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*presents*

*Artistic Director  
Vanessa Haidar*



*Sleeping Beauty*

*at*

*Baldwin High School Theater*

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# Message from the Artistic Director

As the curtain falls on yet another extraordinary year, it fills my heart with gratitude to witness the unyielding dedication, talent, and passion that have made Pennsylvania Ballet Conservatory shine as brilliantly as Aurora's radiance.

Our dancers, like Aurora herself, are a vision of grace, strength, and elegance. Their unwavering commitment to their craft, combined with their relentless pursuit of perfection, allows them to embody the very essence of The Sleeping Beauty story.

Our ballet family, whose support has been the true fairy godmother of our success, has continued to bless us. We are humbled and grateful for their unwavering loyalty and belief in our vision.

As we reflect upon this year's achievements, let us not forget the countless hours of practice, the sacrifices, and the triumphs that have led us to this moment. Together, we have weathered storms, conquered obstacles, and emerged stronger than ever.

I extend my deepest gratitude to each and every one of you for your dedication and commitment to excellence. Together, we have created moments of pure magic that will forever live in these dancers' hearts.

Wishing you all a summer filled with joy, rest, and renewed inspiration.

*- Vanessa*



# About Pennsylvania Ballet Conservatory



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Conservatory

Pennsylvania Ballet Conservatory is a classical ballet school located in Peters Township. Founded in August of 2018, our mission is to develop and inspire healthy dancers in a positive and inclusive environment, while providing professional ballet instruction and instilling an appreciation for, and lifelong love of, dance.

We offer classes for ages 18 months and up, including adult classes. An early dismissal program is available for our high school students to train those who wish to pursue a career in dance, either with a professional company or in college.

Instruction primarily focuses on classical ballet. To help round out our dancers' skills, students also learn contemporary, jazz, flamenco and character.

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# About The Sleeping Beauty

Considered to be one of the most famous and beloved classical ballets of all time, The Sleeping Beauty tells an enchanted story of jealousy and greed being overcome by the powers of compassion and love. It features stunning choreography, beautiful music by the legendary composer, Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky, and gorgeous costumes. It first debuted in January of 1890 and has been entertaining audiences around the globe ever since. Within the first 10 years, the ballet was performed over 200 times!

## Synopsis

### Prologue

The ballet begins with a grand prologue that introduces the audience to the story and sets the stage for the magical tale. We learn about the birth of Princess Aurora and the joyous celebration in the kingdom.

The fairies of the kingdom gather to give gifts to the princess. The Lilac Fairy, the wisest of all the fairies, grants the princess with the gift of beauty and grace. The evil Fairy of Darkness, Carabosse, who was not invited to the celebration, appears in anger and casts a curse on baby Aurora. She proclaims that the princess will prick her finger and tragically die on her 16th birthday. The Lilac Fairy intervenes and softens the curse, promising that Aurora will not die but instead fall into a deep sleep, only to be awakened by true love's kiss.

## ~ ~ ~ INTERLUDE ~ ~ ~

### Act I

#### Scene I : Garland Waltz

With Carabosse's curse behind them, the celebrations continue as the courtiers perform a vibrant and joyful dance, adorned with garlands. The scene showcases the enchanting atmosphere of the kingdom.

# Synopsis

## Act I

### Scene II: Aurora's Birthday

The kingdom is filled with excitement as the courtiers, nobles, and fairies gather to honor Princess Aurora on her 16th birthday. The princess dances for her suitors and performs her variation along with the celebrations in the kingdom. A mysterious figure appears and gives Aurora a beautiful bouquet. As she admires the arrangement, however, Aurora accidentally pricks her finger on a spindle from a spinning wheel that was hidden within. The mysterious figure turns out to be Carabosse, setting into motion the curse she cast so many years ago and Aurora falls into a deep sleep. The kingdom is overcome with a deep sadness and mourns their beloved princess as the cursed slumber befalls her. To ease their grief, the Lilac Fairy enchants the court to fall into a hundred year sleep, only to awaken when the curse is broken.

## ~ ~ ~ INTERMISSION ~ ~ ~

## Act II

### The Fairy Forest

The audience is transported to a magical Fairy Forest, where the Lilac Fairy guides her fellow fairies on a journey to find a worthy prince who can break the curse and awaken Aurora from her deep slumber. The fairies encounter various trials and temptations along the way, but the Lilac Fairy guides them through and protects them.

