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Student Spring Demonstration

May 10, 2025

5 pm

**Center for Performing Arts
UALR Campus**

Director, Rebecca Miller Stalcup

Teachers: Alana Gatzke, Bella Marbaise, Melinda Tobian, Meredith Zachritz

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

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Program Order

**Special performance by Arkansas Festival Ballet Performing Company
“Reminiscent”**

Debut March 2025 at RDA Southwest Festival

Choreographer, Holland Stalcup. Music, Conclave Procession & Decadence by Paolo Buonvino

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

Creative Movement Saturday

Music: Don Quixote, Act 3: Divertissement & Variation 1 Composer: Leon Minkus
Artist: Moscow International Symphonic Orchestra Teacher: Rebecca Miller Stalcup

Sam Aronson, Emmalynn Matthew-Wright, Vanshika Srivalya Mateti

Pre-Ballet 1 Tuesday & Wednesday Classes

Music: Don Quixote, Act 3: Variation: Kitri Composer: Leon Minkus
Artist: Moscow International Symphonic Orchestra Teacher: Rebecca Miller Stalcup

Tuesday – Zahr Dodin, Sierra Dugas, Phoebe Golladay, Ila Marshall
Wednesday– Issac Aronson, Alma Baker, Sloane Davis, Hollis Hays, Naomi McDougal

Pre-Ballet 2 Wednesday & Saturday Classes

Music: Don Quixote, Act 3: No.45 Cupid Composer: Leon Minkus
Teacher: Rebecca Miller Stalcup Artist: Moscow International Symphonic Orchestra

Wednesday – Ana Best, Nora Gibbs, Isabella Hurst, Iqra Panjwani
Saturday – Elisa de la Rosa, Ujwala Hari, Jamie Moen

Outstanding Soloist

Music, Le Corsaire, Act 1: No. 21, Variation of Medora Composer, Adolph Adam
Choreographer, Marius Petipa. Rehearsal Coach, Melinda Tobian
Dancer, Olya Tryndyak

Ballet 1-2-3 Saturday Class

Music: Don Quixote, Act 2: Coda Composer: Leon Minkus
Artist: Moscow International Symphonic Orchestra Teacher: Rebecca Miller Stalcup

Ballet 1 - Elizabeth Leshner
Ballet 2 – Emma Garcia, Abby Rainosek, Hannah Rainosek, Grace Villone, Willamina Wilson
Ballet 3 - Margaret Grobmyer

Ballet 1-2

Music: Don Quixote, Act 2: Little Cupid Composer: Leon Minkus
Artist: Moscow International Symphonic Orchestra Teacher: Rebecca Miller Stalcup

Ballet 1: Zuri Brown, Nori Golladay, Evie McVay
Ballet 2: Sam Alexander, Maria Best, Sarah Kent Robinson

Ballet 3-4-5 & 6-7-8

Music: Keyboard Concerto No.3 in D major, BWV 1054: III. Allegro
Composer: Johann Sebastian Bach
Artist: Murray Perahia & Academy of St Martin in the Fields
Teacher: Melinda Tobian, Alana Gatzke

Ballet 3 - Olivia Beachboard, Avery Shipley, Clara Wall
Ballet 4 - Cru Carter, Ellery Owen, Lenore Shumake, Piper Stowe
Ballet 5 – Izabella McCallum

Ballet 6 - Amelia Alexander, Lucy Scott
Ballet 8 - Avery Head, Mary Olive Smith, Avaleigh Stalcup
Farah Stalcup, Lanphiah Tarawally, Olya Tryndyak, Kinsley Walker, Maggie Wippo

Thank You

Technical Director - Mike Stacks, Theatre Staff, Volunteers, UALR Theatre Arts & Stacy Pendergraft, Teaching Subs: Alex Newberry Robinson, Avery Head, Mary Olive Smith
Farah Stalcup, Avaleigh Stalcup, Olya Tryndyak

Congratulations 2025 Scholarship Recipients

LANPHIA TARAWALLY

- AMDA College of the Performing Arts - \$40,000 Scholarship.
- Burklyn Ballet Theatre – Full Tuition with Room and Board.
- The University of Oklahoma School of Dance – ½ Scholarship.
- Oklahoma International Dance Festival – Partial Scholarship.

FARAH STALCUP

- AMDA College of the Performing Arts - \$40,000 Scholarship.
- National Choreography Intensive - \$500 Scholarship.
- Oklahoma International Dance Festival – Partial Scholarship.
- Dallas Ballet Company – Full Scholarship.

MARY OLIVE SMITH

- National Choreography Intensive - \$500 Scholarship.
- Louisiana Delta Theatre – Partial Scholarship.

AVERY HEAD

- Louisiana Delta Theatre – Partial Scholarship.

OLYA TRYNDYAK

- Accademia dell' Arte (Italy) – Full Scholarship & Travel

AVALEIGH STALCUP

- Accademia dell' Arte (Italy) – Full Scholarship & Travel

Congratulations Seniors

We celebrate our high school graduating seniors, **Avaleigh Stalcup**, and **Olya Tryndyak** 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.

As a company member with Arkansas Festival Ballet, **Avaleigh Stalcup** has performed the principal role of Belle in “Beauty and the Beast” with South Arkansas Symphony Orchestra and Arabian Coffee in “The Nutcracker Ballet” with Conway Symphony Orchestra. She has also enjoyed her leadership role with Youth Alive Club and being a part of Little Rock Central High productions, as choreographer for “You’re a Good Man Charlie Brown” and “Beauty and the Beast: The Musical”. Avaleigh has also taken to the theatrical stage, performing the role of Lady Hamlet in Shakespeare’s “Hamlet”, Marry Warren in “The Crucible”, and a lead role in an original one-act play. Avaleigh will travel to Italy this summer to study Physical Theatre with Accademia Dell’Arte. She will attend Pepperdine University in the fall as a Theatre Arts major.

