

The Nutcracker

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Artistic Director
Vanessa Haidar



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A MESSAGE FROM THE ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

We are delighted to invite you to experience one of our most cherished traditions here at Pennsylvania Ballet Conservatory, The Nutcracker. This ballet holds a special place in my heart because, beyond its enchanting beauty, it serves as a showcase for our dancers to demonstrate their growth and development throughout the year. Amidst bringing this magical story to life, our dancers, too, have created lasting memories and I just know their love for the ballet will lift your holiday spirits.

For this production, we have worked tirelessly and with great care to refresh the choreography, update the arrangements and revitalize the costumes. From the lively and whimsical Polichenelle to the graceful Waltz of the Flowers, every element is part of a journey that we eagerly anticipate sharing with you.

None of this would be possible without the unwavering commitment of our students and the support of their families and friends. I am immensely proud of each individual, showcasing admirable character, patience and discipline during the preparation for this show. A heartfelt "Thank You" extends to the parents, guardians, volunteers, and everyone at the studio. Your contributions mean the world to me, and more importantly, to the students.

I wish you all a Happy Holiday season.

Enjoy the show!

- Vanessa



A HOLIDAY LETTER FROM PBC

Pennsylvania Ballet Conservatory has had a great year. We continue to see healthy growth as a renaissance of the arts captivates the region. Interest in our programs is strong across the board, with a particularly robust expansion in Ballet Beginnings. We are especially proud to have introduced our Ballet Abilities program this year, making ballet at our studio more accessible than ever before. Additionally, we've had a number of talented and hard working students transition to dancing on-pointe, and we've welcomed in new students across a variety of levels. Our Halloween production of Giselle was phenomenal and the response was simply amazing. The Nutcracker set a studio record for ticket pre-sales, too. As we look forward to the second act of this dance season, we anticipate a fantastic Spring production, and we can't wait to share more announcements. Excitement for the summer intensive programs and next year's season is already building, and we're well poised to carry the momentum of this year forward.

Be sure to bookmark our website and follow us on social media to find out what's happening. We encourage anyone interested in being a part of our incredible journey to reach out. We'd love to hear from you and to help you nurture your love for ballet.

Wishing you and your families joy, peace, and prosperity this holiday season from everyone here at PBC.



ABOUT PENNSYLVANIA BALLET CONSERVATORY



Pennsylvania Ballet Conservatory is a classical ballet school located in Peters Township. Founded in August 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 and lifelong love of dance.

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

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

For more information, please stop by the studio, visit our website at pennballet.com, email info@pennballet.com, or call us at (724) 747-8943.



ABOUT THE NUTCRACKER

The Nutcracker ballet is based on the story "The Nutcracker and the King of Mice" written by E.T.A. Hoffman in 1816 and revised by Alexandre Dumas in 1844. It is set to the music of composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky and originally choreographed by Marius Petipa.

The Nutcracker premiered in Saint Petersburg at the Marinsky Theater in December 1892. Its first United States performance was in 1944 by the San Francisco Ballet. The ballet did not achieve popularity in the United States until The New York City Ballet first performed George Balanchine's version of The Nutcracker in 1954. Its popularity became even more widespread after a 1958 television airing of the ballet. The now beloved ballet has become a holiday tradition for many families across the country for more than 65 years.



THE NUTCRACKER SYNOPSIS

ACT I

SCENE I - THE PARTY

It is Christmas Eve in the Stahlbaum house in the mid-1800's. The Stahlbaums are hosting their annual Christmas party, welcoming the arrival of their family and friends. The children, Clara and Fritz, are dancing and playing as they welcome their friends, too.

The party grows festive with music and dancing. Presents are given out to the children. Suddenly, a mysterious figure enters the room. It is Herr Drosselmeyer, Clara's godfather. He is also a talented toymaker and is always full of surprises. He has brought gifts for the children, including several lifelike dolls. They are the delight of the party, each taking a turn to dance.

Drosselmeyer presents Clara with a wooden Nutcracker toy carved in the shape of a soldier. Clara loves the Nutcracker, but Fritz is jealous and snatches the Nutcracker from Clara and breaks it. Clara is heartbroken. She looks on as Drosselmeyer quickly repairs the Nutcracker with a handkerchief he magically draws from the air. After the party has ended, Clara puts the Nutcracker to bed under the Christmas tree.