The fairies encounter Prince Desir , a kind and handsome young man. The Lilac Fairy creates a vision of Aurora, who dances with the prince. He falls in love and becomes determined to find her.

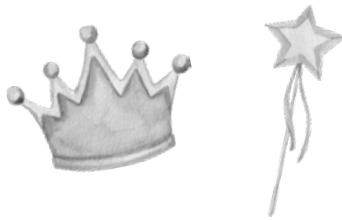
On their way back to the kingdom, the Lilac Fairy and Prince Desir  encounter Carabosse. A conflict breaks out and the Fairy of Darkness is ultimately defeated. Finally, they reach the castle and the prince awakens Aurora with a kiss. The court wakes as well, and the King and Queen heartily approve when the prince proposes marriage. Aurora happily accepts.

# Synopsis

## Act III

### The Magical Kingdom

A grand gathering commences, where many beloved storybook characters and friends of the crown come together to celebrate the royal wedding. The atmosphere is filled with excitement and anticipation. The Precious Stones, representing various jewels, present breathtaking performances that captivate the audience with their grace and beauty. The celebration culminates with Prince Desiré and Princess Aurora performing a grand Pas de Deux.



~~~ THE END ~~~



For True Love Conquers All

# Cast

|                             | 1pm                  | 6pm                  |
|-----------------------------|----------------------|----------------------|
| <b>King</b>                 | Tim Wojton           | Tim Wojton           |
| <b>Queen</b>                | Ashley Halloran      | Ashley Halloran      |
| <b>Master of Ceremonies</b> | Hansel Correa Diaz   | Hansel Correa Diaz   |
| <b>Court Parents</b>        | Aubrie Eismont       | Aubrie Eismont       |
|                             | Molly Henninger      | Molly Henninger      |
|                             | Ava Rieger           | Ava Rieger           |
| <b>3 Young Princesses</b>   | Grace Mychalishyn    | Grace Mychalishyn    |
|                             | Emilija Wardzala     | Emilija Wardzala     |
|                             | Addison Wolstoncroft | Addison Wolstoncroft |
| <b>Young Princesses</b>     | Lyra Halloran        | Lyra Halloran        |
|                             | Sydney Heinen        | Sydney Heinen        |
|                             | Mary Hospodar        | Mary Hospodar        |
|                             | Elizabeth Keller     | Elizabeth Keller     |
|                             | Madison Norton       | Madison Norton       |
| <b>Lilac Fairy</b>          | Anna Young           | Lila Neal            |
| <b>Fairy of Tenderness</b>  | Mariah Strnisha      | Abby Thomas          |
| <b>Fairy of Generosity</b>  | Adien Carmichael     | Sydney Pensock       |
| <b>Fairy of Serenity</b>    | Vera Mitchell        | Ella Way             |



# Cast

|                               | 1pm                                                                                            | 6pm                                                                                                     |
|-------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Fairy of Playfulness</b>   | Murphy Henninger                                                                               | Grae Chalovich                                                                                          |
| <b>Fairy of Courage</b>       | Caden Stover                                                                                   | Caden Stover                                                                                            |
| <b>Lilac Fairy Attendants</b> | Grae Chalovich<br>Hannah Damon<br>Sydney Duda<br>Ayaka Hayashi<br>Isabelle Marazas<br>Ella Way | Hannah Damon<br>Sydney Duda<br>Ayaka Hayashi<br>Murphy Henninger<br>Isabelle Marazas<br>Mariah Strnisha |
| <b>Carabosse</b>              | Abby Thomas                                                                                    | Vera Mitchell                                                                                           |
