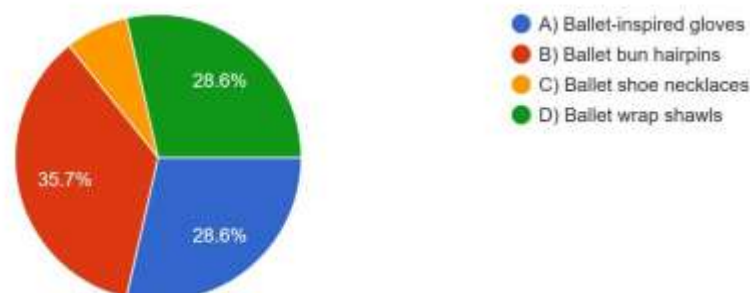
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Based on the pie chart, 78.6% of respondents believe that floral motifs are the most influenced by ballet in contemporary fashion, followed by geometric shapes, animal prints, and abstract designs, all at 7.1%. This suggests that floral motifs are the most popular ballet-inspired pattern trend among the respondents.

Which ballet-related accessory is often paired with evening gowns in modern fashion?

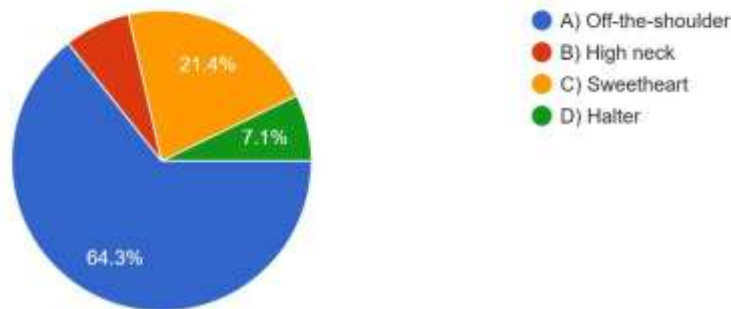
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Based on the pie chart, 35.7% of respondents believe that ballet bun hairpins are often paired with evening gowns in modern fashion, followed by ballet wrap shawls at 28.6%, ballet shoe necklaces at 28.6%, and ballet-inspired gloves at 7.1%. This suggests that ballet bun hairpins are the most popular ballet-related accessory paired with evening gowns among the respondents.

How does ballet influence the neckline designs in contemporary fashion?

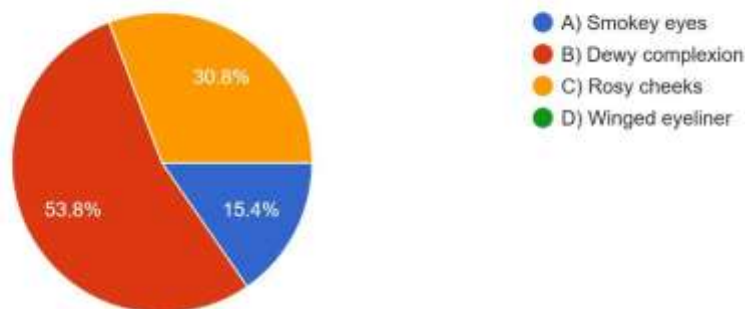
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Based on the pie chart, 64.3% of respondents believe that off-the-shoulder necklines are most influenced by ballet in contemporary fashion, followed by high necklines at 21.4%, with sweetheart and halter necklines both at 7.1%. This suggests that off-the-shoulder necklines are the most popular ballet-inspired neckline trend among the respondents.

Which ballet-inspired makeup trend has become popular in mainstream fashion?

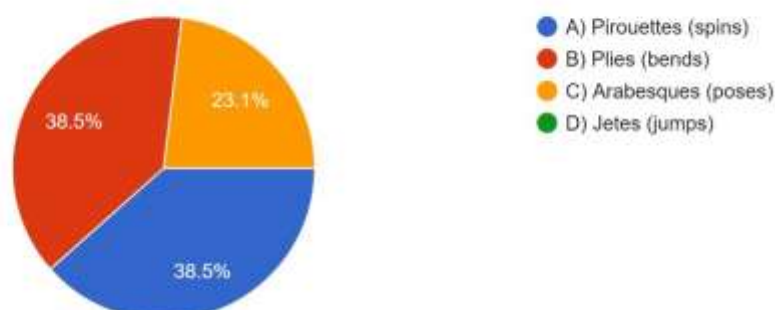
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Based on the pie chart, 53.8% of respondents believe that dewy complexions have become the most popular ballet-inspired makeup trend in mainstream fashion, followed by smokey eyes at 30.8%, rosy cheeks at 15.4%, and winged eyeliner receiving the least votes, at 0%. This suggests that dewy complexions are the most popular ballet-inspired makeup trend among the respondents.

Which ballet technique has inspired the use of sheer fabrics in contemporary fashion?

