



**ARKANSAS
ACADEMY
OF DANCE**

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**24th Annual
Student Spring Demonstration**

May 4, 2024

5 pm

**Center for Performing Arts
UALR Campus**

Arkansas Academy of Dance works in partnership with Arkansas Festival Ballet
“developing the next generation of accomplished dancers.”

Academy Director, Rebecca Miller Stalcup
Teachers: Alana Gatzke, Katherine Greer, Melinda Tobian

Arkansas Academy of Dance Student Spring Demonstration

Program Order

Blissful Benightment

Performed most recently April 2024 at RDA National Festival in Daytona, Florida
Choreographer, Holland Stalcup. Music, Conclave Procession & Decadence by Paolo Buonvino
Performance by Arkansas Festival Ballet Performing Company

Keira Eady, Avery Head, Mary Olive Smith, Avaleigh Stalcup
Farah Stalcup, Lanphia Tarawally, Sarah Tarawally, Olya Tryndyak, Charlotte Vaughn

Creative Movement Wednesday & Friday

Music: The Celebrated Chop Waltz Composer: Arthur de Lulli
Artist: Lang Lang Teacher: Rebecca Miller Stalcup

Wednesday - Alma Baker, Sloane Davis, Zahr Dodin, Trinity Myers, Iqra Panjwani
Friday - Megane Karno, Jules Neal

4s for Jazz

Music: Rain on Me Artist: Lady Gaga & Ariana Grande Teacher: Alana Gatzke

Flora Abraham, Piper Funderburg, Lucy Scott

Creative Movement Saturday

Music: Twinkle Twinkle Little Star, K. 265: Tema & Variation 12
Composer: Arthur de Lulli Artist: Lang Lang
Teacher: Rebecca Miller Stalcup

Isaac Aronson, Mila Carrola, Kamara Doyle, Sierra Dugas, Phoebe Golladay, Naomi McDougal
Jamie Moen, Morgan Wooley

Pre-Ballet 1 Thursday & Saturday

Music: Don Quixote, Girls Dance Composer: Ludwig Minkus
Artist: Sofia National Opera Teacher: Alana Gatzke

Thursday - Nora Gibbs, Ana Best, Isabella Hurst
Saturday - Elisa de la Rosa, Bella Green, Elizabeth Leshner

Pre-Ballet 2 Friday

Music: Soirees Musicales, Op.9: III. Tirolese Composer: Benjamin Britten
Teacher: Rebecca Miller Stalcup Artist: National Philharmonic Orchestra

Zuri Brown, Evie McVay

Ballet 1 Saturday Class

Music: Swan Lake: IX.No.4, Pas de trois-VI Coda (allegro vivace)
Composer: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Artist: Sofia National Opera Teacher: Alana Gatzke

Amelia Ray, Grace Villone, Willamina Wilson

Ballet 1 Tuesday Thursday Class

Music: Les Sylphides: III. Valse Composer: Frederic Chopin
Artist: National Philharmonic Orchestra Teacher: Rebecca Miller Stalcup

Sam Alexander, Maria Best, Sarah Kent Robinson, Clara Wall
Anna Wren Wellons

Musical Theatre 1 & 3

Music: Who Lives, Who Dies, Who Tells Your Story Composer: Lin-Manuel Miranda
Artists: Original Broadway Cast of Hamilton Teacher: Katherine Greer

Emma Garcia, Nori Golladay

Amelia Alexander, Keira Eady, Hope Harvey, Avery Head, Nora Lancaster, Mary Olive Smith,
Farah Stalcup, Avaleigh Stalcup, Lanphia Tarwally, Sarah Tarawally, Olya Tryndyak, Kinsley
Walker, Charlotte Vaughn, Maggie Wippo

Ballet 2 Saturday Class

Music: Le Beau Danube: Mazurka Composer: Johann Strauss II
Artist: National Philharmonic Orchestra Teacher: Rebecca Miller Stalcup

Margaret Grobmyer, Silas Mason, Abby Rainosek, Hannah Rainosek

Ballet 2 & Ballet 3 Tuesday Thursday Class

Music: Les Sylphides: IV. Mazurka Composer: Frederic Chopin
Artist: National Philharmonic Orchestra Teacher: Rebecca Miller Stalcup

Olivia Beachboard, Cru Carter, Lucy Lewis, Tiffany Li, Ellery Owen, Avery Shipley
Lenore Shumake

Ballet 4

Music: The Sleeping Beauty: Act 1. Second Scene. No. 8. Pas d'action: Dance des demoiselles
Composer: Pyotr Iiyich Tchaikovsky
Artist: Russian National Orchestra Teacher: Alana Gatzke