| <b>Raven Pas de Deux</b>      | Diego Martinez Haidar<br>Amelia Sias                                                           | Diego Martinez Haidar<br>Amelia Sias                                                                    |
| <b>Raven</b>                  | Drake Doerr                                                                                    | Drake Doerr                                                                                             |
| <b>Evil Fairy Lead</b>        | Emilija Wardzala                                                                               | Emilija Wardzala                                                                                        |
| <b>Evil Fairies</b>           | Verena Belldina<br>Emelia Doerr<br>Charlotte Foltin<br>Lyra Halloran<br>Caitlyn Seibert        | Verena Belldina<br>Emelia Doerr<br>Charlotte Foltin<br>Lyra Halloran<br>Caitlyn Seibert                 |

# Cast

|                             | 1pm                   | 6pm                   |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| <b>Evil Fairies (cont.)</b> | Lena Welsch           | Lena Welsch           |
|                             | Mia Winovich          | Mia Winovich          |
|                             | Ellianna Wolstoncroft | Ellianna Wolstoncroft |
| <b>Garland Waltz Lead</b>   | Ella Way              | Abby Thomas           |
| <b>Hoop Girls</b>           | Grae Chalovich        | Sydney Duda           |
|                             | Hannah Damon          | Ayaka Hayashi         |
|                             | Sydney Duda           | Murphy Henninger      |
|                             | Isabelle Marazas      | Mariah Strnisha       |
| <b>Garland Lead</b>         | Amelia Sias           | Amelia Sias           |
| <b>Garland Corps</b>        | Grace Mychalishyn     | Grace Mychalishyn     |
|                             | Emilija Wardzala      | Emilija Wardzala      |
|                             | Addison Wolstoncroft  | Addison Wolstoncroft  |
| <b>Flower Corps</b>         | Lyra Halloran         | Lyra Halloran         |
|                             | Sydney Heinen         | Sydney Heinen         |
|                             | Mary Hospodar         | Mary Hospodar         |
|                             | Elizabeth Keller      | Elizabeth Keller      |
|                             | Madison Norton        | Madison Norton        |

# Cast

|                     | 1pm                   | 6pm                   |
|---------------------|-----------------------|-----------------------|
| Flower Buds         | Verena Belldina       | Verena Belldina       |
|                     | Emelia Doerr          | Emelia Doerr          |
|                     | Charlotte Foltin      | Charlotte Foltin      |
|                     | Caitlyn Seibert       | Caitlyn Seibert       |
|                     | Lena Welsch           | Lena Welsch           |
|                     | Mia Winovich          | Mia Winovich          |
|                     | Ellianna Wolstoncroft | Ellianna Wolstoncroft |
| Aurora              | Sydney Pensock        | Adien Carmichael      |
| Princes             | Hansel Correa Diaz    | Hansel Correa Diaz    |
|                     | Daniel Sarabia        | Daniel Sarabia        |
| Young Princess      | Amelia Sias           | Murphy Henninger      |
| Young Prince        | Diego Martinez Haidar | Diego Martinez Haidar |
| Princess Celeste    | Hannah Damon          | Hannah Damon          |
| Princess Marisol    | Sydney Duda           | Sydney Duda           |
| Princess Hyacinth   | Ayaka Hayashi         | Isabelle Marazas      |
| Little Good Fairies | Saundra Hanko         | Saundra Hanko         |
|                     | Emylia Heinen         | Emylia Heinen         |