THE NUTCRACKER SYNOPSIS

ACT I

SCENE II - THE NIGHT BATTLE

During the night, after everyone else has gone to bed, Clara returns to the parlor to check on her beloved Nutcracker. Then, as the clock strikes midnight, strange things begin to happen. Drosselmeyer returns, and to Clara's astonishment, he magically makes the Christmas tree grow high above her and brings the Nutcracker to life.

The toy soldiers come alive while the room fills with an army of mice, led by the fierce Rat King and Queen. The Nutcracker leads his army of toy soldiers into battle against the mice. After the Nutcracker has fallen and all hope seems lost, Clara throws her slipper at the Rat Queen and the Nutcracker then kills her. Drosselmeyer reappears and transforms the Nutcracker into a handsome young prince. The Prince invites Clara to journey with him to his home — the Land of Sweets.

ACT I

SCENE III - THE ENCHANTED FOREST

On their journey to The Land of Sweets, Clara and the Prince travel through the Land of Snow, an enchanted forest wonderland where they are welcomed by beautiful, dancing snowflakes.



INTERMISSION

THE NUTCRACKER SYNOPSIS

ACT II

THE LAND OF SWEETS

Clara and the Prince soon reach the Land of Sweets, where they are greeted by Angels. Once they reach the Prince's palace, they meet the beautiful Queen of Sweets. The Prince recounts how he had been saved from the Rat King and Queen by Clara and transformed back into himself.

In honor of the young heroes, Clara is presented with a crown and the Prince with a red handkerchief. A celebration of sweets from around the world is called upon to entertain Clara: chocolate from Spain, coffee from Arabia, tea from China, and candy canes and dolls from Russia all dance for their amusement; Marzipan and tiny Gumdrops also dance; and a string of beautiful flowers perform a waltz. To conclude the night, the Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier perform a Pas De Deux that is lighter than air.

As the time arrives for Clara to leave, all of the dancers bid her farewell. Clara leaves the palace and awakens in her home. Clara realizes that the dream was not completely unreal when she notices the crown on her head and the red handkerchief around the Nutcracker's neck.

THE END



CAST

ACT I - SCENE I - THE PARTY

| | <i>Saturday, Dec. 16</i> | <i>Sunday, Dec. 17</i> |
|-----------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Clara</i> | Aubrie Eismont | Isabelle Marazas |
| <i>Fritz</i> | Russell Damon | Marshall Damon |
| <i>Prince</i> | Diego Martinez Haidar | Diego Martinez Haidar |
| <i>President</i> | Hansel Correa Diaz | Hansel Correa Diaz |
| <i>Mrs. Stahlbaum</i> | Julie Winovich | Julie Winovich |
| <i>Drosselmeyer</i> | Will Damon | Will Damon |
| <i>Maids</i> | Diane Damon Lindsey Damon Annalise Eismont Hilary Sias | Diane Damon Lindsey Damon Annalise Eismont Hilary Sias |
| <i>Nieces</i> | Mae Connolly Mary Hospodar Grace Mychalishyn Emilija Wardzala | Spencer Dolan Mary Hospodar Grace Mychalishyn Mia Salsi |
| <i>Nephews</i> | Marshall Damon Benny Dolan Lucas Falta Gus Goodman Harvey Goodman Grant Wojton | Russell Damon Benny Dolan Lucas Falta Gus Goodman Harvey Goodman Grant Wojton |
| <i>Best Friends</i> | Hannah Damon Sydney Duda | Aubrie Eismont Mariah Strnisha |
| <i>Adult Ladies</i> | Ashley Halloran Inga Kruetzmann Brooke McCarthy Cathi Stover | Ashley Halloran Inga Kruetzmann Brooke McCarthy Cathi Stover |

