

2023
STUDENT SHOWCASE



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June 17, 2023 | Marian University Theatre

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Act I

Upper/Pre-Professional Division Ballet

Choreographer: Elizabeth Brame*

"Happiness does not Wait"

Welcome Address

Jane Hachiya-Weiner, Artistic Director

Joy of Dance and Creative Dance (Thursday/Saturday)

Instructor: Nicole Dean

"Pretty in Pink"

Pre-Primary Ballet (Monday)

Instructor: Lila Woolgar

"Fox and Fox and Fox"

Pre-Primary/Primary A Ballet (Monday/Saturday)

Instructor: Nicole Dean

"Midnight in the Forest"

Reagan Caudill – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Dawn Variation from Act III *Coppelia*

Primary B Ballet (Monday)

Instructor: Rachel Whitehead

"Stairway to Heaven"

Sophia Kennedy – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Bluebird Variation from *The Sleeping Beauty*

Chika Ileleji – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Variation from *Paquita*

Primary A/B Ballet (Wednesday)

Instructor: Rachel Whitehead

"Coppelia Valse"

*Guest Choreographer

**Guest Faculty

Lucille Carr – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Pizzicato Variation from *Raymonda*

Level 1A Ballet (Monday)

Instructor: Rachel Whitehead

“Hungarian Dance No. 5”

Level 2B/3A Ballet (Thursday)

Instructor: Jane Hachiya-Weiner

“Les Sylphides-esque”

Aubrey Caudill – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Variation from *The Awakening of Flora*

Anya Stephenson – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Variation from *Raymonda*

Lower and Middle Division Contemporary

Instructor: Nicole Dean

“Thank You”

Ciara Farley – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Variation from *Raymonda*

Nisha Tague – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Variation from *Grand Pas Classique*

Eden Casimiro – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Kitri Variation from Act I *Don Quixote*

Ella Williams – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Medora’s Variation from *Le Corsaire*

10 Minute Intermission

Act II

Nisha Tague – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Variation from *La Esmeralda*

Ciara Farley – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Variation from *Walpurgisnacht*

Level 1B/2A Ballet (Tuesday/Wednesday/Thursday)

Instructors: Nicole Dean and Sarah Woolgar

"A Night in Sherwood Forest"

Robin Hood's band has come together for a night of fun and shenanigans when they are disrupted by Sheriff Nottingham. Noticing that the sheriff has recently taken money and food from the already poor villagers, the band intends to get it all back and return it to the rightful owners.

Eden Casimiro – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Variation from *Diana and Acteon*

Aiko Ileleji – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Bridesmaid #1 Variation from *Don Quixote*

Boys Ballet

Instructor: Christopher Phillips

"Dance of the Young Princes"

Upper/Pre-Professional Division Contemporary

Instructor: Adrienne Jackson

"Great Vessel"

The strength a woman possesses is defined by her life's experiences. Among other women, iron sharpens iron and her power is amplified. She can do great things because she is a great being. Great things are not made special because she is a woman. They were already special because she is simply a Great Vessel.

Jazz I

Instructor: Nicole Dean

"Can You Imagine That?"

Jazz II

Instructor: Nicole Dean

"Black and Gold"

Nisha Tague – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Choreographer: Sergey Sergiev*

"Hallelujah"

Reagan Caudill – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Choreographer: Sarah Woolgar

"Kansas"

Aubrey Caudill - Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Choreographer: Angela Agresti**

"Fireflies"

Eden Casimiro – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Choreographer: Sarah Farnsley
"Spring 1"

Anya Stephenson – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Choreographer: Adrienne Jackson
"Above and Beyond"

Ciara Farley – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Choreographer: Angela Agesti**
"The Last March"

Ella Williams – Soloist Initiative Program 2022-23 Graduation Performance

Choreographer: Seth Robinson*
"Epithet"

Day Program Student-Led Choreography

Advisor: Sarah Woolgar
"Elements"