|                     | Geneva Hinton         | Geneva Hinton         |

# Cast

|                                    | 1pm                                                                                                   | 6pm                                                                                                   |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Little Good Fairies (cont.)</b> | Harper Mahoney<br>Charlotte Walters<br>Evangeline Williams<br>Natalia Wojton                          | Harper Mahoney<br>Charlotte Walters<br>Evangeline Williams<br>Natalia Wojton                          |
| <b>Princess Florine</b>            | Caden Stover                                                                                          | Grae Chalovich                                                                                        |
| <b>Blue Bird</b>                   | Hansel Correa Diaz                                                                                    | Diego Martinez Haidar                                                                                 |
| <b>Red Riding Hood</b>             | Amelia Sias                                                                                           | Amelia Sias                                                                                           |
| <b>Wolf</b>                        | Hansel Correa Diaz                                                                                    | Hansel Correa Diaz                                                                                    |
| <b>Cinderella</b>                  | Murphy Henninger                                                                                      | Ella Way                                                                                              |
| <b>Prince Desiré</b>               | Diego Martinez Haidar                                                                                 | Diego Martinez Haidar                                                                                 |
| <b>Puss in Boots</b>               | Lila Neal                                                                                             | Caden Stover                                                                                          |
| <b>Tuxedo Cat</b>                  | Hansel Correa Diaz                                                                                    | Hansel Correa Diaz                                                                                    |
| <b>Cats</b>                        | Drake Doerr<br>Saundra Hanko<br>Emylia Heinen<br>Geneva Hinton<br>Harper Mahoney<br>Charlotte Walters | Drake Doerr<br>Saundra Hanko<br>Emylia Heinen<br>Geneva Hinton<br>Harper Mahoney<br>Charlotte Walters |

# Cast

|              | 1pm                 | 6pm                 |
|--------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| Cats (cont.) | Evangeline Williams | Evangeline Williams |
|              | Natalia Wojton      | Natalia Wojton      |
| Diamond      | Vera Mitchell       | Anna Young          |
| Emerald      | Ella Way            | Vera Mitchell       |
| Ruby         | Abby Thomas         | Abby Thomas         |
| Sapphire     | Mariah Strnisha     | Mariah Strnisha     |

# Production Credits

**Artistic Director** Vanessa Haidar

**Costumes** Diane Damon

“Gramma Chris” Canavan

Kami Chalovich

Hilary Sias

**Rehearsal Instructors** Hansel Correa Diaz

Vanessa Haidar

