

Proposal to add new emoji to represent ballet

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Abstract

This is a request to add new emoji to represent the art of ballet: a female ballet dancer (ballerina), a male ballet dancer, plus a pair of ballet shoes (pointe shoes) that represents ballet in a more abstract and general sense.

Introduction

Ballet is a highly recognisable art form with a centuries-old history. Originating in Europe, ballet is now practiced and appreciated around the world. Ballet is synonymous with and emblematic of grace and has strongly feminine associations.

Traditional female and male ballet attire is distinctive and highly differentiated from other activities (including other forms of dance) and from each other. The most recognisable element of ballet attire is the tutu, a short, wide skirt worn traditionally only by female dancers (“ballerinas”) and which reached its present form in the late 19th century. Because of the wide differentiation in female and male attire, there is no meaningful way to represent a gender-neutral ballet dancer, so such a figure is not part of this proposal.

As a less strongly gendered alternative, this proposal includes a pair of pointe shoes. These shoes provide the support and stability required for a dancer to dance on the very tips of their toes (“en pointe”). Although traditionally, only female dancers wear this style of shoe and they are not therefore perfectly gender-neutral, pointe shoes have become generic icons of ballet (and, to some degree, dance more generally) as an art form, in much the same way as the comic and tragic masks (U+1F3AD) are iconic of theatre (and performance more generally) as an art form. It is assumed that the pointe shoe as a symbol for ballet will be recognisable to a much wider audience than just the people who know that such shoes are traditionally worn only by women.

It is proposed to represent the ballet dancers as separate from the shoes as an alternative to representing the dancers as ZWJ sequences of (for example) “pointe shoe+woman” and “pointe shoe+man”. This approach is preferred due to the requirement for ZWJ sequences to remain comprehensible when decomposed into their constituent pictograms, and doubt whether “pointe shoe+man” would be readily understood to mean “male ballet dancer”.

1. Identification

The CLDR short names and CLDR keywords for each of the proposed emoji are as follows:

CLDR short name	CLDR keywords
ballet shoes	art performing performing arts shoe slipper pointe shoe ballet ballet shoe barre
woman dancing ballet	woman ballet dancing ballerina tutu barre
man dancing ballet	man ballet dancing barre

Table 1: CLDR short names and CLDR keywords for the proposed emoji

2. Images

Samples of how these emoji could be implemented in colour and in black and white are set out below. In each case the licence is noted. These files are also supplied in an accompanying zip file, `ballet_emoji.zip` that forms part of this proposal.







CLDR short name	Sample colour image	Sample B&W image	Licence
ballet shoes			public domain ¹
woman dancing ballet			public domain ²
man dancing ballet			public domain; image by author

Table 2: Sample images

3. Selection factors: Inclusion

A. Compatibility

This proposal is not made on the basis of compatibility with any existing platform.

At the time of the proposal, a stand-alone third-party app (*BalletMoji* by Chandral Thakor³) exists to add ballet images (stickers) to text messages in the absence of suitable emoji. This app is discussed under section **3.E** as evidence of the demand for ballet emoji, but it is not claimed that compatibility with this app is a reason for selection *per se*.

¹ <http://www.clker.com/clipart-136193.html>

² <http://www.clker.com/clipart-ballerina-under-spotlight.html>

³ [BalletMoji in the Apple app store](#)

B. Expected usage level

1. Frequency

This proposal compares interest in ballet to that of two sports from the Sample Reference Emoji list: tennis and bowling. The general “activities” category to which the ballet emojis are proposed to belong include far more general activities such as walking and running. Ballet is more similar to a sport in that it is a specialised activity with barriers to participation, and one that people can either participate in themselves or watch as a spectator.

The results of searches for these three activities on Google, Bing, YouTube, Google Trends (web), and Google Trends (image) are set out in **Table 3**.

	Ballet	Bowling	Tennis
Google search	85,300,000	56,400,000	211,000,000
Bing search	20,800,000	17,300,000	20,400,000
YouTube search	10,900,000	6,800,000	9,650,000
Google Trends (web search), average	13	25	58
Google Trends (image search), average	29	15	53

Table 3: Summary of search results comparing ballet, bowling, and tennis across various platforms.

Ballet produced marginally more hits than tennis and significantly more hits than bowling on Bing and YouTube.

Ballet produced significantly more hits than bowling but significantly fewer hits than tennis on Google and Google Trends image search.

Ballet produced significantly fewer hits than bowling or tennis on Google Trends web search.

