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## **AAD RECITAL HISTORY**

- 1991 - Living In America
- 1992 - Fairy Tales & Nursery Rhymes
- 1993 - Christmas in June
- 1994 - Swan Lake
- 1995 - Hansel & Gretyl
- 1996 - Magic Carpet Ride
- 1997 - Peter Pan
- 1998 - Cinderella
- 1999 - Lion King
- 2000 - Oz & the Humpbacked Horse
- 2001 - Long & Winding Road
- 2002 - Shazaam & Three Rings
- 2003 - Color of Poetry
- 2004 - Black Tie Affair
- 2005 - Rising Choreographers & Precious Jewels Ballet
- 2006 - Don't Touch That Dial
- 2007 - School Rocks
- 2008 - Once Upon A Time
- 2009 - Extra! Extra! Dance All About It.
- 2010 - Celebrating the Past...Dancing Into The Future
- 2011 - Making Dreams Come True
- 2012 - Silver Screen Spectacular
- 2013 - Peace, Love, & Dance
- 2014 - Be YOUUnique
- 2015 - We Are Family
- 2016 - A Night at the Museum
- 2017 - I Am
- 2018 - Dance Is My Voice
- 2019 - Don't Stop Me Now
- 2020 - 30th Anniversary Celebration
- 2021 - Better Together
- 2022 - Adventure Awaits
- 2023 - Vintage Vibes & Classic Jives
- 2024 - From the Page to the Stage
- 2025 - Step Up and Stand Out
- 2026 - The WORK of Art

# ***The WORK of Art***

12:00 Performance

## **The WORK of Art**

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Makenzie Bushnoe, Jayla Cole, Harmony Dahle, Everly Harding, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Peyton Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Leilani King, Millie Klauder, Jadyn Salyer

## **Raising the Standard**

Ada Claire Almond, Jayla Cole, Maddie Culp, Abriella Eckman, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Jadyn Salyer

## **The Scene Shop: Where It Begins**

Millie Klauder

## **When Dreams Take Flight**

Sutton Avery, Blakely Bonds, Kali Bradley, Hannah Cox, Audrey Edwards, Willamina Fowler, Hazel Huneycutt, Charleigh Mays, Saylor Nance, Mia Preslar, Grace Rushing, Rilyn Shields, Jenesis Wilson

## **The Scene Shop: Upside Down**

Ada Claire Almond, Harmony Dahle, Kamdyn Huneycutt

## **I Make It Look Easy**

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Maddie Averette, Aislynn Broyhill, Clara Edwards, Lillian Huneycutt, Sierra Lee, Lanie Lentz, Lillian Lowder, Harper McSwain, Brook Milano, Remi Sullivan, Eve Walters

## **The Scene Shop: The Pointe of It All**

Joely Hinson, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde

## **La Travail**

Ada Claire Almond, Jayla Cole, Maddie Culp, Abriella Eckman, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Alayna Lowder, Harper McSwain, Jadyn Salyer

## **Feet Don't Fail Me Now**

Hadlee Allen, Ryker Almond, Everly Alvarado, Maddie Averette, Elsie Carlton, Maisie Furr, Arabella Jacobs, James Kyle, Lanie Lentz, Teryn Lowder, Kaitlynn Massie, Laiken Shields, Willow Springer, Beverly Strother, Remi Sullivan

**The Scene Shop: Another Night at the Barre**

Ada Claire Almond, Jayla Cole, Karmyn Huneycutt, Leilani King, Millie Klauder

**Emerging**

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Ellie Burton, Clara Edwards, Leilani King, Alayna Lowder, Harper McSwain, Mia Talbert

**The Scene Shop: The Fall**

Ada Claire Almond, Joely Hinson, Karmyn Huneycutt

**Falling Forward**

Mattiegrace Brewer, Jayla Cole, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Jadyn Salyer