**Stage Manager** Elaine Pensock

**Printing** Slavia Printing

**Production Planning** Ashley Halloran

**Program** Will Damon

**Videography** Hansel Correa Babe

# Teacher Profiles

## Vanessa Haidar

### Artistic Director

Vanessa graduated from the National Ballet School of Havana, Cuba as a ballet dancer and instructor. Vanessa danced with the National Ballet of Cuba for 10 years, performing in classical ballets worldwide. Notable ballets in which she has performed include Swan Lake, Giselle, Nutcracker, Don Quixote, Coppelia, The Sleeping Beauty, Romeo and Juliet, Cinderella, Snow White and Balanchine's Theme and Variations and Il Ballo de la Regina. She moved to the United States in 2013. Since then, she has taught at numerous ballet schools in Florida and Pennsylvania, and at Seton Hill University. In 2015, she started coaching students participating in Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) and World Ballet Competition, placing Top 24, Top 12, 2nd and 1st. In 2018, Vanessa co-founded Pennsylvania Ballet Conservatory, where she dedicates herself to sharing her love and knowledge of classical ballet with students as the studio's Artistic Director and Principal Instructor. Vanessa resides in McMurray with her son, Diego.



## Hansel Correa Diaz

Hansel graduated from the prestigious Alejo Carpentier Ballet School in Havana in 2005. He then attended the National School of Arts to continue his career with a concentration in Spanish Dance (Flamenco). Hansel graduated with high honors, receiving his Bachelor of Fine Arts in Spanish Dance in July of 2011. He began his professional career in the Corps de Ballet at the internationally renowned Ballet Español de Cuba Company. He moved quickly to soloist and principal dancer, having the opportunity to perform with international principal dancers such as Francisco Núñez (Spain), José Manuel Carreño, and others. His performance experience includes Sevilla en el Tiempo, Homenaje a Martín Vargas, The Phantom of the Opera, Carmen, Romance Bacalice, Romance in B, Las Bodas de Luis Alonso, Asturias, Emigrante, Gitanillas y Toreros, Sombrero de los Tres Picos, Al Andaluz, among many others. In 2013, Hansel made his debut as a choreographer, working with Victor Basilio in "Encontra2". Hansel was also an instructor at The Spanish Ballet School for 5 years, teaching all ages (3 to 18). Hansel now lives in McMurray, where he owns and operates his own home remodeling company and has been teaching and performing with Pennsylvania Ballet Conservatory, Laurel Ballet, West Point Ballet, Broadway Dance Studio, Laura Lynn's School of Ballet and Alba Flamenca Studio.

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## Daniel Sarabia

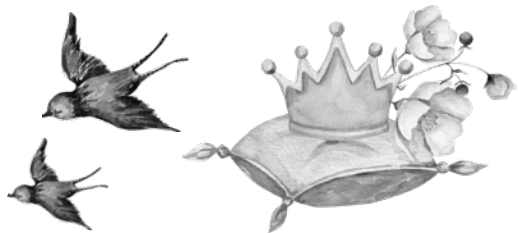
### Guest Instructor and Principal Dancer

In 1993, Daniel Sarabia joined the Provincial School of Ballet Alejo Carpentier in Havana, and graduated from the Cuban National Ballet School in 2002. He won the Bronze Medal at the International Ballet Competition of Havana (1998), Silver Medal and Young Revelation Prize (1999), and Gold Medal (2002). He also won Silver at the New York International Ballet Competition (2005). Daniel began his professional career with the Cuban National Ballet in 2002 under the direction of famed prima ballerina, Alicia Alonso.

Daniel has appeared in productions across the globe, from Latin America, to the United States, Asia and Europe, dancing such roles as Basilio ("Don Quixote"), Puck ("A Midsummer Night's Dream"), and Siegfried ("Swan Lake," Balanchine choreography), among many others. He has performed in the principal roles in "Diane and Actéon Pas de Deux," "Black Swan Pas de Deux" and "Le Corsaire." He has danced with Boston Ballet (2005-2006), Miami City Ballet (2007), and Béjart Ballet of Lausanne (2007-2012). Finally, Daniel was a principal dancer with the Arts Ballet Theatre of Florida through 2017 and is currently an international guest principal dancer.

## Alexander Zankin

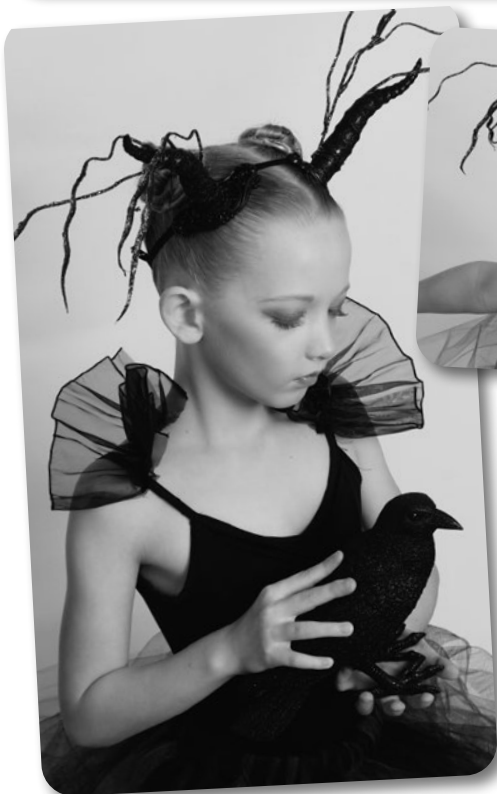