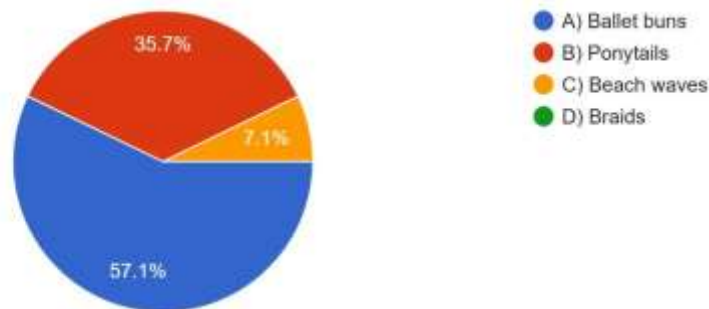
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Based on the pie chart, 38.5% of respondents believe that pirouettes (spins) and jetés (jumps) have inspired the use of sheer fabrics in contemporary fashion, followed by pliés (bends) at 23.1%, with arabesques (poses) receiving the least amount of votes, at 23.1%. This suggests that pirouettes and jetés are equally popular ballet technique aspects believed to have inspired the use of sheer fabrics in contemporary fashion among the respondents.

How does ballet influence the choice of hairstyles in contemporary fashion?

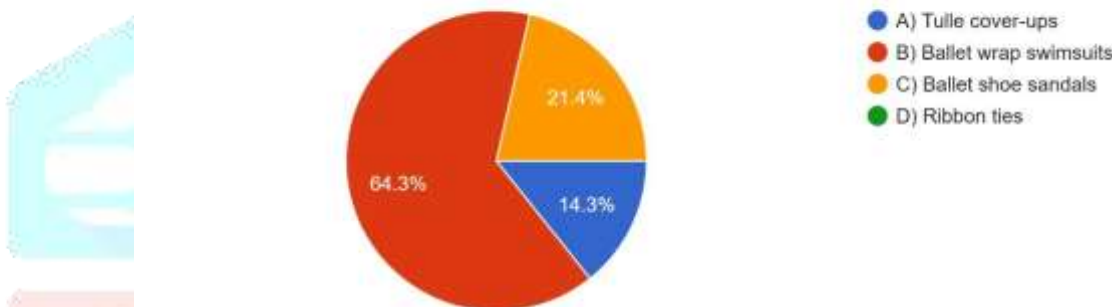
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Based on the pie chart, 57.1% of respondents believe that ballet buns are the most influenced by ballet in contemporary fashion, followed by ponytails at 35.7%, with beach waves and braids both at 7.1%. This suggests that ballet buns are the most popular ballet-inspired hairstyle trend among the respondents.

Which ballet-related trend has influenced swimwear designs?

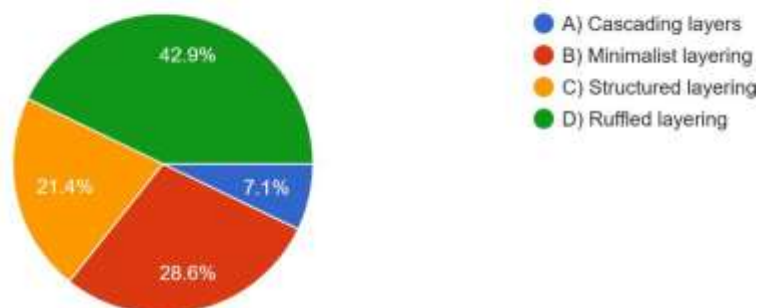
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Based on the pie chart, 64.3% of respondents believe that ribbon ties have influenced swimwear designs, followed by ballet wrap swimsuits at 21.4%, tulle cover-ups at 14.3%, and ballet shoe sandals at 14.3%. This suggests that ribbon ties are the most popular ballet-inspired trend in swimwear among the respondents.

How does ballet influence the layering techniques in contemporary fashion?

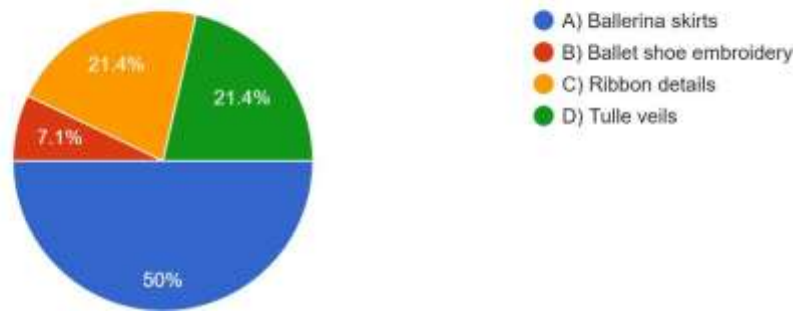
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Based on the pie chart, 42.9% of respondents believe that cascading layers are the most influenced by ballet in contemporary fashion layering techniques, followed by ruffled layering at 28.6%, minimalist layering at 21.4%, and structured layering at 7.1%. This suggests that cascading layers are the most popular ballet-inspired layering technique among the respondents.