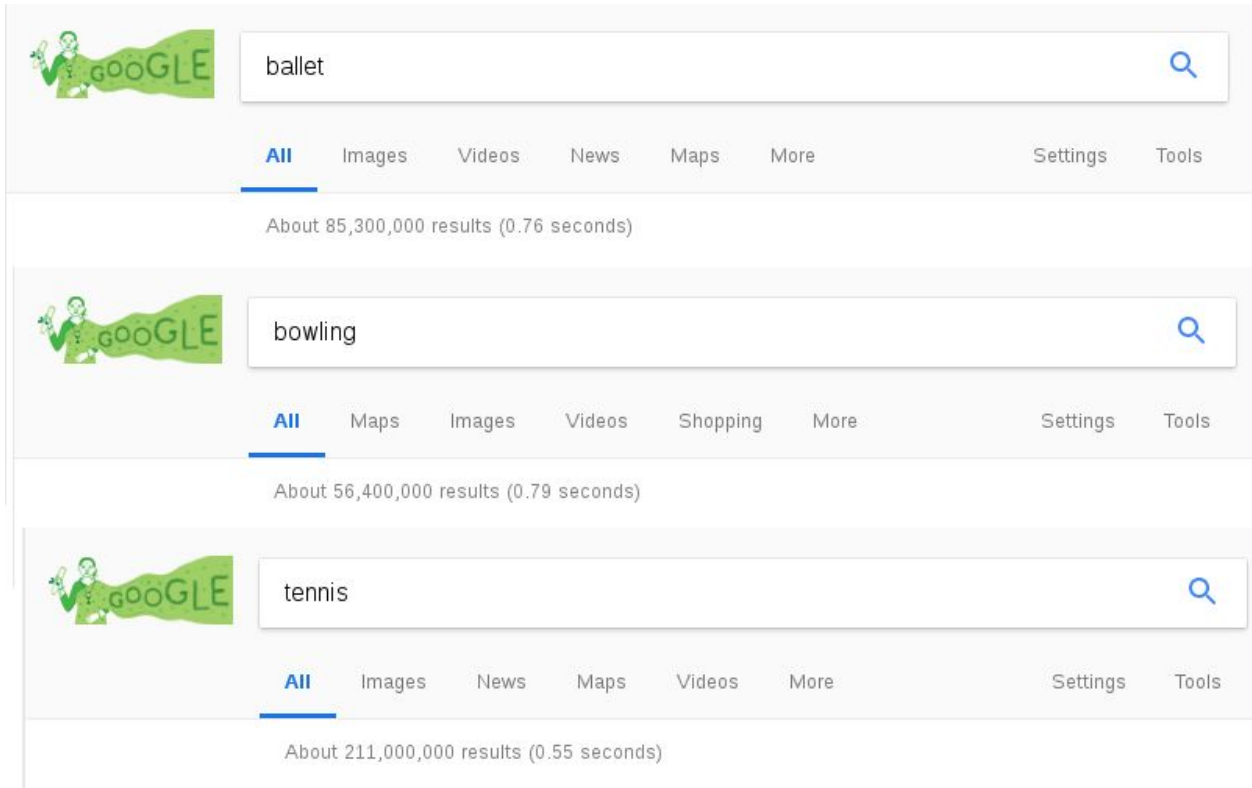


Figure 1: Results of Google searches for ballet, bowling, and tennis

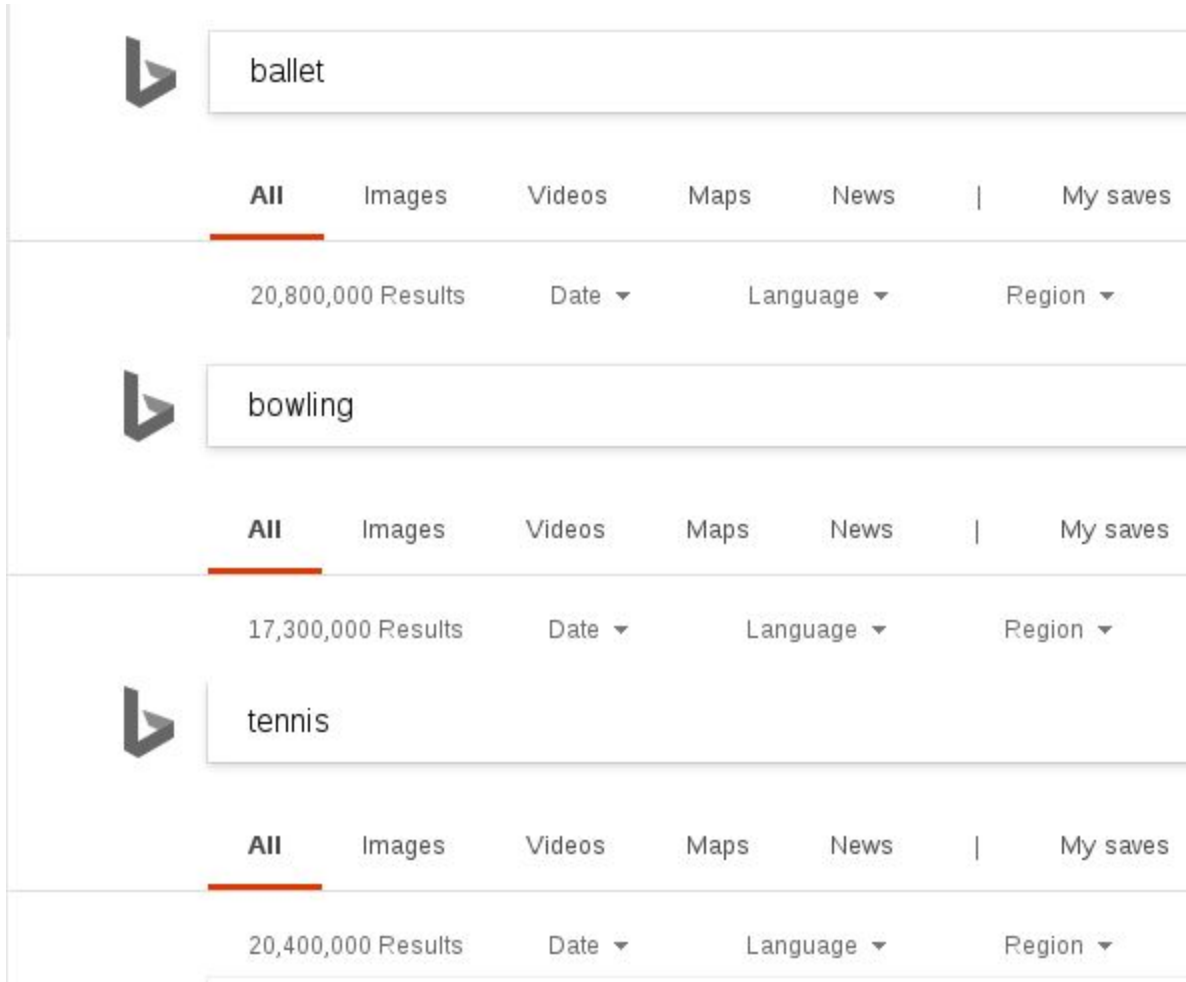


Figure 2: Results of Bing searches for ballet, bowling, and tennis

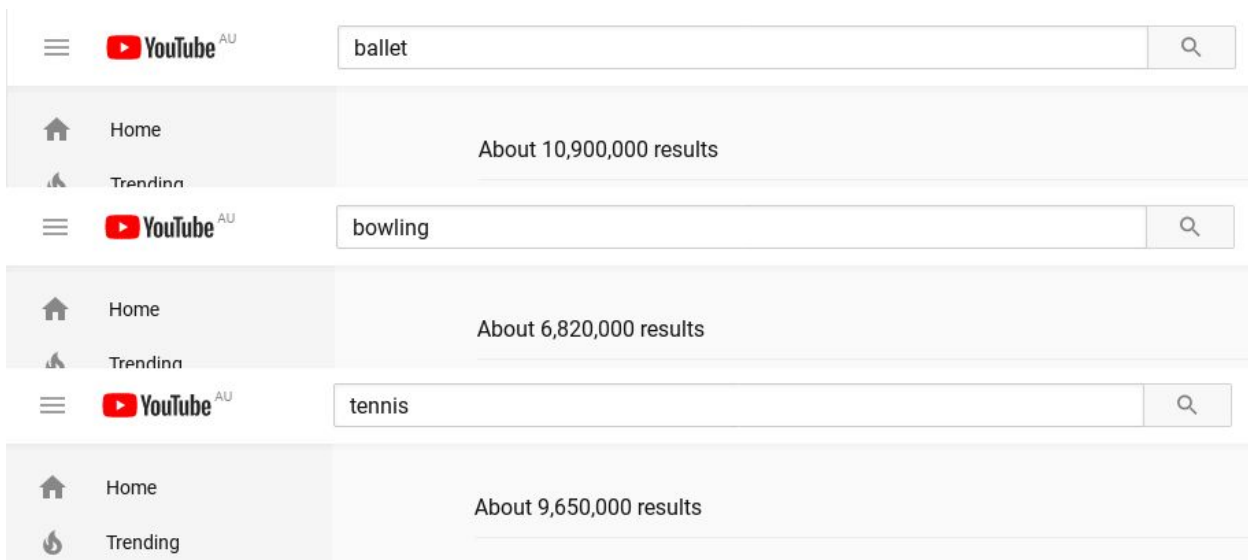


Figure 3: Results of YouTube searches for ballet, bowling, and tennis

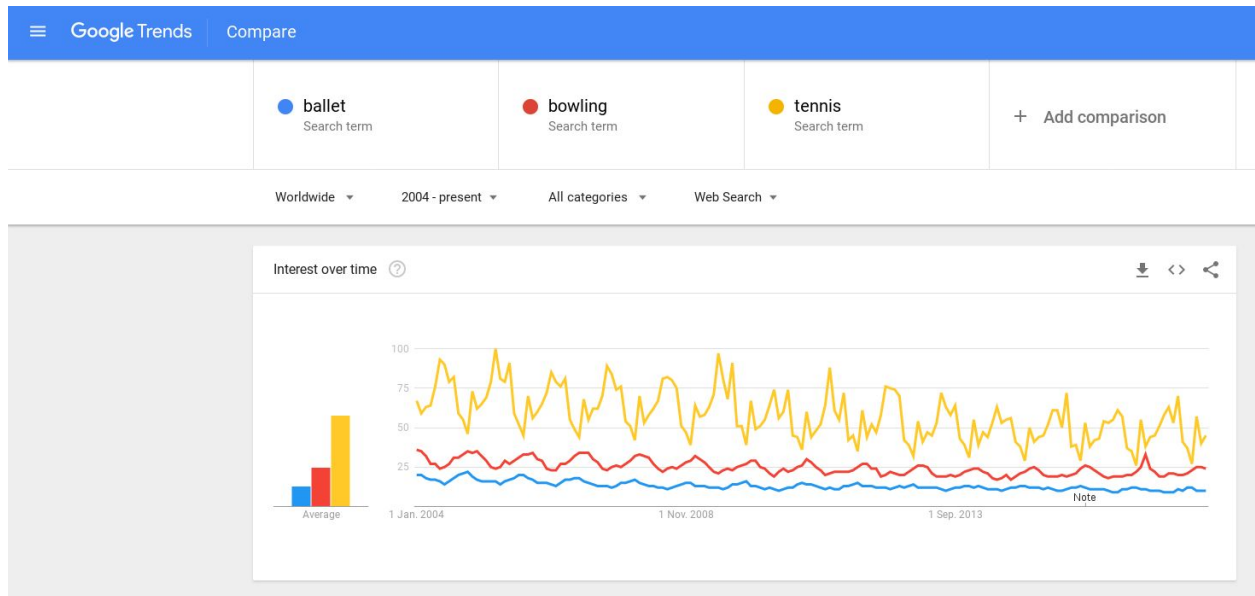


Figure 4: Results of Google Trends web searches for ballet, bowling, and tennis

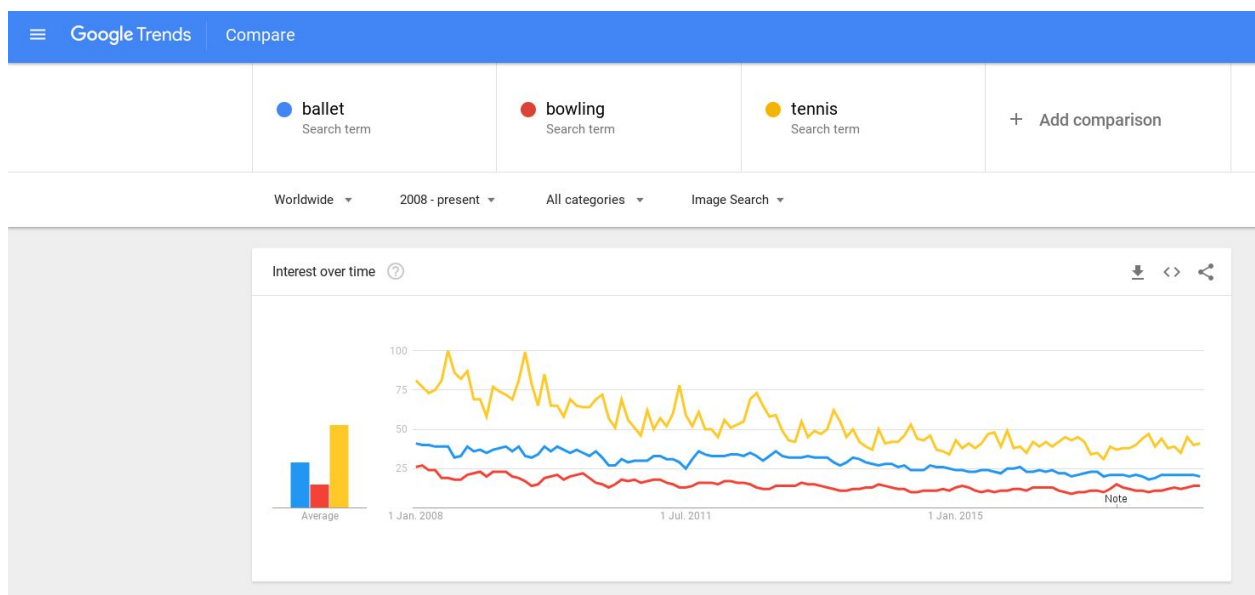


Figure 5: Results of Google Trends image searches for ballet, bowling, and tennis

2. Multiple usages

Beyond ballet, barre class is a popular form of physical exercise that uses some of the movements, equipment, and accoutrements of ballet. Some of the social media posts collected as evidence of demand for ballet emoji come from posts about barre, not ballet.

Pointe shoes can also represent the idea of “on point” (that is, “perfectly appropriate or stylish”), and an example of this usage was found in actual usage on Twitter and presented in section **3.E**.

“As graceful as a ballerina” is a cliché in English, so we would expect the ballerina or ballet shoes emoji to be used to represent grace, or an ironic sense, to represent clumsiness.

There is a widespread stereotype that young girls in Western cultures frequently dream of being ballerinas when they grow up. We would expect to see the ballerina icon appear in posts about young girls or announcing the birth or expected birth of a baby girl, even in the absence of any ballet-specific context.

The strong feminine connotation of the ballerina is sometimes used ironically in highly masculine contexts, for example football players donning tutus for charity events. We would expect to see the ballerina emoji used in these contexts too.

3. Use in sequences