CAST

ACT I - SCENE I - THE PARTY

| | <i>Saturday, Dec. 16</i> | <i>Sunday, Dec. 17</i> |
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| <i>Adult Men</i> | Darren Bradley William Damon Dustin Lasch Tim Wojton | Darren Bradley William Damon Dustin Lasch Tim Wojton |
| <i>Muller Family</i> | Palmer Fedzen Rosalina Marzzarella | Palmer Fedzen Rosalina Marzzarella |
| <i>Fisher Family</i> | Sienna Falta Harper Mahoney Grace Sinnamond Grace Young | Sienna Falta Harper Mahoney Grace Sinnamond Grace Young |
| <i>Weber Family</i> | Verena Belldina Siena Cuneo Charlotte Foltin Caitlyn Seibert Lena Welsch Mia Winovich | Verena Belldina Siena Cuneo Charlotte Foltin Caitlyn Seibert Lena Welsch Mia Winovich |
| <i>Little Dolls</i> | Stella Andreyo Aryanna Bradley Jane Connolly Charlotte Croco Saundra Hanko Geneva Hinton Hayden Madar Charlotte Walters Evangeline Williams Natalia Wojton | Stella Andreyo Aryanna Bradley Jane Connolly Charlotte Croco Saundra Hanko Geneva Hinton Hayden Madar Charlotte Walters Evangeline Williams Natalia Wojton |

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ACT I - SCENE I - THE PARTY

| | <i>Saturday, Dec. 16</i> | <i>Sunday, Dec. 17</i> |
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| <i>Columbine Doll</i> | Emilija Wardzala | Mia Salsi |
| <i>Flower Doll</i> | Amelia Sias | Amelia Sias |
| <i>Soldierette Dolls</i> | Ella Belfiore Isabelle Marazas | Vera Mitchell Ella Way |

ACT I - SCENE II - THE NIGHT BATTLE

| | <i>Saturday, Dec. 16</i> | <i>Sunday, Dec. 17</i> |
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| <i>Rat King</i> | Sydney Duda | Hannah Damon |
| <i>Rat Queen</i> | Ella Belfiore | Caden Stover |
| <i>Big Mice</i> | Spencer Dolan Lyra Halloran Sydney Heinen Elizabeth Keller Madison Norton Addison Ward | Spencer Dolan Lyra Halloran Sydney Heinen Elizabeth Keller Madison Norton Addison Ward |
| <i>Baby Mice</i> | Sienna Falta Palmer Fedzen Harper Mahoney Rosalina Marzzarella Grace Sinnamond Grace Young | Sienna Falta Palmer Fedzen Harper Mahoney Rosalina Marzzarella Grace Sinnamond Grace Young |
| <i>General</i> | Russell Damon | Russell Damon |
| <i>Soldiers</i> | Marshall Damon Benny Dolan Lucas Falta | Marshall Damon Benny Dolan Lucas Falta |

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ACT I - SCENE II - THE NIGHT BATTLE

| | <i>Saturday, Dec. 16</i> | <i>Sunday, Dec. 17</i> |
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| <i>Soldiers</i> | Gus Goodman Harvey Goodman Grant Wojton | Gus Goodman Harvey Goodman Grant Wojton |
| <i>Soldierettes</i> | Stella Andreyo Aryanna Bradley Jane Connolly Charlotte Croco Saundra Hanko Geneva Hinton Hayden Madar Charlotte Walters Evangeline Williams Natalia Wojton | Stella Andreyo Aryanna Bradley Jane Connolly Charlotte Croco Saundra Hanko Geneva Hinton Hayden Madar Charlotte Walters Evangeline Williams Natalia Wojton |

ACT I - SCENE III - THE ENCHANTED FOREST

| | <i>Saturday, Dec. 16</i> | <i>Sunday, Dec. 17</i> |
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| <i>Snow Queen</i> | Abby Thomas | Ella Way |
| <i>Snow King</i> | Javier Riefkohl Garcia | Javier Riefkohl Garcia |
| <i>Snow Demis</i> | Vera Mitchell Ella Way | Mariah Strnisha Abby Thomas |
| <i>Snowflakes</i> | Ella Belfiore Hannah Damon Sydney Duda Aubrie Eismont Lila JoHomes Vera Mitchell | Ella Belfiore Hannah Damon Sydney Duda Lila JoHomes Isabelle Marazas Amelia Sias |