Presentation of Seniors

Jane Hachiya-Weiner, Artistic Director

Upper/Pre-Professional Division Ballet

Instructor: Jane Hachiya-Weiner
"Intrigue - Chapter 2"

*Audiences first met our Mafia Don and our beloved Spy Girls
turned jewelry thieves in 2021. Their story continues.....
(Guest Appearance by Frank E. Weiner)*

Introduction to Summer and Fall 2023 Educational Opportunities

Jane Hachiya-Weiner, Artistic Director

Jazz III

Instructor: Edward Godby-Schwab**
"Sing Sing"

Curtain Call

Presentation of Faculty

Parents Organization Remarks

Celebrating Our Seniors

We wish to recognize our graduating Seniors. Sophia and Aiko, we feel so blessed to have had you as part of our BTCA family for so many years! We are extremely proud of all you've accomplished in the studio and on stage, and equally pleased to recognize your academic achievements and your contributions to your community. We wish you the very best as you complete your time with us and move on to explore new opportunities and have new adventures!

Aiko Iteleji



Aiko will be attending Indiana University as an English major in the Hutton Honors College.

Sophia Warhurst



Sophia will be attending Indiana University as a Nursing major.

International/National Competition Participants and Recognitions

American Dance Competition/Youth International Ballet Competition Pittsburgh Semi-Finals 2023

- Ciara Farley

Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP), Indianapolis Regional Semi-Finals 2023

- Aubrey Caudill
- Reagan Caudill
- Eden Casimiro
- **Anya Stephenson (Top 12, Junior Classical category)**
- Ella Williams
- **Mia Williams (Top 24, Junior Contemporary category)**

The Dancer Awards, Las Vegas

- Ella Williams (2022 Class Scholarship)
- Mia Williams (Closing Show Ballroom Dancer with Jenna Johnson Chmerkovskiy and Valentin Chmerkovskiy)

24seven, Chicago

- Ella Williams (High Five in Hip-Hop)
- Mia Williams

NUVO, Indianapolis

- Ella Williams (Breakout Artist Runner-Up)
- Mia Williams (6th Place Teen Solo, Breakout Artist Runner-Up)

JUMP, Detroit

- Ella Williams (VIP Runner-Up)
- Mia Williams (9th Place Teen Solo, VIP Winner)

Streetz, Indianapolis

- Ella Williams (Elite Dancer Winner, Musical Theatre Scholarship)
- Mia Williams (5th Place Teen Solo, Best of Streetz Award, Elite Dancer Winner, "Streetz Team", Hip Hop Scholarship)

Radix, Indianapolis

- Ella Williams (Standout Scholarship from Brian Friedman)
- Mia Williams (3rd Place Teen Solo, Protégé Runner-Up)

Faculty

Ballet Theatre of Carmel Academy Faculty

- Nicole Dean
- Sarah Farnsley
- Jane Hachiya-Weiner
- Adrienne Jackson
- So Yon Nam
- Christopher Phillips
- Frank Weiner
- Rachel Whitehead
- Lila Woolgar
- Sarah Woolgar

Ballet Theatre of Carmel Academy Teaching Assistants

- Nisha Tague
- Aija Tuttle

Guest Faculty**

- Edward Godby-Schwab - During our 2022-23 season, we were fortunate to be able to add an advanced jazz technique class to our curriculum under the direction and expertise of Mr. Ed.
- Angela Agresti – Angela was recently appointed Rehearsal Director for the Atlanta Ballet, after being a BTCA faculty member for several years. We are fortunate to still enjoy her contribution as coach for our Soloist Initiative Program participants when she visits home.