***15 Minute Intermission***

**The Scene Shop: Everyone Thinks They Can Do Hip Hop**

Everly Harding, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Leilani King

**Just Keep Watching**

Ada Claire Almond, Mattiegrace Brewer, Mary Crawford, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Harper McSwain, Madelyn Philyaw, Jadyn Salyer

**SupAgood Work**

Hadlee Allen, Maddie Averette, Etta Bowers, Everleigh Culp, Makayla Garretson, Amilia Hale, Lila Hartsell, Lillian Huneycutt, Arabella Jacobs, James Kyle, Camdyn LaBore, Lanie Lentz, Teryn Lowder, Avery McCallum, Presley Nance, Jaycie Owen, Laiken Shields, Scarlett Smith, Willow Springer, Remi Sullivan, Skylar Williams

**The Only Slot - Student Choreographer: Thora Kilde**

Mattiegrace Brewer, Jayla Cole, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Jadyn Salyer

**Fearless Heart**

Ada Claire Almond, Ryker Almond, Alayna Lowder, Teryn Lowder, Harper McSwain, Eve Walters

**The Scene Shop: The First Class**

Karmyn Huneycutt

### **The First Bloom**

Ryker Almond, Maddie Averette, Gracelyn Banemanivong, Aislynn Broyhill, Harmony Dahle, Liz Emerson, Maisie Furr, Lila Hartsell, Arabella Jacobs, Amara Kyle, Lanie Lentz, Lillian Lowder, Brook Milano, Laiken Shields, Willow Springer, Beverly Strother, Remi Sullivan, Bellarose Tracy

### **The Scene Shop: Backstage - Where the Work Really Happens**

Makenzie Bushnoe, Harmony Dahle, Joely Hinson, Peyton Huneycutt

### **The Sound of Work**

Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Jadyn Salyer

### **The Scene Shop: Do You Have Rhythm?**

Thora Kilde, Leilani King, Jadyn Salyer

### **You've Got It In You**

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Aislynn Broyhill, Harmony Dahle, Clara Edwards, Leilani King, Alayna Lowder, Harper McSwain

### **The Scene Shop: The Work of Story-Telling**

Makenzie Bushnoe, Everly Harding, Peyton Huneycutt, Millie Klaunder

### **Worth the Work - Finale and Curtain Call**

Ada Claire Almond, Jayla Cole, Maddie Culp, Abriella Eckman, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Jadyn Salyer

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**SUMMER SESSION  
STARTS JULY 13**



**2026-2027 SESSION  
STARTS SEPTEMBER 14**

# ***The WORK of Art***

6:00 Performance

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## **Raising the Standard**

Ada Claire Almond, Jayla Cole, Maddie Culp, Abriella Eckman, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Jadyn Salyer

## **The Scene Shop: The Distracted Dancer**

Jadyn Salyer

## **Petite Suite**

Everly Alvarado, Etta Bowers, Elsie Carlton, Charlotte Fairfield, Amilia Hale, James Kyle, Teryn Lowder, Presley Nance, Jaycie Owen

## **Becoming Ballet**

Hadlee Allen, Rosemary Andringa, Alayna Avery, Ava Bartrug, Melissa Bonhomme, Everleigh Culp, Amelia Helms, Kadence Huneycutt, Avery McCallum, Anastasia Quinn, Madelyn Sides, Haisley Simpson, Scarlett Smith

## **The Scene Shop: Everyone Thinks They Can Do Hip Hop**

Everly Harding, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Leilani King

## **Just Keep Watching**

Ada Claire Almond, Mattiegrace Brewer, Mary Crawford, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Harper McSwain, Madelyn Philyaw, Jadyn Salyer

## **Watch Us Work**

Ryker Almond, Ella Averette, Lexi Baldwin, Gracelyn Banemanivong, Aislynn Broyhill, Harmony Dahle, Clara Edwards, Liz Emerson, Maisie Furr, Amara Kyle, Sierra Lee, Lillian Lowder, Brook Milano, Mia Talbert

