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#### Nancy O'Brian Center for the Performing Arts

May 30, 2024

6:00pm



# WELCOME

Welcome to Norman School of Ballet's 4th annual recital! As we gather tonight, we celebrate the culmination of months of hard work, dedication, and passion from our talented dancers. Thank you for the love and support you have shown them!

Our theme this year, *The Wild West*, was inspired by the music composed by Hershy Kay for the ballet *Western Symphony*. The opening number of the show is choreographed to this music in order to establish the atmosphere for the remainder of the performance. So sit back, relax, and let us immerse you in an evening of delightful and spirited dances as we celebrate the achievements of our talented dancers.

> Warmest Regards, Stephanie Parks Owner & Artistic Director





**Emily Williams** is from Norman, Oklahoma and is a freshman at OU. She has been dancing for 13 years with training in a wide variety of styles, and is an NSB alumni! She danced competitively for 10 years and was also captain of the Norman High Pom Squad. This is her fourth year teaching at Norman School of Ballet, where she has taught ballet, tap, acro, hip-hop, and jazz. She loves teaching the little dancers!





**Madi McVey** is from Jupiter, Florida and has trained in a variety of different styles of dance, with a primary focus in Modern technique. She graduated from the Alexander W. Dreyfoos School of the Arts in 2022, and is currently a sophomore at the University of Oklahoma where she continues her study of Modern as a Modern Performance Major, with a minor in Marketing. After she graduates from the University of Oklahoma in 2026, Madi hopes to join a Modern dance company where she can continue to perform and express her love for Modern dance. She is beyond excited to be teaching the Horton technique at Norman School of Ballet!!

**Cody Lane George** trained at the Ballet Conservatory of South Texas (BCSTX) in San Antonio for 16 years. She studied under Dede Barfield during the school year and at Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet during the summer of her high school years. While at BCSTX, she had the privilege of performing lead roles in ballets such as Coppelia, Paquita, and The Sleeping Beauty. Cody taught for one year at BCSTX and is currently in her second year teaching for Norman School of Ballet. Not only has she choreographed multiple pieces for the Ballet Conservatory and NSB, but she has also created costumes and headpieces for both schools. She is currently a Junior at the University of Oklahoma studying political science with a minor in history.

## Act I

#### Western Symphony

Dancers: Vivienne Hines, Abigail Hughes, Taylor Meeks, Audrey Miller Choreographer: Stephanie Parks

#### Little Bitty

Dancers: Eliza Boyd, Opal Milliken, Amelia Parks, Eleanor Yokley Choreographer: Stephanie Parks

#### **STAMPEDE!**

Dancers: Lexi Davis, Leilani Holloman, Ivy Holloway, Sabrina Striolo Choreographer: Emily Williams

#### **Cupid Variation from Don Quixote**

Dancer: Vivienne Hines Staged by: Stephanie Parks

#### Beneath a Western Sky

Dancers: Hannah Bowling, Caroline Clanton, Lane Montgomery, Ashtyn Newell, Isabella Striolo Choreographer: Cody George

#### The Wild West

Dancer: Taylor Meeks Choreographer: Madi McVey

#### Saloon Silhouettes

Dancers: Abigail Hughes, Audrey Miller Choreographer: Stephanie Parks

### **15 Minute Intermission**



# Act II

#### **Twister** Approaching

Dancers: Hannah Bowling, Caroline Clanton, Daenerys Essington, Audrey Miller, Isabella Striolo, Sabrina Striolo Choreographer: Stephanie Parks

#### **Prayers Rising**

Dancers: Vivienne Hines, Taylor Meeks Choreographer: Stephanie Parks

#### Wildflowers

Dancers: Elliot Ashlock, Lucy Boyd, Izzy Paulson, Jocelyn Schmook Choreographer: Cody George

#### Here For A Good Time

Dancers: Cody George, Victoria Hiatt, Leen Latorre, Stephanie Parks, Jackie Perry, Elliot Sims, Emily Williams Choreographer: Stephanie Parks

#### Prairie Pulse

Dancers: Lexi Davis, Leilani Holloman, Ivy Holloway, Sabrina Striolo Choreographer: Emily Williams

#### A Million Dreams

Dancer: Audrey Miller Choreographer: Stephanie Parks

#### These Boots Are Made For Walkin'

Dancer: Hannah Bowling, Caroline Clanton, Lane Montgomery Choreographer: Emily Williams