Flora Abraham, Piper Funderburg, Lucy Scott

Ballet 6-7

Music: Selections from Sylvia & Coppelia Composer: Leo Delibes
Artist: Nate Fifield Teacher: Melinda Tobian

Amelia Alexander, Naomi Burdette, Nora Lancaster, Charlotte Vaughn, Kinsley Walker
Maggie Wippo

Ballet 8

Music: Le Corsaire, Act 1: No.21, Variation of Medora & Excerpts from Giselle, Act 1
Composer: Adolphe Adam
Artist: Slovak Radio Symphony & Tasmanian Symphony Orchestra Teacher: Melinda Tobian

Keira Eady, Avery Head, Mary Olive Smith, Avaleigh Stalcup, Farah Stalcup
Lanphia Tarawally, Sarah Tarawally, Olya Tryndyak

Thank You

Technical Director - Mike Stacks, Theatre Staff, Volunteers

UALR Theatre Arts & Stacy Pendergraft

Studio Hosts: Lorre Parrish, Susannah Beachboard

Teaching Subs: Brian Earles, Keira Eady, Sarah Tarawally, Avaleigh Stalcup, Ava Wylie

Thank you to Academy Families

*from Arkansas Academy of Dance teachers, Alana Gatzke, Katherine Greer
Rebecca Miller Stalcup, Melinda Tobian*

“We cherish the time spent with our students each week. Thank you for giving us the opportunity to teach and nurture your children; sharing with them our love and joy of dance, and helping them build confidence, strength, knowledge, and creativity. We are so proud of them and applaud their accomplishments. We look forward to encouraging their future growth and progress!”

Congratulations Seniors

We celebrate our high school graduating seniors, Keira Eady, Sarah Tarawally, who have grown up with us! We are so proud of their accomplishments, academically, in the studio and on the stage. We have shared many years with these talents and like all former students, we will continue to embrace and support them as they journey along new paths. As anticipated, these talents have set their future goals high and have everything it takes to succeed.

Keira Eady, Conway High School, graduating with high honors. Literary works published on CHS Mirrors, receiving recognition and awards for photography, top model for local businesses including America Jane Vintage. Arkansas Festival Ballet soloist and principal dancer.

Sarah Tarawally, Little Rock Central High School, graduating with honors. President of NAACP, member of LRCH Debate and Speech, Thespians, and Principal’s Cabinet. Received the James L. “Skip” Rutherford Scholarship. Arkansas Festival Ballet soloist and principal dancer. In Fall 2024, Sarah will attend the University of Arkansas at Fayetteville as a nursing major.

Adult Ballet Class

We believe ballet classes should be available to everyone, including adults with little to no experience. Join our dance community and take Adult Ballet Class with us. Class meets on Tuesday & Thursday 9-10 am. Your first class is free! Let me know you’re coming, text Rebecca at 501 786 0784 to schedule your trial class. Don’t wait, just try it.

Congratulations Summer Training Program & Scholarship Recipients

Avery Head: Kent State University Summer Intensive - partial scholarship

Nora Lancaster: The Rock School Summer Intensive, RDA National Training Program w/ scholarship – partial scholarship, St. Louis Ballet Summer Intensive with ½ scholarship

Avaleigh Stalcup: Burklyn Ballet Theatre Summer Intensive, Collin County Ballet Theatre Summer Intensive

Farah Stalcup: Burklyn Ballet Theatre Summer Intensive, Collin County Ballet Theatre Summer Intensive

Maggie Wippo: Burklyn Ballet Theatre Summer Intensive

Lanphia Tarawally: The Rock School Summer Intensive – full Scholarship, offers from Houston Ballet & Ballet Forte

Sarah Tarawally: RDA National Choreography Intensive – partial scholarship, Palm Beach Atlantic University, Oakland University, Northwestern State University of Louisiana, Mercyhurst University, Coker University, Brenau University Dance, Milwaukee Ballet & Hartt School, University of Hartford.

Olya Tryndyak: Joffrey Ballet School Summer Intensive, RDA National Training Program - partial scholarship, CPYB Advance Ballet Program, Alonzo King LINES Ballet Advanced Summer Intensive.

This Month's Upcoming Events

May 6-11, Evaluation Week - Be in attendance for classes this week, every student receives a report card with level placement for next dance year. One of the many ways we encourage our students.

May 14, AFB Company Auditions - Academy students can audition for Arkansas Festival Ballet Performing Company. Junior Company for Ages 9-11, Apprentice & Performing Company for Ages 11- up. ArkansasFestivalBallet.org for details.