Which ballet-inspired theme has been incorporated into wedding dress designs?

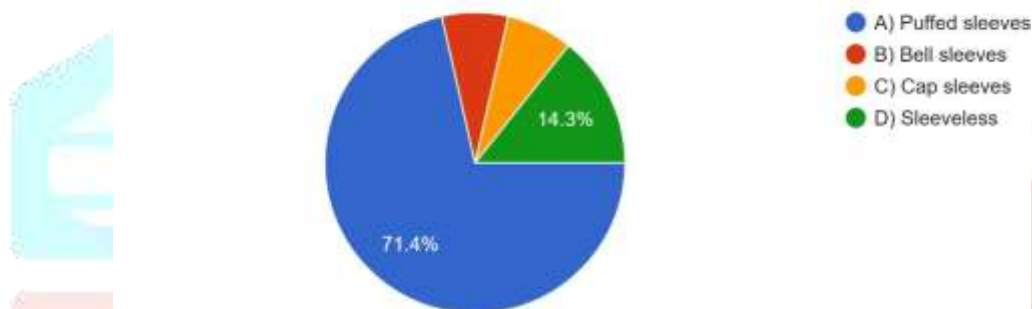
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Based on the pie chart, 50% of respondents believe that ballerina skirts have been incorporated into wedding dress designs, followed by ballet shoe embroidery at 21.4%, with ribbon details and tulle veils both at 21.4%. This suggests that ballerina skirts are the most popular ballet-inspired theme in wedding dress designs among the respondents.

How does ballet influence the sleeve styles in contemporary fashion?

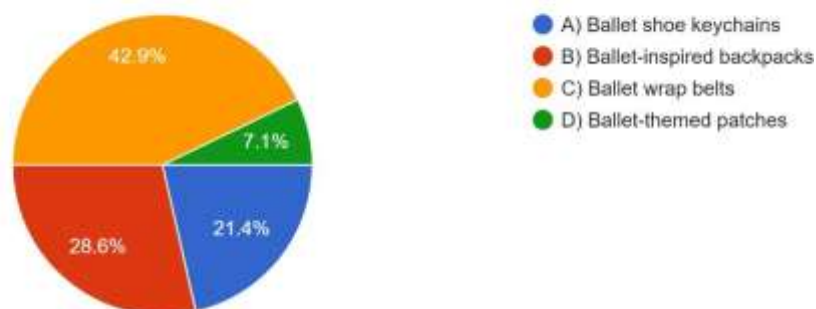
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Based on the pie chart, 71.4% of respondents believe that sleeveless styles are most influenced by ballet in contemporary fashion, followed by cap sleeves at 14.3%, with puffed sleeves and bell sleeves both at 7.1%. This suggests that sleeveless styles are the most popular ballet-inspired sleeve trend among the respondents.

Which ballet accessory has become a fashion statement in streetwear?

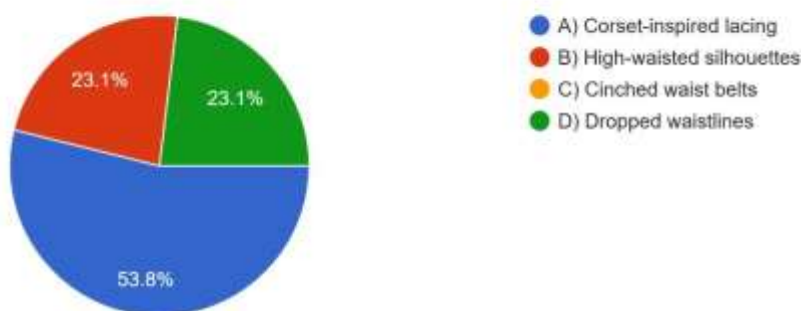
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Based on the pie chart, 42.9% of respondents believe that ballet-inspired backpacks have become a fashion statement in streetwear, followed by ballet shoe keychains at 28.6%, ballet-themed patches at 21.4%, and ballet wrap belts at 7.1%. This suggests that ballet-inspired backpacks are the most popular ballet accessory in streetwear among the respondents.

How does ballet influence the waistline details in contemporary fashion?