Combined in sequences, it is expected that these emoji could represent more complex concepts. For example, they could be combined with the ticket emoji (U+1F3AB) to represent attending a ballet performance, with the trophy or medal emoji (U+1F3C5 through U+1F3C9) to represent participating in a dance competition, or with the graduation cap (U+1F393) or scroll (U+1F4DC) to represent taking or passing a ballet exam.

Other combinations could represent specific ballet works. For example, one of the ballet emoji could be juxtaposed with:

- the swan emoji (U+1F9A2) to represent *Swan Lake*
- the Christmas tree (U+1F384) to represent *The Nutcracker*
- the high-heeled shoe (U+1F460) to represent *Cinderella*
- the ghost emoji (U+1F47B) or zombie emoji (U+1F9DF) to represent *Giselle*
- the fire emoji (U+1F525) with or without the bird emoji (U+1F426) to represent *The Firebird*

4. Breaking new ground

Emoji to represent ballet break new ground since there is presently no way to represent the concept or practice of ballet with existing emoji or sequences of existing emoji.

Problems with using the existing emoji that are conceptually or visually closest to ballet — the generic dancer emoji (U+1F483 and U+1F57A) and the people with bunny ears emoji (U+1F46F) — are discussed in section **4.H** below.

C. Image distinctiveness

The highly distinctive nature of traditional ballet costume ensures that these emoji would be clearly recognisable. Pointe shoes are distinguished by their square toes, but more especially by the long ribbons that attach them to dancers' ankles. The leotard, tutu and formal ballet pose make the ballerina similarly distinctive. The male dancer is distinguished principally by his ballet pose.

D. Completeness

This proposal is not based on a need to fill any existing gap.

E. Frequently requested

Ballet emoji are frequently requested on social media, usually in the form of incredulity that they do not already exist. These are collected and presented in the **Appendix**.