## **The Scene Shop: The Fall**

Ada Claire Almond, Joely Hinson, Karmyn Huneycutt

## **Falling Forward**

Mattiegrace Brewer, Jayla Cole, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Jadyn Salyer

**The Scene Shop: Corrections on Repeat**

Ella Averette, Jayla Cole, Harmony Dahle, Peyton Huneycutt

**Working the Rhythm**

Ada Claire Almond, Ryker Almond, Ella Averette, Ellie Burton, Scarlet Couch, Clara Edwards, Leilani King, Alayna Lowder, Harper McSwain, Brook Milano, Mia Talbert

**Senior Spotlight**

Thora Kilde

***15 Minute Intermission*****The Scene Shop: Where the Work Really Happens**

Makenzie Bushnoe, Harmony Dahle, Joely Hinson, Peyton Huneycutt

**Earned, Not Given - Student Choreographer: Jadyn Salyer**

Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde

**You Gotta Work For It**

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Aislynn Broyhill, Ellie Burton, Clara Edwards, Leilani King, Millie Klauder, Alayna Lowder, Harper McSwain, Brook Milano

**The Scene Shop: Things Only Ballet Dancers Understand**

Ella Averette, Jayla Cole, Jadyn Salyer

**Les Artistes**

Mattiegrace Brewer, Jayla Cole, Maddie Culp, Abriella Eckman, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Karmyn Huneycutt, Thora Kilde, Jadyn Salyer

**Working Day and Night**

Ryker Almond, Everly Alvarado, Lexi Baldwin, Gracelyn Banemanivong, Elsie Carlton, Maisie Furr, Amilia Hale, Lila Hartsell, Arabella Jacobs, Amara Kyle, James Kyle, Camdyn LaBore, Kaitlynn Massie, Willow Springer, Beverly Strother

**Bravura**

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Aislynn Broyhill, Ellie Burton, Scarlet Couch, Harmony Dahle, Clara Edwards, Leilani King, Millie Klauder, Sierra Lee, Alayna Lowder, Brook Milano, Mia Talbert

**The Scene Shop: Quitting Sounds Easier**

Thora Kilde

### **Almost There**

Rosemary Andringa, Ava Bartrug, Everleigh Culp, Audrey Edwards, Avery McCallum, Anastasia Quinn, Madelyn Sides, Scarlett Smith

### **Under Pressure**

Ada Claire Almond, Ella Averette, Danni Culp, Joely Hinson, Kamdyn Huneycutt, Leilani King, Jadyn Salyer

### **The Scene Shop: The Work of Story-telling**

Makenzie Bushnoe, Everly Harding, Peyton Huneycutt, Millie Klaunder

### **Worth the Work - Finale and Curtain Call**

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## **SHOUT OUTS**

**Jayla Cole**, we are so very proud of the young woman you are. Your dedication to dance has helped you stay structured, healthy, and balanced. Continue developing your natural acting talents. As you go sprinkle fun and laughter in each day. We love seeing you happy and living life to its fullest potential. Love Always, Your Family & Friends

**Maddie and Danni**- Nana and Pa are so proud of both of you!! Have a great recital! Love you both!! Nana and Pa

**Clara Edwards**- Our favorite place to be is watching you on stage. Good luck to you and all your dance friends (who rock)! Smile, sparkle, and point your toes! We love you to the moon and back. Love, Mom and Dad

**Liz**, we are so proud of you and all you've accomplished in your three years of dance. Your hard work, confidence and passion shine brighter each time you step on stage. Keep reaching for the stars and pushing yourself to be your best at all you do! Love, Mom, Dad, Azayla and Emme

**Willow Grace**, we absolutely love watching you dance! It is amazing to watch you continue to work hard and grow as a dancer each year. We will always be your biggest fans! Love you sweet girl! Love- Mom, Dad, and Ivy-Rose