CAST

ACT I - SCENE III - THE ENCHANTED FOREST

| | <i>Saturday, Dec. 16</i> | <i>Sunday, Dec. 17</i> |
|---------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| <i>Snowflakes</i> | Amelia Sias Madelyn Thomas | Mariah Strnisha Madelyn Thomas |
| <i>Snow Crystal</i> | Emilija Wardzala | Mia Salsi |
| <i>Snow Crystal Corps</i> | Lyra Halloran Sydney Heinen Elizabeth Keller Madison Norton Mia Salsi Addison Ward | Lyra Halloran Sydney Heinen Elizabeth Keller Madison Norton Emilija Wardzala Addison Ward |



CAST

ACT II - THE LAND OF SWEETS

| | <i>Saturday, Dec. 16</i> | <i>Sunday, Dec. 17</i> |
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| <i>Angel Lead</i> | Sydney Duda | Amelia Sias |
| <i>Angel Demi</i> | Mae Connolly Emilija Wardzala | Mary Hospodar Emilija Wardzala |
| <i>Angel Corps</i> | Stella Andreyo Aryanna Bradley Jane Connolly Charlotte Croco Saundra Hanko Geneva Hinton Hayden Madar Charlotte Walters | Stella Andreyo Aryanna Bradley Jane Connolly Charlotte Croco Saundra Hanko Geneva Hinton Hayden Madar Charlotte Walters |

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| | <i>Saturday, Dec. 16</i> | <i>Sunday, Dec. 17</i> |
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| <i>Angel Corps</i> | Evangeline Williams Natalia Wojton | Evangeline Williams Natalia Wojton |
| <i>Queen of Sweets</i> | Mariah Strnisha | Abby Thomas |
| <i>Spanish Lead</i> | Isabelle Marazas | Ella Belfiore |
| <i>Spanish Corps</i> | Ella Belfiore Hannah Damon Sydney Duda Madelyn Thomas | Hannah Damon Sydney Duda Aubrie Eismont Mariah Strnisha |
| <i>Chinese Lead</i> | Amelia Sias | Caden Stover |
| <i>Chinese Corps</i> | Sienna Falta Palmer Fedzen Harper Mahoney Rosalina Marzzarella Grace Sinnamond Grace Young | Sienna Falta Palmer Fedzen Harper Mahoney Rosalina Marzzarella Grace Sinnamond Grace Young |
| <i>Russian Lead</i> | Ella Belfiore | Aubrie Eismont |
| <i>Russian Corps</i> | Spencer Dolan Lyra Halloran Sydney Heinen Elizabeth Keller Madison Norton Addison Ward | Spencer Dolan Lyra Halloran Sydney Heinen Elizabeth Keller Madison Norton Addison Ward |
| <i>Polichenelle Lead</i> | Sydney Duda | Hannah Damon |
| <i>Polichenelle Corps</i> | Verena Belldina Siena Cuneo Charlotte Foltin Caitlyn Seibert | Verena Belldina Siena Cuneo Charlotte Foltin Caitlyn Seibert |

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| | <i>Saturday, Dec. 16</i> | <i>Sunday, Dec. 17</i> |
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| <i>Polichenelle Corps</i> | Lena Welsch Mia Winovich | Lena Welsch Mia Winovich |
| <i>Gum Drops</i> | Aryanna Bradley Jane Connolly Charlotte Croco Sienna Falta Palmer Fedzen Saundra Hanko Geneva Hinton Hayden Madar Harper Mahoney Rosalina Marzzarella Grace Sinnamond Charlotte Walters Evangeline Williams Grace Young | Aryanna Bradley Jane Connolly Charlotte Croco Sienna Falta Palmer Fedzen Saundra Hanko Geneva Hinton Hayden Madar Harper Mahoney Rosalina Marzzarella Grace Sinnamond Charlotte Walters Evangeline Williams Grace Young |
| <i>Arabian Lead</i> | Vera Mitchell | Anna Young |
| <i>Arabian Male</i> | Javier Riefkohl Garcia | Javier Riefkohl Garcia |
| <i>Marzipan Lead</i> | Abby Thomas | Ella Way |
| <i>Marzipan Corps</i> | Ella Belfiore Hannah Damon Sydney Duda Isabelle Marazas | Ella Belfiore Hannah Damon Sydney Duda Aubrie Eismont |
| <i>Sugar Plum Fairy</i> | Caden Stover | Anna Young |
| <i>Candy Cane Lead</i> | Hannah Damon | Mariah Strnisha |
| <i>Candy Canes</i> | Mae Connolly Mary Hospodar | Spencer Dolan Mary Hospodar |