The examples are intended to reflect a range of context in which requests for ballet emoji occur, as well as to illustrate some recurring themes. In particular, note:

- specific references to tutus, ballerinas, and pointe shoes as the subject of the request or in hashtags
- one example specifically used the male dancer emoji (the poster was male)
- a recurring use of phrases like “non-existent ballet emoji” in place of an actual emoji.
- two examples of requests in non-ballet contexts (one referring to barre class, one to fingernail art of ballet shoes)
- one example where a unicorn emoji was used in place of a requested ballet emoji, indicating a symbolic intention (perhaps of femininity or prettiness)
- one example where a request for ballet shoes was to illustrate the idea “on point”

Where included in the original posts, hashtags have been preserved to provide additional context.

Finally, as another piece of evidence of demand, this proposal notes the existence of an iOS app, *BalletMoji* by Chandral Thakor⁴, that adds ballet images (stickers) to text messages in the absence of suitable emoji. This app is an example of a third party attempting to fill a present gap in the emoji set.

⁴ [BalletMoji in the Apple app store](#)

4. Selection factors: Exclusion

F. Overly specific

There are no emoji to represent ballet at all; the emoji proposed here would cover a range of ballet-related concepts, including: the art itself generally, attending ballet class, attending a ballet performance, ballet attire, and symbolic or metaphorical usages of the ballerina associated with grace and femininity (earnestly or ironically).

G. Open-ended

The proposed emoji do not add to any existing ballet set.

H. Already representable

At present, ballet is not clearly representable by any emoji or combination of emoji. The closest existing option would probably be the people with bunny ears, with the problems outlined in section **B.4** above.