As a company member with Arkansas Festival Ballet, **Olya Tryndyak** has performed principal roles of Clara, Dew Drop Fairy and Sugar Plum Fairy in “The Nutcracker Ballet”, Belle in “Beauty and the Beast”, Bonbon Baroness in “Hansel and Gretel”. Olya spent two summers training with Roma Pryma Bohachevsky at the Summer Workshop in Upstate New York where she immersed herself in the art of traditional Ukrainian Folk Dance. This summer, Olya will attend the Accademia dell’Arte Summer Dance Program in Arezzo, Italy. Academically, Olya is a 3-time International Science and Engineering Finalist representing Arkansas, and an AP Capstone Scholar with Distinction. She is graduating Cum Laude from Little Rock Central High School and plans to attend Tulane University in the fall to study cell and molecular biology and dance, on the pre-med track.

This Month’s Upcoming Events

May 12-17, Evaluation Week - Be in attendance for classes this week, every student receives a report card with level placement for next dance year. This is one of the many ways we praise and encourage our academy students.

May 20, AFB Company Auditions - Academy students are encouraged audition for Arkansas Festival Ballet Performing Company. Junior Company for Ages 9-11, and Apprentice & Performing Company for Ages 11- up. Go to ArkansasFestivalBallet.org for details.

May 24, Last Day of Academy Classes –Have a wonderful summer! We hope to see you this summer in one of our summer dance programs: Summer Intensive, Summer Classes, and Summer Dance Camps!

Arkansas Festival Ballet (AFB)
in partnership with Arkansas Academy of Dance

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 promote a love of dance, and 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 Museum of Fine Arts, Arkansas Children's Theatre, Praeclara Arts, and The Clinton Foundation.

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

2024-2025 AFB Company Dancers

Apprentice & Performing Company – Amelia Alexander, Avery Head, Lucy Scott, Mary Olive Smith, Avaleigh Stalcup, Farah Stalcup, Lanphia Tarawally, Olya Tryndyak, Kinsley Walker, Maggie Wippo.

Junior Company – Avery Shipley, Cru Carter, Ellery Owen, Lenore Shumake, Margaret Grobmyer, Olivia Beachboard.

On May 20, we are calling all academy students Age 9+ to audition for the 2025-2026 AFB Company. Find Info at <https://arkansasfestivalballet.org/auditions>

Regional Dance America (RDA)

Arkansas Festival Ballet Performing Company attended Regional Dance America Southwest 2025 in Fort Smith, AR. Participation in RDA offers dancers an extension to their current training. Over the course of the three-day festival, talents take classes from world renown instructors with top ranked accompanists, perform, and audition for college scholarships, summer training scholarships and year-round dance programs. **Congratulations to this year's participants – we applaud your outstanding achievements:** Amelia Alexander, Avery Head, Lucy Scott, Mary Olive Smith, Avaleigh Stalcup, Farah Stalcup, Lanphia Tarawally, Olya Tryndyak.

We would love to have our academy students and parents join us for RDA Festival in 2026. Are you interested in participating in RDA with Arkansas Festival Ballet? Here are location and dates:

- RDA/ SW Festival 2026 is in Albuquerque, New Mexico April 9-11. Arkansas Academy of Dance students age 11+ encouraged to attend. Families are welcome to attend too!
- Learn more at RegionalDanceAmerica.org

Dance for Life - Dance for Parkinson's

Dance classes for people living with Parkinson's

Arkansas Festival Ballet & Arkansas Academy of Dance have teamed 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. These free classes take place in our studio home, 518 Main Street – Downtown Little Rock, offering a nurturing, safe and easily assessable venue. We are encouraging people with Parkinson's, their family members, and care partners to join class.

Classes meet every Thursday 1:30-2:30 pm. Stay tuned for additional class days and times starting this summer. Sponsored in part by Jon and Sandra Marbaise and Bank OZK.

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 9-10 am & Wednesday 5:30-6:30 pm. Believe us when we say, you will love this class and will feel immediate results. Find inclusion in this fun community of parents and grandparents sharing this time together - we dance, we talk, and we laugh - Don't wait, just try it!

2025 Summer Dance Programs

Summer Intensive June 2-14 Ages 7+Up

Summer Classes July 7- August 1 Ages 3+

Summer Dance Camps All Summer Ages 3-7

Adult Ballet All Summer Age 18+

Dance for Life All Summer All ages



Arkansas Academy of Dance works in partnership with Arkansas Festival Ballet to provide a charming and safe environment for your dance experience.

All classes are taught by professional faculty.

JOIN THE MOVEMENT

Register for SUMMER @ ArkansasAcademyofDance.com

AFB's Ballet in the Ballroom - Reveal Party



Reveal Party

arkansasfestivalballet.org

We would love for our academy parents to be a part of the excitement that is happening in our artistic community. We are always creating new ways to engage our families in our artistic endeavors. Make sure to attend the August 9, 2025 - *Reveal Party* - a family friendly event that includes mini performances, light bites, performance season announcement, and more. Event location is Dreamland Ballroom, one of Little Rock's most beautiful, and historic venues. Exclusive discount applied to all tickets purchased through May 30.

ArkansasFestivalBallet.org

Thank you to Academy Families

from Arkansas Academy of Dance teachers, Alana Gatzke,

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!"