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| | <i>Saturday, Dec. 16</i> | <i>Sunday, Dec. 17</i> |
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| <i>Candy Canes</i> | Grace Mychalishyn Emilija Wardzala | Grace Mychalishyn Emilija Wardzala |
| <i>Mini Candy Canes</i> | Verena Belldina Siena Cuneo Charlotte Foltin Caitlyn Seibert Lena Welsch Mia Winovich | Verena Belldina Siena Cuneo Charlotte Foltin Caitlyn Seibert Lena Welsch Mia Winovich |
| <i>Sugar Plum Cavalier</i> | Javier Riefkohl Garcia | Javier Riefkohl Garcia |
| <i>Dew Drop</i> | Ella Way | Vera Mitchell |
| <i>Waltz Demi</i> | Vera Mitchell Abby Thomas | Abby Thomas Ella Way |
| <i>Rosebud</i> | Mia Salsi | Emilija Wardzala |
| <i>Roses</i> | Mae Connolly Mary Hospodar Grace Mychalishyn Emilija Wardzala | Spencer Dolan Mary Hospodar Grace Mychalishyn Mia Salsi |
| <i>Flowers</i> | Ella Belfiore Hannah Damon Sydney Duda Lila JoHomes Isabelle Marazas Amelia Sias Mariah Strnisha Madelyn Thomas | Ella Belfiore Hannah Damon Sydney Duda Aubrie Eismont Lila JoHomes Amelia Sias Mariah Strnisha Madelyn Thomas |
| <i>Grand Pas De Deux</i> | Caden Stover Javier Riefkohl Garcia | Anna Young Javier Riefkohl Garcia |

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SPECIAL THANKS

Pennsylvania Ballet Conservatory would like to extend a very warm "Thank You" to Cathi Stover. Among her many contributions since we first opened our doors, Cathi has volunteered as the merchandising coordinator, run the gift shop and performed as a Lady on stage. We will miss Cathi as her graduating senior moves on to the next stage of her own great adventure. Thank you, Cathi, for believing in us. You will always be cherished in the hearts of your PBC Family.

THANK YOU

We extend our gratitude to the families and friends of our dancers for their tremendous support, which has been instrumental in bringing this production of The Nutcracker to life. The creation of the enchanting magic on stage involves immense effort, and your contributions have helped to make it all possible. Thank you!

Diane & Vanessa



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, The Nutcracker, Don Quixote, Coppelia, The Sleeping Beauty, Romeo and Juliet, Cinderella, Snow White, Balanchine's Theme and Variations, and Il Ballo de la Regina. Vanessa moved to the United States in 2013. 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 the award-winning Pennsylvania Ballet Conservatory where she serves as Artistic Director and Senior Director of Ballet Instruction, and personally teaches several levels. Vanessa resides in McMurray with her son, Diego.

TEACHER PROFILES

Hansel Correa Diaz

Hansel graduated from the prestigious Alejo Carpentier Ballet School in Havana, Cuba, 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 has taught and performed with Laurel Ballet, Broadway Dance Studio, Laura Lynn's School of Ballet and Alba Flamenca Studio. Hansel now teaches character, ballet and other classes at PBC, and lives in McMurray with his beautiful family.

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. In addition to his contributions to PBC, Mr. Zankin 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, and Laurel Ballet. Prior to this, he taught and choreographed dance throughout Bulgaria. Mr. 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).



BALLET ABILITIES

In life's dance, we believe that anyone with the desire should have a chance to twirl in joy, no matter the steps they take. As we continue on our mission to develop and inspire healthy dancers in a positive and inclusive environment, we are thrilled to introduce our Ballet Abilities class. This program has been designed to take into consideration the distinctive requirements of students who experience the world in a different way. We would like to thank the families of the first group of dancers to take part in this class for putting their trust in us, and we'd like to congratulate this young troupe on their debut as ballet students. Welcome to PBC!