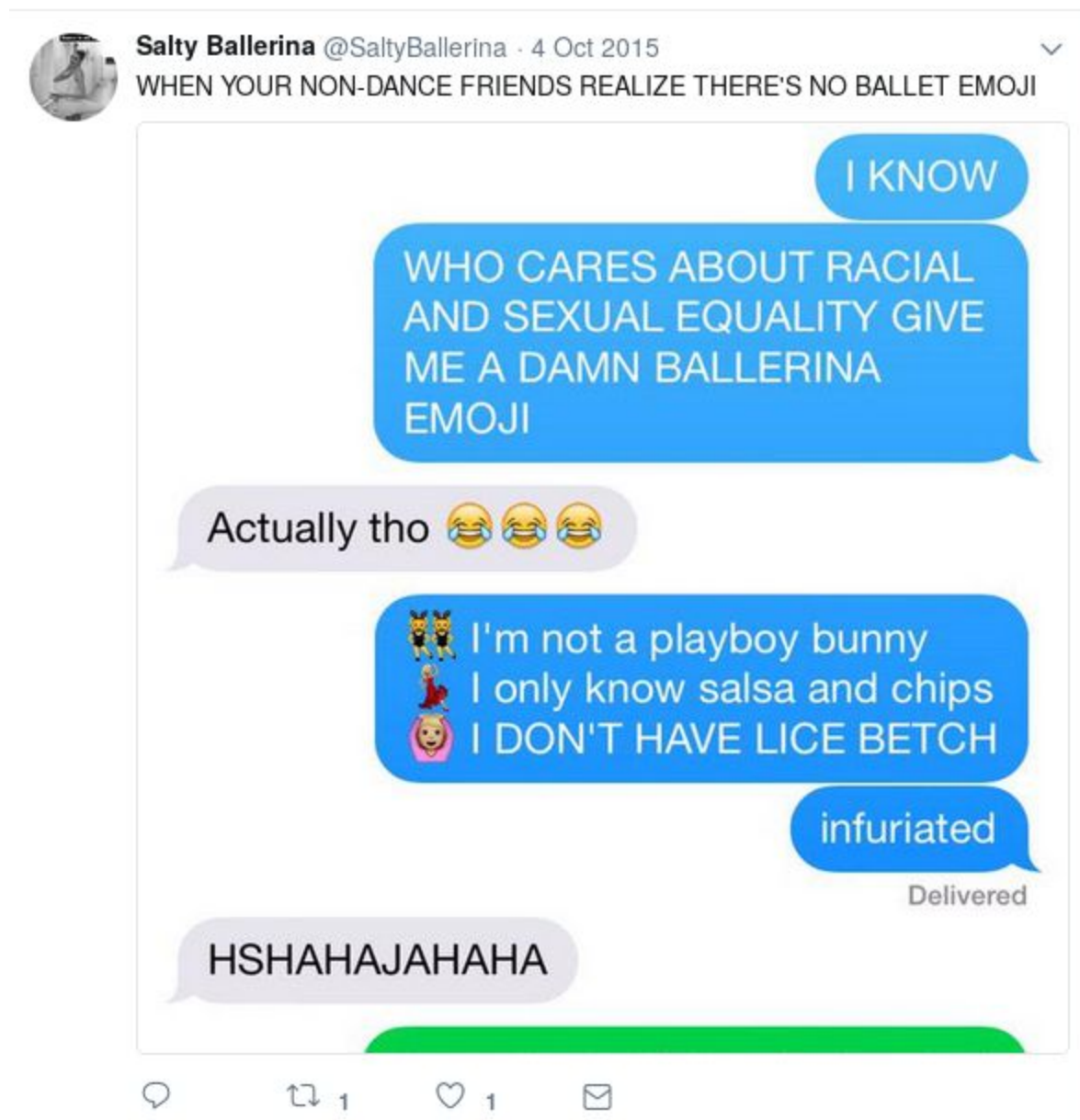
Nobody would see the generic dancer emoji (U+1F483 and U+1F57A) as representing ballet. Similarly, although the emoji of a person making the “OK” gesture (U+1F646) could be read as a person with their arms in a ballet pose (5th position of the arms), it is insufficiently distinctive to clearly represent ballet.

Although there is something vaguely ballet-like about the people with bunny ears emoji (U+1F46F), bunny ears are not strongly or traditionally associated with ballet and conversely, the people with bunny ears lack almost all the recognisable, distinctive ballet accoutrements. The similarity begins and ends with their legs (but not arms) in a pose that could be described in ballet terms (“tendu à la seconde”) and that the female version of the emoji is wearing a leotard. The suitability of this emoji is worsened because some implementations of the emoji, including Facebook’s, Samsung’s, and Gmail’s, only show the figures’ faces and ears bunny and therefore lose the loose visual connection with ballet completely.

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262	U+1F46F											—		people with bunny ears

Figure 6: Renderings of the people with bunny ears emoji (U+1F46F) on various platforms⁵ Furthermore, the bunny ears carry an association with Playboy bunnies or adult entertainers more generally. These emoji have been criticised for being risqué, suggestive, and objectifying women.⁶ These associations limit the usefulness of these emoji outside of adult entertainment contexts, and perhaps especially in posts about young girls' participation in ballet.