I am so proud of you, **Thora**! Dancing with you and watching you grow has been such a joy. I can't wait to see what amazing work you do in college. <3 Logan

**Thora**, congratulations on all you have accomplished in dance and the beautiful memories you have created with your art! We wish you the very best as you continue to develop your gifts at ECU. We love you always! Grandma Sandi and Grandpa David

Congratulations **Thora**! I'm so proud of you. I can't believe you're already graduating. You are such an inspiring young woman and I'm so lucky to call you my sister. Love you! <3 David

**Harmony**, Break something! Love Abyl

**Harmony Grace**, We are so Proud of you! Mom & Dad

**Maddie and Danni Culp**- Keep shining on that dance stage. God is with you every step you make. We are proud of both of you! Love Paw paw and Maw Maw

## SHOUT OUTS

We are so proud of you **Amelia!** Love Daddy, Mama, and Abby

**Beverly Claire**, your whole family is so proud. Watching you grow while pursuing your passion has been such a joy and an honor. We can't wait to see how far your dreams will take you. Never give up, keep believing in yourself, and the world will be your stage. We love you so very much!

Our sweet girl shines in ballet, tap, & tumble, dancing with joy and confidence. She has a tender, kind heart & loves others so well. Most of all, she loves Jesus, & it shows in everything she does. We are so proud of her & love her deeply beyond words. Love you, **Everly Grace**.

To my **Etta Blake**. Watching you dance on that stage is the best thing ever! I'm so proud of you and can't wait to see you shine! Love you so much, Nana

**Leilani** - We love seeing your passion for dance! You have practiced hard, and it's your time to shine! MeMa and PaPa love you and are very proud of you!

**Mia** - Congratulations on your very first dance recital. We are very proud of you. Continue to work hard and shine like a star. Love- Mommy & Daddy

**Sierra** - To our beautiful dancer – your grace, strength, and confidence shine every time you step on stage. We are so proud of your hard work and the joy you bring to every performance. Keep dreaming big and dancing with your whole heart. We Love you, Dad, Mom, Sissy, Papa, Jay, Smokey and Lee

**Joely**, watching you is magic. We love you so much. Love Poppy & Neeny

Aislynn

We are so proud  
of you, Aislynn!

-Mama and Allan



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# Leilani



Leilani –  
Watching you grow over these past six years has been such a joy. Your passion, confidence, and love for performing shine through every time you step on stage. We admire your dedication and the way you always bring your own sparkle to everything you do. Keep believing in yourself and enjoying every moment – we love you endlessly!  
- Mom, Dad & Sissy



*"Dancing is like dreaming  
with your feet!"*  
- Constanze Mozart  
*Dream on, baby girl!*

*We are so proud of you  
and can't wait to see you  
light up the stage!*  
*Love, Mom, Dad & Daniel*



# Kamdyn & Karmyn

We Love to Watch You Shine!



SO PROUD OF YOU,  
ALWAYS AND FOREVER.

Watching you both grow as dancers and as young women has been one of the greatest joys of my life.

Your hard work, determination, and love for dance inspire me every single day.

You bring so much heart, talent, and light to every performance, and I couldn't be prouder to be your biggest fan.

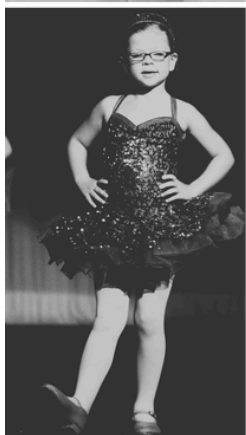
*Can't wait to see what your future holds!*

LOVE ALWAYS,

Mom

DANCE  
ISN'T JUST SOMETHING  
YOU DO, IT'S A PART OF  
Who You Are.