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SENIOR PROFILE

Caden Stover

Caden is a senior at South Fayette High School. She has been dancing classical ballet for over 14 years and has attended Pennsylvania Ballet Conservatory since they opened. Caden has competed in many YAGP and UBC competitions and this will be her 13th performance in The Nutcracker. Her favorite parts that she has danced over the years are Clara, Arabian, and Sugar Plum Fairy. Known as "Miss Caden," she also teaches the Summer Intensive, Beginning Ballet and Ballet Abilities classes. Caden's future plans are to attend college to become a Speech Pathologist and minor in dance. She will miss everything about PBC, especially her ballet family, including Miss Vanessa, Diane, and her friends, and hopes to be back to teach over the summers.



SENIOR PROFILE

Isabelle Marazas



Isabelle is a senior at Penn Hills High School. She has been dancing many different styles, including jazz, tap, lyrical, contemporary, hip-hop, and ballet, since she was 3 years old and competing since she was 5. Isabelle came to Pennsylvania Ballet Conservatory last fall to gain better technique. This is her 2nd time performing in *The Nutcracker*, and she is so excited to be Clara in this year's production. Isabelle's future plans are to attend college to become an Interior Designer and minor in dance. She would like to thank Miss Vanessa, all the PBC staff, her classmates, and her family for all their encouragement and support.

SENIOR PROFILE

Anna Young

Anna Grace Young is a senior at Trinity High School in Washington, PA. Anna started her training in classical ballet at the age of 10 and has trained with Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Ballet Met, and Pennsylvania Ballet Conservatory's pre-professional program. Anna has competed in various competitions placing in the Top 12 with YAGP, and Top 10 in both ADC/IBC and UBC.

Over the years, Anna has most enjoyed performing the roles of Giselle and Sugar Plum Fairy with PBC. This is Anna's eighth year performing in The Nutcracker, and while this is her senior year, she hopes it is not her last. Anna plans to continue dancing after her high school graduation and is currently auditioning for graduate and trainee programs with professional ballet companies. Anna is so thankful for the solid, technical foundation she received from Miss Vanessa, and will miss her PBC family.



Dance with your heart, your feet will follow



Lena

Caitlin

Mia

*Good luck Spencer and Benny!
We are so proud of you!*

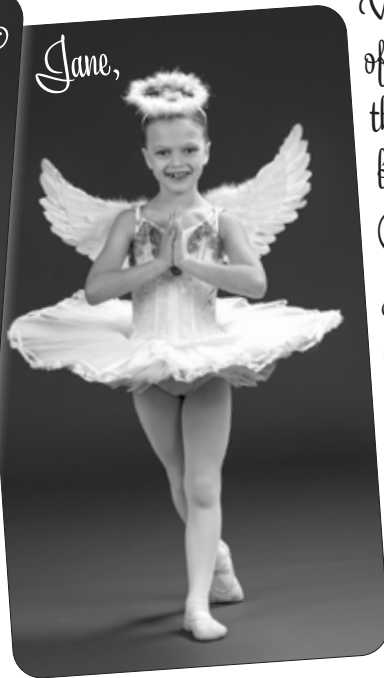


*Love,
Mom, Dad, Thea and Buddy!*





Mae &



Jane,

We are so proud
of the ballerinas
that you are
becoming!

Continue with
your positive
attitudes and
discipline.

We can't wait
to see you
shine on stage.
We love you

so much!

Love: Mom and Dad



Charli,

We are so proud of all of
your hard work and we
are very excited to watch
you dance! Have so
much fun!

Love,

Mommy, Daddy, &
Jackson



We are beyond
proud of our sweet
"Sugar Plum Fairy".
Watching you
dance for the
last 15 years
has brought us
so much joy!
Cherish every
moment of your
last Nutcracker!