The following posts collected from social media illustrate users' frustration with the available alternatives:



⁵ [Full Emoji List, v11.0](#)

⁶ See, for example: "[Confirmed: The dancing girls emoji are actually Playboy bunnies](#)" or "[Apparently, the dancers in Apple's emoji have been wearing Playboy bunny ears all along](#)"

Figure 7: The text of the tweet reads “WHEN YOUR NON-DANCE FRIENDS REALIZE THERE’S NO BALLET EMOJI” and contains a screenshot of a text message conversation that includes the summary:

“🐰 I’m not a playboy bunny
🐱 I only know salsa and chips
👤 I DON’T HAVE LICE BETCH
infuriated”⁷



Figure 8: This Instagram post received 9,031 likes and 551 comments:

“ANYONE ELSE GET REALLY ANNOYED THAT THERE IS NO BALLET EMOJI???
Like all they have is some salsa dancer... 🐱
And some random emoji of two girls dancing in cat costumes... I mean really, is the cat aspect necessary? I highly doubt many people are out there txtng "yeah sorry I can't make it I have cat dance practice 🐰🐰”⁸

The adult entertainment interpretation is explicitly made in some of the comments:

g.bedingfield: “You know they're strippers right 🤔”

⁷ <https://twitter.com/SaltyBallerina/status/650428545072820224>

⁸ <https://www.instagram.com/p/c8BUtCLpjA/>

catherine.biglaiser: “Their strippers”

And again when the post was re-shared on Facebook⁹:

Erin Griffith: “I always thought those were playboy bunnies”

Note too that while the female flat shoe (U+1F97F) is sometimes colloquially referred to as a “ballet flat”, it is distinctly different from a dance shoe and “ballet” does not appear among the CLDR short name or keywords for this emoji.

I. Logos, brands, UI icons, signage, specific people, deities

The proposed emoji do not represent any particular logo, brand, icon, signage, specific people, or deities.

J. Transient

Ballet is a highly formalised art form with a history stretching back over 500 years to the Italian Renaissance. Even its current, highly recognisable form is around two centuries old. Ballet is not transient.

K. Faulty comparison

This proposal is made without reference to similarity to or comparative worthiness of other emoji.

L. Exact Images

This proposal does not request any exact image. Each platform should implement these emoji to be visually consistent with their own set.

⁹ <https://www.facebook.com/lovelifedance/posts/1949310025320998>

5. Sort location

A. Category

It is proposed that the pointe shoes emoji be grouped under “arts & crafts” as a specific performing art and that the people performing ballet should be placed in the “person - activity” category.

B. Placement

It is proposed that the pointe shoes emoji be placed after U+1F3AD (Performing Arts) as a specific performing art and before the emoji representing visual arts (U+1F5BC framed picture, and U+1F3A8 artist’s palette).

It is proposed that the female and male ballet dancer emoji be placed after the general emoji of dancers; that is, after U+1F483 woman dancing and U+1F57A man dancing.

Appendix

Examples of requests for ballet-related emoji obtained as evidence of demand for such emoji, as summarised in section 3.E

- “WhatsApp has alllll this new emojis...but not even a ballerina emoji 😞😞😞😞 #ballet #emoji #Whatsapp”¹⁰
- “Why is there no ballet emoji 🙄”¹¹
- “Pahaha can you imagine! 🤔👯👯👯👯 (no ballet emoji!)”¹²
- “Drama, passion, excitement! You’re gonna love @TheArtsInPhilly! Why is there no ballet emoji?! This will have to do ”¹³
- “Annnnnnd there’s STILL not a ballet emoji #ballerinaproblems” (54 retweets, 114 likes)¹⁴
- “*insert ballet emoji*”¹⁵

¹⁰ https://twitter.com/tanisha_francis/status/698193921059524608

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<https://webcache.googleusercontent.com/search?q=cache:1xQpssErFkJ:https://twitter.com/yelyahwilliams/status/951838358149500929+&cd=9&hl=en&ct=clnk&gl=au>

¹² <https://twitter.com/lhowardpiano/status/903029920795951105>

¹³ <https://twitter.com/caitttmac/status/971832330032701440>

¹⁴ <https://twitter.com/BalletProbz/status/588083912510930945>

¹⁵ Twitter bio of [@sloane_elephant](https://twitter.com/sloane_elephant)

- “But where's the ballet emoji? 🙄 (Photo by @jewelscristina) #wecreatehere #ballet #pointe”¹⁶
- “[@kerrikschneider@mbavenice @lindseyrachelbaker](#) 🎭*ballet emoji needed”¹⁷
- “<Insert Ballet Emoji>
#theywillmakeoneeventually#training#rehearsing#classicalcoaching#ballet#dancer#technique#classicalvariation#strength”¹⁸
- “where art thou ballet emoji? going on my second year of actually studying ballet 🙌👏”¹⁹
- “Vanessa Orlov ILY -Ali Happiness leads to success. -Unknown .CCMS 📄 ABA(insert ballet emoji) Potato waz here”²⁰
- “*insert a ballerina emoji* tutus, bows and tippy toes 🧡 Miko Fogarty liked•loveofballet_follows💕 created: 28/12/15 🎯 goal: 2000👑”²¹
- “Christmas treat seeing the @theroyalballet's The Nutcracker tonight. Stunning as usual. (Where's the ballet emoji when you need it??) 🎄🎭 #TheNutcracker #Ballet #TheRoyalBallet #TheRoyalOperaHouse #thenutcrackerballet #dance #Christmas”²²
- “Happiness is a new pair of pointe shoes. Xx [insert non existent ballet emoji] #itsalsomiserable #timetotakeahammertothesebitches #breakinginpointeshoes #shesaidinsert #blochdance #blochdanceusa #blochsignaturehearsal #ballet #ballerina #adultballerina #dance #dancer #fit #getuponit #blochgirl #brooklyn #ridgewoodqueens #nyc”²³
- “Sophie O SWHS 2020 ARB dancer *insert ballet emoji and insert trombone emoji.”²⁴
- “Not long until our summer Ballet Retreat in London at the Rambert Dance Company studios!
15th-16th of July 🧑🎨🧑🎨🧑🎨 wish there was a ballet emoji!!! 🧑🎨”²⁵
- “Where's the Ballet emoji, Friends of Unicode?”²⁶
- “The results are in: Whoop! Passed my Grade 5 RAD and Grade 5 ISTD exams with distinction :-) 🧑🎨🧑🎨🧑🎨 (need a ballet emoji!) Thank you everyone for your support and interest”²⁷
- “Finally got back to the studio this weekend after a few months off... Ballet never forgives you or takes you back right away... I'll be sore all week but being back in training feels good! 🙄(where is the ballet emoji???)”²⁸