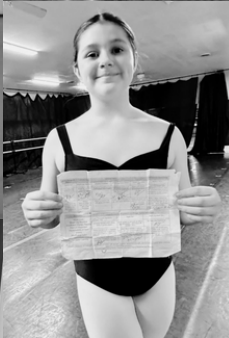


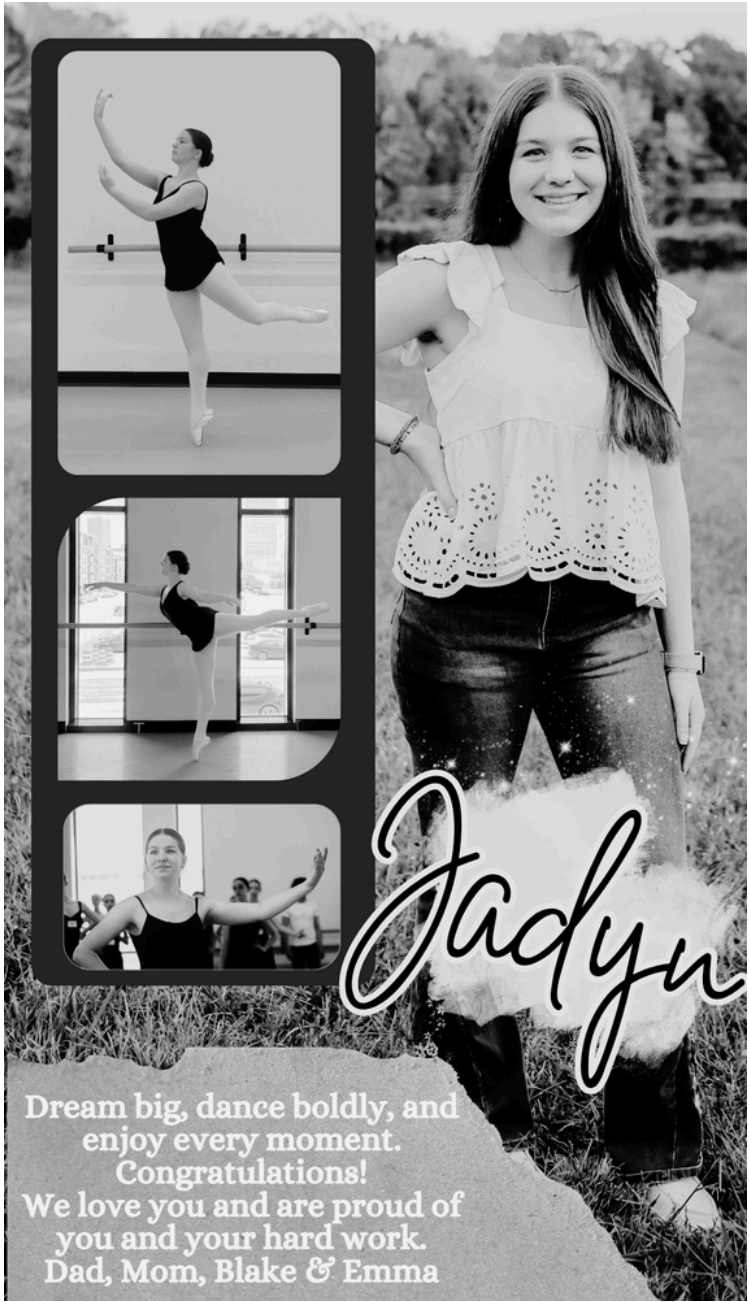
From your first  
plié to the final  
curtain call,  
we've loved  
every step. We  
are incredibly  
proud of you.  
Keep dancing  
through life,  
Thora!

With all our love,  
Mom, Dad,  
David, Logan,  
and your furry  
besties!



# ADA CLAIRE & RYKER





Jadya

Dream big, dance boldly, and  
enjoy every moment.  
Congratulations!  
We love you and are proud of  
you and your hard work.  
Dad, Mom, Blake & Emma

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IS NOT PERFECTION, IT'S  
PERSISTENCE.



*Join us!*

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