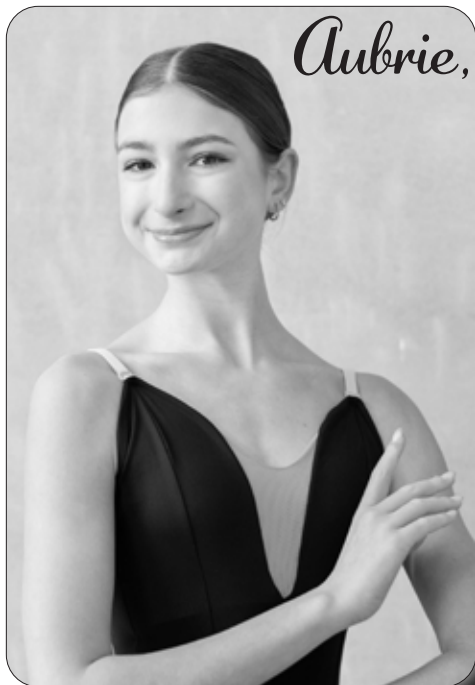
Love,
Mama, Dad
and Bo Bo



"Give a girl the right shoes, and she can conquer the world."

- Marilyn Monroe

Aubrie,



*Our wish for you is that life
becomes all that you want it to,
Your dreams stay big and your
worries stay small,
You never need to carry more
than you can hold,
And while you're out there
getting where you're getting to,
Know that we love you and
can't wait to watch you on
your amazing journey.*

*With love,
Mom, Dad, Annalise,
Kingston, Grammie & Pappy,
Grandma & Grandpa*

Harper,

you are our beautiful and talented little ballerina!

We are very proud of you!

Love,

*Mommy,
Daddy,
and Lucy*



We are so proud of your hard work, Madi!

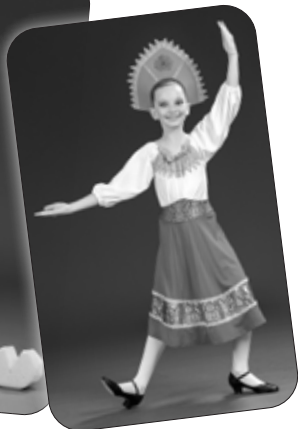


Lyra,



Sparkle and shine on that Nutcracker stage! (And be careful of the cannon!) We love watching you dance - you look like you are having the time of your life!

Love, Mommy & Daddy

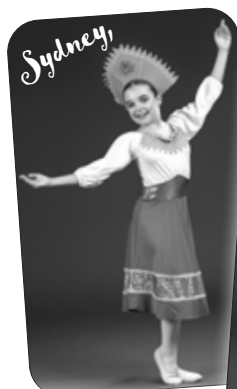




Siena,

*It's so fun watching
you dance and
grow, we love you!*

*Love,
Dad, Mom, and
Luca*



Sydney,



Congrats!



*Another
beautiful
Nutcracker
performance!*

*Love,
Mom, Dad,
Ayden &
Emylia*



Palmer,

*Congratulations on your very first
Nutcracker performance.
We are so proud
of you and can't
wait to watch you
shine on stage.*

*Love,
Mommy,
Daddy,
Mia
& Charleigh*

*Train like a beast,
look like a beauty!*



*We love
watching
you
shine
on
stage,
Mia!*

Love,

Mom, Dad, Tessa, Enzo & your entire family

Ella

*Congratulations on an
amazing show!*



*We are so proud
of you!*

Love,

*Mom, Dad, Reece, Grandma,
Grams and PopPop*

*We're
so
proud
of you
Stella.*

*Love,
Mom
and
Dad*



Sydney,

*You dance like an angel, with
such beauty and grace. Watching
you shine brings us such joy. We
know how hard you work and we
could not be more proud of you.*

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Your Family*





Anna,

Congratulations on your senior year of dance. We are so proud of the beautiful ballerina you have become! Your hard work, determination, and perseverance over the years have paid off. We are so excited to see what your future holds!

Love,

Mommy, Daddy, Lena, Joel, and Evy

Saundra,

You are growing up to be
such an amazing dancer!



We love you,
and we are so
proud of you!

Mom, Dad
& Isabella



*To Hannah
with love*

*Your dedication to what you
do inspires everyone around
you to want to be better.
You have the heart, vision
and determination of a true
leader. We watch with great
pride and anticipation to see
where your journey will
take us all next.*



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Mom
& Dad*



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*Good Luck,
Saundra*

*We are all
cheering
you on!*



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