¹⁶ <https://www.instagram.com/p/BB35E9hHERW/>

¹⁷ Comment on <https://www.instagram.com/p/BeDxdh9gUV3/>

¹⁸ <https://www.instagram.com/p/BevUTCIAfmQ/>

¹⁹ Instagram bio of [@deleted_183692](#)

²⁰ Instagram bio of [@vanessaorlov](#)

²¹ Instagram bio of [@balletbucketlist](#)

²² <https://www.instagram.com/p/Bc8T64iDkE9/>

²³ <https://www.instagram.com/p/BeitacmhtX9/>

²⁴ Instagram bio of [@sophie_lko](#)

²⁵ <https://www.facebook.com/theballetretreat/posts/1117507445059294>

²⁶ <https://www.facebook.com/analuisaballet/posts/2069665289944555>

²⁷ <https://www.facebook.com/baileysdancefund/posts/204722139928848>

²⁸ Facebook photo caption

<https://www.facebook.com/2010442405856765/photos/a.2010449349189404.1073741828.2010442405856765/2014448465456159/?type=3&theater>

- “Alex - don quixote in may and symphony nights in june. ☺❤🎨🎻🇨🇳👯← (why isn't there a ballet emoji?)”²⁹
- “Switching up my vibe with a fitness related post. I don't know what I am doing at a gym, so barre classes have become my go to. Check out why I love Barre District Milwaukee so much!
Butttttttt where is the ballet emoji?”³⁰
- “Just can't get enough of these.... #balletslippers #manicure 🎨 26 sold in less than 12 hours! 🤪👁️ • PS: why is there no ballet emoji?! 🤪👯♀️
instanails.aus👯 ~ #byme @instanails.aus #hq #dancefloor • / • #businesschicks #popular #sellingout #nailwraps #notpolish #cantgetenough #ps #ballet #dancers #dancerpose #tutu #pointe #pointshoes #frenchmanicure #twist #style #trending #freeshipping #brisbanebusiness #mumtrepreneur #bizmum #workfromhome #smallbusiness #nailstoinpire #lifelifeothefullest”³¹
- “How the queen does her makeup *BALLEET EMOJI STILL DOES NOT EXIST*”³²
- “Isaac Hernandez @chapulo7 | Paquita Variation 🦄 (why there is no ballet emoji yet, I don't know...)


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#ballet #maleballetdancer #balletmen #isaachernandez #paquita #hetnationaleballet #dancers #balletdancers”<sup>33</sup>
- “But that pointe though 🦄 (okay so there's no ballet emoji so I though a unicorn would suffice)”<sup>34</sup>
- “#repost by @namarareps @namaraexperience #stunning #photography by @avelkaim @nationalballet #ballet #pointe #canada #nostalgia #dance #dancelife #grace #strength #athlete #power #fitness #tutu #tights #views 🍌🍷💖 Also #happy #wednesday ! And why is there no ballet #emoji ??? @apple #manhattan #today :) #greenwich”<sup>35</sup>
- “where's the ballerina emoji when ya want it?! 🤪👯 cred: @abadabadoo92 #abigailrocks #ballet #balletclass #balletdancer #balletfeet #needmoreturnout #studiobleu #maryland #virginia”<sup>36</sup>
- “Where's my ballet shoe emoji?! #dancer #ballerina #arabesque 🌸”<sup>37</sup>
- “ballerina emoji”<sup>38</sup>
- “where's the ballerina emoji 🌸”<sup>39</sup>
- “Why is there no ballerina emoji? I mean, really?! #ballerina #emoji #stillwaiting”<sup>40</sup>

<sup>29</sup> Comment on Facebook post <https://www.facebook.com/milleroutdoor/posts/10156241098521543>

<sup>30</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/whatrivawore/posts/1791211821175457>

<sup>31</sup> <https://www.instagram.com/p/Bf-YXi8FZ5j/>

<sup>32</sup> Caption on a Facebook video: <https://www.facebook.com/itsanadventur/videos/1473212689399598/>

<sup>33</sup> <https://www.instagram.com/p/Bf9DmGJnI9R/>

<sup>34</sup> Comment on Instagram post <https://www.instagram.com/p/BVfhi4JAQG/>