Alexander Zankin is a renowned character dance teacher. He graduated from the Academy of Music and Dance in Plovdiv, Bulgaria with a Master of Arts in Choreography and from the University of Varna with a Bachelor of Arts in Choreography. Most recently, he has been a teacher and choreographer with numerous dance schools across the Pittsburgh area including Pittsburgh Ballet Theater School, Ballet Academy of Pittsburgh, Wexford Dance Company, West Point Ballet and Laurel Ballet. Prior to this, he taught and choreographed dance throughout Bulgaria. Zankin has won many awards for his work, including the Gold Lyre for Choreographic High Achievement (Union of Bulgaria), 1st Category Choreographer (State Commission of Performing Arts, Bulgaria), Gold Pin for Performer High Achievement (State Dept. of the Army, Bulgaria) and Extraordinary Category Performer (State Commission of Performing Arts, Bulgaria).





*Great Job, Murphy!*  
*I am so proud*  
*of you!*

*Love,*  
*Gramma*  
*Chris*



**Lyra,**

**We love watching you dance...  
especially when you're dancing a  
role you truly love!**

**Light up that stage, Evil Fairy!**

**Love, Mommy & Daddy**





*Life without ballet is pointless*



*Never  
Stop  
Dancing,  
  
Saundra  
  
Love,  
Mom, Dad, &  
Isabella*

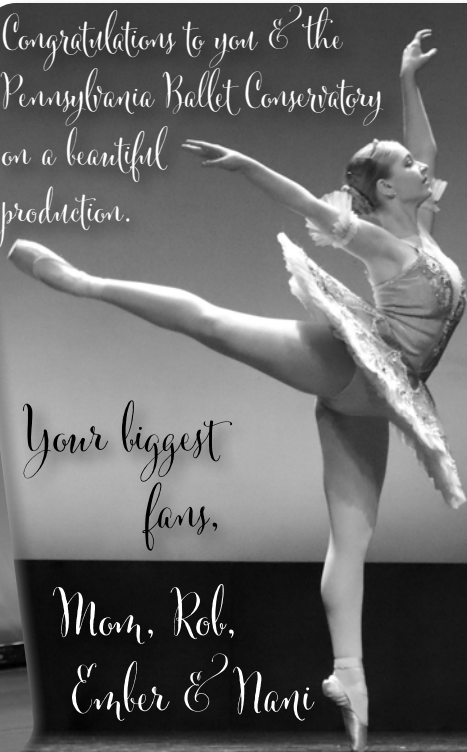
To Our Beautiful Adien,  
Enjoy every moment  
on stage playing Aurora!



Congratulations to you & the  
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on a beautiful  
production.

Your biggest  
fans,

Mom, Rob,  
Ember & Nani

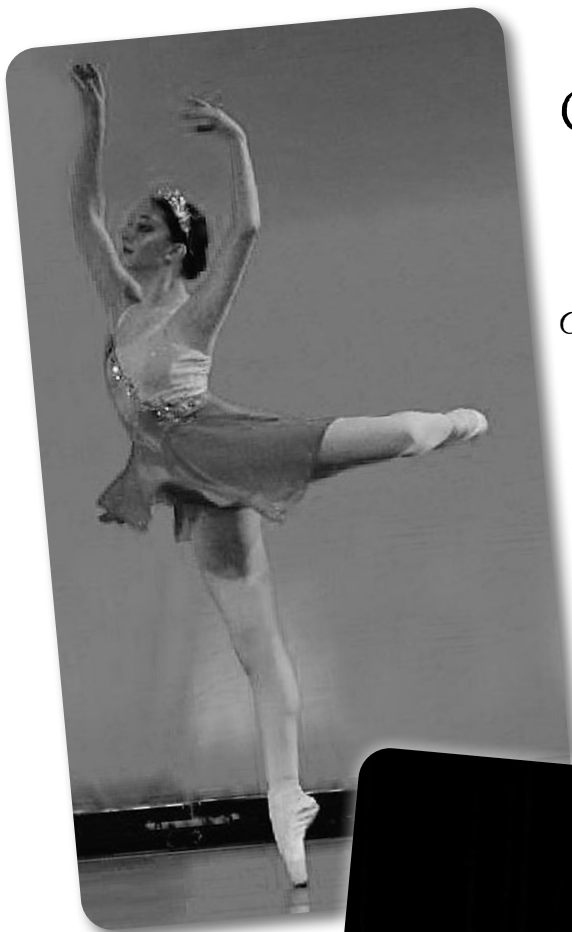


We have loved to  
watch you grow into  
the beautiful ballerina  
you are today!



Bravo!

Love,  
Mama, Dada  
& Bo Bo



*Sydney,*

*Wow!*

*What an amazing year!*

*It has been so much  
fun watching all of your  
hard work pay off!*

*Congratulations!*

*Love,*

*Mom, Dad  
and John*



*Congratulations, Murphy!*

*You are always a princess to us!*

*Merde on a gorgeous  
Cinderella performance!*

*Love,  
Mom, Dad  
and Molly*



*Sydney & Emylia,*

*To our two beautiful girls.  
We love to watch you  
dance.*

*Congratulations  
on another  
show, we  
are so  
proud of  
you both!*

*All of our  
love,  
Mom,  
Dad  
& Ayden*



*Geneva*



*"Nothing is impossible, the world itself  
says 'I'm possible!'" -Audrey Hepburn*

*With All of Our Love,  
Dad, Mom, Berlin & Vienna*

*Ella*

*We are so proud  
of you!*

*Congratulations  
on an amazing show!*

*Love,*

*Mom, Dad, Reece, Mia,  
Grandma, Grams, and Pop Pop*

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Branden*



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Thursday evenings from 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm, starting June 15

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- *Advanced (ages 13+)* 4:30 pm - 6:00 pm

- *Intermediate (ages 9-12)* 6:00 pm - 7:15 pm

### Ballet Camp (ages 3-5)

- June 12 - 16, July 10 - 14, August 7 - 11

- 9:30 am - 12:00 pm

Join us for an exciting week of dance, crafts and games. Our classes will concentrate on the fundamentals of ballet, encourage creative expression through movement, and guarantee plenty of fun. Each week offers a unique set of activities, arts, and themes, culminating in a parent showcase on Friday.

### Primary Intensive (ages 6-8)

- June 12 - 16, July 10 - 14, August 7 - 11

- 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm

Students will enhance their ballet skills by developing strength, improving turnout and alignment, and increasing flexibility. Along with honing their technique, they also participate in fun activities such as crafts and games. The hard work and progress of the students will be showcased on Friday.

### Intermediate Intensive (ages 9-12)

- June 12 - 16, July 10 - 14, August 7 - 11

- 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

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- July 17 - 21, July 24 - 29, July 31 - August 4, August 7 - 11, August 14 - 18

- 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

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