Soloist Initiative Program Coaches

- Angela Agresti
- Sarah Farnsley
- Jane Hachiya-Weiner
- Adrienne Jackson
- So Yon Nam
- Christopher Phillips
- Sarah Woolgar

Choreographers

- All BTCA Faculty members and Guest Faculty members

Guest Choreographers*

- Elizabeth Brame (BTCA Alumna)
- Seth Robinson
- Sergey Sergiev



Showcase Participants by Class

Upper/Pre-Professional Division Ballet— Alumna Guest Choreographer Piece

Asha Backhoff, Eden Casimiro, Aubrey Caudill, Miriam Danek, Anya Stephenson, Aija Tuttle, Sophia Warhurst, Ella Williams

Joy of Dance and Creative Dance

Kessler Cunningham, Chloe Liu, Rebecca Mansalis, Annie Moore, Caroline Shortle, Gertie Shortle

Pre-Primary Ballet (Monday)

Nathan Kennedy, Charlotte Kindle, Hadley Schrage

Pre-Primary/Primary A Ballet (Monday/ Saturday)

Lyla Briles, Khadija Ennajari, Maren Hurst, Evelyn Levine, Alexandra Monforte, Lydia Monforte, Adeline Suskovich, Madeleine Wallingford

Primary B Ballet (Monday)

Ezra Casimiro, Patricia Culpepper, Elizabeth Cupo, Betsy Fisher, Antonios Kafantaris, John Parmar, Victoria Sifuentes, Isabella Van Zee

Primary A/B Ballet (Wednesday)

Matilda Carr, Patricia Culpepper, Addy Haley, Aria Haley, Catherine Han, Avery Jarmer, Ivy Lefort, Bonnie McCullough, Abigail Odaffer, Clara Valencourt, Cecilia Wetnight

Level 1A Ballet (Monday)

Alexandra Chambers, Cedella Eckhart, David Kennedy, Lana Linnemann, Kennedy Powers, Ava Rothchild

Level 2B/3A Ballet (Thursday)

Reagan Caudill, Haley Corsaro, Sophie Seifert, Olivia Simmons

Lower and Middle Division Contemporary

Reagan Caudill, Elise Chambers, Haley Corsaro, Chika Ileleji, Ryou Ileleji, David Kennedy, Sophia Kennedy, Isla Kerkhoff, Charlotte McLaughlin, Sophia Odaffer, Sophie Seifert

Level 1B/2A Ballet (Tuesday/Wednesday/ Thursday)

Lucille Carr, Ella Casimiro, Elise Chambers, Wade Eckhart, Chika Ileleji, Ryou Ileleji, Sophia Kennedy, Isla Kerkhoff, Charlotte McLaughlin, Sophia Odaffer, Carrie Zhang

Boys Ballet

Sam Baskin, Ezra Casimiro, Wade Eckhart, Conall Farley, David Kennedy

Upper/Pre-Professional Division Contemporary

Eden Casimiro, Aubrey Caudill, Reagan Caudill, Miriam Danek, Aiko Ileleji, Anya Stephenson, Nisha Tague, Aija Tuttle, Sophia Warhurst, Ella Williams

Jazz I

Ella Casimiro, Elise Chambers, Cedella Eckhart, Wade Eckhart, Ryou Ileleji, David Kennedy, Ava Rothchild

Jazz II

Lucille Carr, Reagan Caudill, Haley Corsaro, Mia Corsaro, Sophia Kennedy, Charlotte McLaughlin, Sophia Odaffer

Day Program Student-Led Choreography

Eden Casimiro, Aubrey Caudill, Ciara Farley, Aija Tuttle

Upper/Pre-Professional Division Ballet

Asha Backhoff, Eden Casimiro, Aubrey Caudill, Miriam Danek, Mya Dupree, Ciara Farley, Aiko Ileleji, Anya Stephenson, Nisha Tague, Aija Tuttle, Sophia Warhurst, Ella Williams, Mia Williams

Jazz III

Asha Backhoff, Eden Casimiro, Aubrey Caudill, Reagan Caudill, Mya Dupree, Ciara Farley, Anya Stephenson, Aija Tuttle, Sophia Warhurst

