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## SUMMER REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

**2026**  
**SUMMER INTENSIVE**

- Video Audition
- Summer Intensive Camps

Due Date: June 1

Camp 1: June 15-26  
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- ✓ Ballet technique
- ✓ Fun, age-appropriate choreography

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Ages 4-7

Fun • Dance • Creativity

- Princess Ballet Camp June 15-18
- Moana Ballet Camp July 6-9
- Mini Nutcracker Ballet Camp August 3-6

4 days • 10:00-12:00 PM

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Mini performance on the last day

Limited spots available

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# The Best of Classics 2026



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MBS Artistic Directors: Svetlana Bak-Gavrilova and Kirill Bak-Stepanoff

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## ACT I

### Highlights from Ballet “Paquita”

#### **ENTRY: Ballet 4-6**

Carolina Miller, Inga Monsen, Sabana Sotillo, Sitara Kaul,  
Sloane Kohlstedt, Sophia Lee Dixon, Summer DeBoer,  
Hannah Laatz, Mariah Espinosa, Nola Snyder

#### **POLONAISE: Ballet 2-3**

Amaara Chopra, Aurora Coplin, Edna Gruys, Elizabeth Scott,  
Gustav Monsen, Lilah Bodell, Margaret Scott, Sabinna Miller,  
Sterling Barrett, Vivian Cornelius, Annika Kieffer,  
Beatrix Snyder, Isabella Simonsen, Jenipea Schroden,  
Lennica Barrett, Natalie Lilja, Penelope Paurus, Philo Lee Dixon,  
Raina Barin, Solveig Bautista, Zoe Nicole Henke

**1ST VARIATION:** Hannah Laatz

**2ND VARIATION:** Nola Snyder

#### **3RD VARIATION: Ballet 4**

Carolina Miller, Inga Monsen, Sabana Sotillo, Sitara Kaul,  
Sloane Kohlstedt, Sophia Lee Dixon, Summer DeBoer

**4TH VARIATION:** Mariah Espinosa

#### **5TH VARIATION: Ballet 3**

Annika Kieffer, Beatrix Snyder, Isabella Simonsen, Jenipea Schroden,  
Lennica Barrett, Natalie Lilja, Penelope Paurus, Philo Lee Dixon,  
Raina Barin, Solveig Bautista, Zoe Nicole Henke

**CODA: All**

## ACT II

### Spring Gala 2026

#### **1. ONDINE**

**3rd Place UBC in Iowa City Competition Team**

Aurora Coplin, Carolina Miller, Natalie Lilja, Raina Barin

#### **2. WHEN I AM OLDER**

**Pre-Ballet 1 (Sat):** Ada Deam, Johnna Shelangoski,  
Lior Korsakov, Lynnea Flor, Mabel Marcus

#### **3. YOU’VE GOT A FRIEND IN ME**

**Pre-Ballet 2 (Sat):** Elizabeth Ek, Georgia Mann,  
Kaisa Cross, Kinley Eisele, Marit Deam,  
Mihika Sen, Skylar Gong, Theresa Sutkowi-Hemstreet

#### **4. GISELLE**

**2nd Place at YAGP in Minneapolis, 1st Place at UBC in Iowa City**  
Carolina Miller

#### **5. UNDER THE SEA**

**Pre-Ballet 1 (Tue):** Asha Hemati, Cecilia Barta, Eliana Eaton,  
Koosha Hemati, Lennon Stanley, Nova Robbins, Susannah Machemehl

#### **6. I SEE THE LIGHT**

**Pre-Ballet 2 (Tue):** Eva Cassidy, Isabella Sandholm,  
Iza Shelangoski, Madelyn Marcus,  
Monroe Stanley, Sophie Nene

#### **7. LOVELY**

##### **Contemporary Ballet Division:**

Aurora Coplin, Carolina Miller, Lennica Barrett,  
Natalie Lilja, Penelope Paurus, Raina Barin, Sloane Kohlstedt

#### **8. A ROMANTIC FLIGHT**

**Ballet 1:** Clara Rotondo, Julia Rotondo, Mara Stainbrook,  
Maya Hakobyan, Porter Stanley, Yuliya Bender

#### **9. TARANTELLA NAPOLETANA**

**Pre-Ballet Adv.:** Aviva Brenner, Emily Engebretson, Freya Feldman,  
Lila Strautz, Rosalie Strautz, Zoe Stainbrook

#### **10. UNDERWATER**

**Top 10 Place UBC in Iowa City**  
Carolina Miller

#### **11. ROMANTIC PAS DE QUATRE**

##### **Adult Performance Division:**

Amanda Malloy, Elyssa Fink, Grace Xu, Julie Zumsteg, Kate Fullmer,  
Kelly Dohm, Marisa Steele, Morgan Marin, Patrice Ehlert, Sarah Sotillo

#### **12. COPPELIA WALTZ**

**Ballet 4:** Carolina Miller, Inga Monsen, Sabana Sotillo, Sitara Kaul,  
Sloane Kohlstedt, Sophia Lee Dixon, Summer DeBoer

#### **13. UNKNOWN TARANTELLA**

**Ballet 2-3:** Amaara Chopra, Aurora Coplin, Edna Gruys,  
Elizabeth Scott, Gustav Monsen, Lilah Bodell, Margaret Scott,  
Sabinna Miller, Sterling Barrett, Annika Kieffer,  
Beatrix Snyder, Isabella Simonsen, Jenipea Schroden,  
Lennica Barrett, Natalie Lilja, Penelope Paurus, Philo Lee Dixon,  
Raina Barin, Solveig Bautista, Zoe Nicole Henke

#### **14. ANIMATED FRESCOES**

**Ballet 5-6:** Camilla Stommes, Hannah Laatz, Mariah Espinosa, Nola Snyder

#### **15. PEARLS DIVER**

**2nd Place UBC in Iowa City Competition Team**  
Aurora Coplin, Carolina Miller, Natalie Lilja, Raina Barin