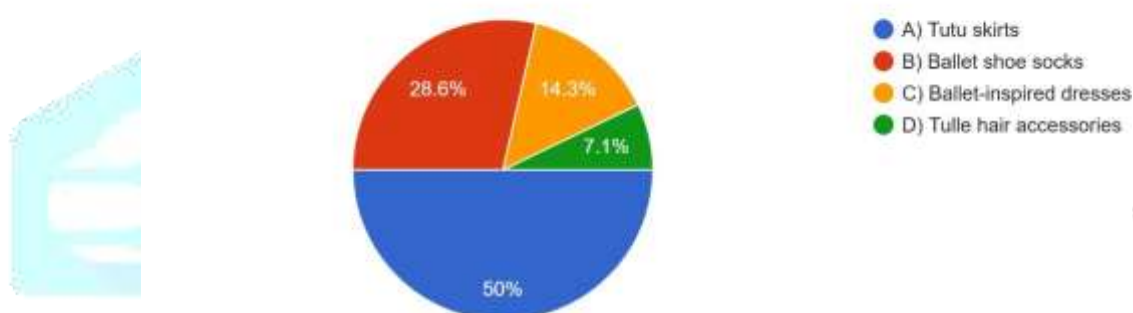
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Based on the pie chart, 53.8% of respondents believe that dropped waistlines are the most influenced by ballet in contemporary fashion, followed by corset-inspired lacing and high-waisted silhouettes, both at 23.1%, with cinched waist belts receiving the least amount of vote at 0%. This suggests that dropped waistlines are the most popular ballet-inspired waistline detail among the respondents.

Which ballet-inspired trend has influenced children's fashion?

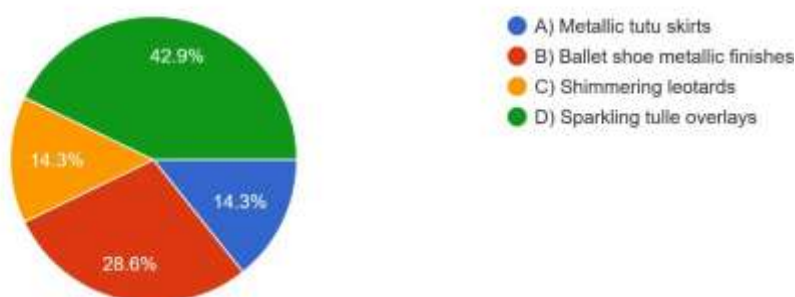
14 responses



Based on the pie chart, 50% of respondents believe that tutu skirts have influenced children's fashion, followed by ballet shoe socks at 28.6%, ballet-inspired dresses at 14.3%, and tulle hair accessories at 7.1%. This suggests that tutu skirts are the most popular ballet-inspired trend among children's fashion.

How does ballet influence the use of metallics in contemporary fashion?

14 responses



Based on the pie chart, 42.9% of respondents believe that metallic tutu skirts are the most influenced by ballet in contemporary fashion, followed by ballet shoe metallic finishes at 28.6%, shimmering leotards at 14.3%, and sparkling tulle overlays at 14.3%. This suggests that metallic tutu skirts are the most popular ballet-inspired metallic trend among the respondents.

OVERALL ANALYSIS OF BALLET'S INFLUENCE ON CONTEMPORARY FASHION

According to the survey results, ballet has a strong and broad influence on modern fashion. The most noticeable ballet-inspired features are flowing, airy shapes, soft colors, and ballet flats. The Romantic era of ballet is viewed as having the largest effect on current styles. Designers like Valentino and Vera Wang are well-known for incorporating ballet elements. Additionally, ballet has affected various fashion aspects,

from everyday items like ballet flats to evening gowns decorated with ballet bun hairpins. The overall trend toward romantic and dreamy styles clearly connects to ballet's influence.

CONCLUSION

The study on the connection between ballet dancing and fashion reveals a wide and complex relationship that spans both historical and modern contexts. Ballet clothing has evolved from the extravagant and restrictive styles of the early 19th century to the practical and visually striking outfits of today. This change has played a major role in shaping and reflecting larger fashion trends. The exhibition "Dance and Fashion," curated by Dr. Valerie Steele and designed by Kim Ackert, showcased this evolution, illustrating how ballet costumes have moved from Romantic tutus and detailed designs of the past to modern, innovative creations that balance function with style.

The research indicates that ballet costumes not only impact performance but also affect how audiences perceive the art and tell stories. Today's ballet costumes mix fashion, technology, and cultural diversity, with a focus on sustainability and inclusivity. Additionally, ballet's influence stretches beyond the stage and shapes current fashion trends. Designers like Valentino and Vera Wang have integrated ballet-inspired features such as ballerina flats, tulle gowns, and soft pastels into their collections, making them staples of modern fashion. The Romantic era of ballet is recognized for significantly influencing fashion trends in evening gowns, bridal wear, and everyday attire. Overall, the blend of ballet elements in current design highlights ballet's lasting charm and its transformative effect on both performance and regular clothing.

Future studies could explore how specific ballet choreographers influence fashion trends and investigate the impact of digital media and virtual performances on contemporary ballet costume design.

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