May 25, Last Day of Academy Classes –Have a wonderful summer! We hope to see you soon for Summer Intensive, Summer Classes, and Summer Dance Camp!

Arkansas Festival Ballet (AFB)

Arkansas Festival Ballet, under the direction of Artistic Director Rebecca Miller Stalcup, is a pre professional ballet company made up of dancers training at Arkansas Academy of Dance. Company auditions are held annually for ages 9 +.

AFB contributes to the cultural community in central Arkansas through quality performances featuring local and guest artists. Through a partnership with Arkansas Academy of Dance, Arkansas Festival Ballet encourages formal classical ballet training to prepare talents for extensive training programs at major companies and schools.

Arkansas Festival Ballet's Performance Season includes full-length storybook ballet productions, *The Nutcracker Ballet*, a mixed bill performance, and collaborative projects with local arts organizations.

Arkansas Festival Ballet has performed the classic ballets, *The Sleeping Beauty*, *Cinderella* and *Coppelia*, in addition to storybook ballets *The Princess and the Frog*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Peter Pan*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Aladdin*, *The Adventures of Pinocchio*, *Snow White* and *Hansel & Gretel*. Additional works include grand scaled productions of *Carmina Burana*, *Peter Grimes*, *The Magic Flute*, *Dido & Aeneas*, *Dracula Unearthed* and *Romeo & Juliet*.

Arkansas Festival Ballet strives to strengthen arts education in the community through its collaborative partnerships with organizations in Central Arkansas. As a featured guest artist, Arkansas Festival Ballet has appeared with the Conway Symphony Orchestra, South Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, Arkansas Symphony Orchestra, Arkansas Shakespeare Theatre, Pine Bluff Symphony Orchestra, University of Arkansas Music Department & Concert Choir, Wildwood Park for the Arts, Collin County Ballet Theatre, Opera in the Rock, Argenta Community Theatre, Arkansas Arts Center, Praeclara Arts, and The Clinton Foundation.

AFB is a non for profit 501 (c)3 organization.

2023-2024 AFB Company Dancers

Apprentice & Performing Company - Keira Eady, Hope Harvey, Avery Head, Lily Jones, Nora Lancaster, Catherine McCraw, Mary Olive Smith, Avaleigh Stalcup, Farah Stalcup, Lanphia Tarawally, Sarah Tarawally, Olya Tryndyak, Charlotte Vaughn, Kinsely Walker, Gideon West, Maggie Wippo, Ava Wylie.

Junior Company - Amelia Alexander, Piper Funderburg, Lucy Scott

On May 14, we are calling all academy students Age 9+ to audition for the 2024-2025 AFB Company. Find Info at <https://arkansasfestivalballet.org/auditions>

Regional Dance America (RDA)

Arkansas Festival Ballet Performing Company Regional Dance America National Festival April 2024 in Daytona, Florida. Participation in RDA offers dancers an extension to their current training. Over the course of the four-day festival, talents take classes from world renown instructors with an abundance of top ranked accompanists, perform, and attend performances, and have opportunities to audition for college scholarships, summer training programs and year-round programs. **Congratulations to this year's participants – we applaud your outstanding achievements:** Keira Eady, Avery Head, Nora Lancaster, Mary Olive Smith, Avaleigh Stalcup, Farah Stalcup, Lanphia Tarawally, Sarah Tarawally, Olya Tryndyak, Charlotte Vaughn.

We would love to have students and parents join us. Are you interested in participating in RDA with Arkansas Festival Ballet? Next up on the RDA calendar:

- The annual RDA fall dancer's workshop is September 21, 2024 in Fort Smith, AR. Arkansas Academy of Dance students age 11+ are encouraged to attend.
- Next year's RDA Festival is March 13-15, 2025 in Fort Smith, AR. Arkansas Academy of Dance students age 11+ encouraged to attend.

Learn more at RegionalDanceAmerica.org

Starting Soon - Dance for Life - Dance for Parkinson's

Dance classes for people living with Parkinson's

Arkansas Festival Ballet & Arkansas Academy of Dance are teaming up to host a program like none other. This internationally acclaimed program offers dance classes, community, love, and support to people living with Parkinson's. Classes will take place in our studio home, offering a nurturing, safe and easily assessable venue. We are encouraging people with Parkinson's, their family members, and caregivers to join class. Details coming soon.

Summer Opportunities

Summer Intensive, June 3-15 for Ages 7-9 & Ages 10-up

Themed Summer Classes, July 8-August 3 for Ages 3-7

Summer Classes, July 8- August 3 for Ages 8-up

2 Summer Dance Camps, June 17-20 & August 5-8 for Ages 3-4 & 5-7