<sup>35</sup> <https://www.instagram.com/p/Bg32bUiByLa/>

<sup>36</sup> <https://www.instagram.com/p/BWwlH2ZFeK1/>

<sup>37</sup> <https://www.instagram.com/p/BIgh8UCqii/>

<sup>38</sup> <https://twitter.com/ceciliatoviass/status/664987786550710272>

<sup>39</sup> Twitter bio of @lianaguid

<sup>40</sup> <https://twitter.com/lovebeads66/status/936527116887244801>



- “Happy international dance day\*ballerina emoji\*<sup>41</sup>
- “LOL oh god. I don't know about Ohno failing though. He may not be a wordy guy, but when he does speak up... he'd probably be straightforward though. "Sex tonight? \*ballerina emoji\*<sup>42</sup>
- “Why is there no ballerina emoji ?<sup>43</sup>
- “Why is there no ballerina emoji?!<sup>44</sup>
- “louveenstraThere's no ballerina emoji??? Not even a tutu???? #hotelroomshenanigans #notTHATkindofhotelroomshenanigans #dancing # 🍷 🍷<sup>45</sup>
- “Question for Apple: why is there still not a ballerina emoji???”<sup>46</sup>
- “Making a little bit of progress on this tiny dancer today. 💕 Also, can we get a ballerina emoji, please? .  
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#art 🍷 #artistsofinstagram #southernstyle #lifeinthesouth #supportthearts #calledtobecreative #flashesofdelight #wiregrassart #dothanart #dothanalabama #dothanartist #colormyworld #girlythings #tinydancer #balletshoes #paintprettythings #shopsmall #shoplocal #jsanfordart #madeinthesouth #madeinalabama #originalart #commissionart #homedecor #acrylicart #peanuts #peanutcapitaloftheworld #visitdothanal #inanutshell #localwire<sup>47</sup>
- “Wednesday night reverence in Miss Anna's Advanced ballet class! 🥰🥰 (can we please have a ballerina emoji?!)  
@annnacampbell @abbieodom  
#dancedynamicsla #reverence #ballet #advancedballet #ballerinaemoji<sup>48</sup>
- “They better make a pointe shoe emoji. #ballerinaproblems<sup>49</sup>
- “why don't they have a pointe shoe emoji<sup>50</sup>
- “I Need A Pointe Shoe Emoji Posting pictures of ballerinas around the world! Tag me at #pointeshoetutu to be featured! 🍷🍷🍷<sup>51</sup>
- “  
🥰 T and R 🥰 🍷 We are the sassiest ballerinas around 🍷  
🍷 Ballerina probs yooo 🍷 \*insert pointe shoe emoji here\*<sup>52</sup>
- “Love it! 🥰 Ballet 🍷 (need pointe shoe emoji!!) 🍷🍷🍷<sup>53</sup>

<sup>41</sup> <https://twitter.com/juliaremickk/status/593566990070980608>

<sup>42</sup> Reply to tweet <https://twitter.com/nicefinalbeam/status/969302598204510208> by user @nicefinalbeam

<sup>43</sup> <https://www.instagram.com/p/-AUFJ2HoBz/>

<sup>44</sup> <https://www.instagram.com/p/BBQvs-ox24T/>

<sup>45</sup> <https://www.instagram.com/p/BGDuQaxvAf2/>

<sup>46</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/laurasdancedynamicsstudio/posts/2081898048695115>

<sup>47</sup> Facebook photo caption

<https://www.facebook.com/j.sanfordart/photos/a.363872220664898.1073741829.362425657476221/565283327190452/?type=3&theater>

<sup>48</sup> Facebook video caption <https://www.facebook.com/DanceDynamicsLA/videos/1614611431892245/>

<sup>49</sup> <https://twitter.com/balletprobz/status/356081493057085441>

<sup>50</sup> Twitter bio for @dancers\_relatee

<sup>51</sup> Instagram bio for @pointeshoetutu

<sup>52</sup> Instagram bio for @laughing\_ballerinas

<sup>53</sup> Comment on Instagram post <https://www.instagram.com/p/BdvBHqLAqOd/>

- “Ballet dancer 14 yr old dancer ~ DM me ur quotes! ~ -Goal (atm): 0.5k -Random quotes about mainly ballet -Forever wishing for a Pointe shoe emoji”<sup>54</sup>
- “AAAAWWW I LOVE MACARONS THEY NEED A POINTE SHOE EMOJI AND A MACARON EMOJI”<sup>55</sup>
- “We as dancers wish there was a dancer or Ballet Pointe Shoe emoji available.”<sup>56</sup>
- “You inspired me to repost the tweet also even if your friend thinks I'm a demon their meme game is so on pointe (ballet shoe emoji)”<sup>57</sup>
- “\*ballet shoe emoji\*”<sup>58</sup>
- “(Insert ballet shoe emoji here) so excited”<sup>59</sup>
- “S U N D A Y Two days away! From 10:30-12 @miriam\_the\_art\_of\_dance is offering The Art of Dance: Intro to Movement and Beginning Ballet Technique for all levels. 🧑🏻♀️ (insert ballet shoe emoji) This workshop is ideal for aspiring dancers and ballerinas alike (you no longer need to do this alone in front of your bedroom mirror)!

Pre-register at [www.solsticeatlanta.com](http://www.solsticeatlanta.com) >schedule >online store >workshops or by using the #mindbody app!

#introtoballet #ballettechnique #danceisforeveryone #theartofdance #beginnerdance #ballerinawannabes #amateurdancersbelike #seeyouatthebarre #meetusatthebarre #solsticeatlanta #communitydance #ballet #corefitness #findyourbalance #yoga #barre #pilates #boutiquebarrestudio #balletclass”<sup>60</sup>

- “Barres all day \*ballet shoe emoji\* Playing at the barre always feels like home and it's the best butt work out in all the land. Tonight was fun. Tomorrow sore AF. 🍑 🧑🏻♀️ #BackInTheStudio #OnceADancerAlwaysADancer #ALO #Sweat #Laugh #Love #Everyday”<sup>61</sup>
- “There really needs to be a ballet shoe emoji!!!”<sup>62</sup>
- “There is also no point shoe/ballet shoes”<sup>63</sup>
- “it has always bugged me that there isn't a ballet emoji. A ballet dancer or a pointe shoe. "Sorry I can't make it. I have cat dance practice." <-- made me laugh out loud 😂😂”<sup>64</sup>

<sup>54</sup> Instagram bio for [@dance\\_quotes](https://www.instagram.com/dance_quotes)

<sup>55</sup> Comment on Instagram post <https://www.instagram.com/p/BPrBT1HgZ1d/>

<sup>56</sup> <https://www.facebook.com/adancerslove/posts/1101108969945385>

<sup>57</sup> <https://twitter.com/lenadunham/status/867397714358804481>

<sup>58</sup> <https://www.instagram.com/p/BEMiUZcSiJ/>

<sup>59</sup> Comment on Instagram post <https://www.instagram.com/p/BE-3kX-srKY/>

<sup>60</sup> <https://www.instagram.com/p/BfiwTi7ID55/>

<sup>61</sup> [https://www.instagram.com/p/Bf-H9\\_1I96h/](https://www.instagram.com/p/Bf-H9_1I96h/)

<sup>62</sup> [https://www.instagram.com/p/BO4LU1\\_gL0P/](https://www.instagram.com/p/BO4LU1_gL0P/)

<sup>63</sup> Comment on Facebook post <https://www.facebook.com/lovelifedance/posts/1949310025320998>

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