

ATLANTA BALLET
CENTRE FOR DANCE EDUCATION



SPRING CONCERT 2026
ATLANTA BALLET 2 & ACADEMY PERFORMANCE
Friday, April 17 at 6:30 p.m.

All photos by Kim Kenney.

The 2025|2026 School Year Marks the 30th Anniversary of the Atlanta Ballet Centre for Dance Education!

Gennadi Nedvigin
Artistic Director

Sharon Story
Dean, Centre for Dance Education

Under the current leadership of Artistic Director Gennadi Nedvigin, the Atlanta Ballet Centre for Dance Education (the Centre) remains committed to serving the community while also refining the technique and artistry of its students, taking their dance training to the highest levels. During Gennadi's tenure and with Sharon Story's oversight, Atlanta Ballet 2, Academy, and Decade 2 Dance were established as a growing part of our commitment to excellence in serving our community.

Today, we have three studio locations in West Midtown, Buckhead, and Virginia-Highland that serve over 1,200 students and adults each year.

The Centre also offers award-winning community engagement programs, which include Kids In Step student matinees, and Centre Dance in-school programs at Hollis Innovation Academy, Utopian Academy for the Arts, Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, and City of Refuge, among others.

We are celebrating our 30th year. In 1996, the Centre was created not only to develop future professional dancers but also to nurture all students. Former artistic director John McFall established the Centre at the beginning of his tenure, placing it under Dean Sharon Story's direction, in order to expand on the tireless commitment to dance

education that had been part of Atlanta Ballet since its creation in 1929. Founder and visionary Miss Dorothy Moses Alexander started by teaching ballet classes out of her home in Ansley Park and bringing dance education into the city's public schools, before starting the Dorothy Alexander Dance Concert Group — later renamed Atlanta Ballet. Atlanta Ballet's second artistic director, Robert Barnett, built upon these efforts with the creation of the Atlanta Ballet School, which is currently our Buckhead Centre.

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Louise Gordon and Alina Chaudri

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The Centre for Dance Education
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Congratulations to Our Graduating Seniors!

Alexandria Arthur
Pierce Bevans
Gabriella Clark
Charlotte Grant
Sydney Grant
Isabella Ly

Spencer Moore
Isabela Oku
Naima Robinson
Axelle Terver
Kahlen Wright



Keep up your student's training over the summer with our Summer Dance Programs!

June–July 2026 Week-Long and Multi-Week Programs

Dance for Joy (Ages 5–7)
Young Dancer Summer Experience (Ages 8–10)
Junior Summer Intensive (Ages 10–17)

Learn more at
centre.atlantaballet.com/summer-programs.

Upcoming Events



Fall Registration

Time to prepare for your next year. Register early for favorite classes and teachers!

Monday, April 20 — Fall 2026-27 Registration for returning Centre Students begins.

Monday, May 4 — Fall 2026-27 Open Registration for new students begins.

Watch your inbox: End of year evaluations and registration links coming soon via email!

Academy Auditions

Thursday, May 7, 2026 at MCC Dance Centre

5:15–6:15 p.m. Ages 9–11

6:15–7:45 p.m. Ages 12 and up

Registration link for ages 9–11:

<https://my.atlantaballet.com/register26/27academy-9-11>

Registration link for ages 12 and up:

<https://my.atlantaballet.com/register26/27academy-12up>

Celebrate & Appreciate Our Teachers



Join us in honoring the incredible CDE faculty who inspire and shape our dancers every day. A \$10 donation can be made through the [Boutique's online shop](#) to show your gratitude and support.

ATLANTA BALLET 2 & ACADEMY PERFORMANCE

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Academy 6
Animated Frescos
Choreographed by Natalya Vyashenko

Academy 4
Minuet
Choreographed by Kirill Zaretskii

Atlanta Ballet 2
Nature's First Green is Gold
Music by Joram Feitsma
Choreographed by Shannon Alvis
Performed by Sayaka Iwase,
Camille-Margaret Jackson and Ícaro Queiros

Academy 1
Tarantella
Choreographed by Anna Penny

Academy 2
Waltz
Choreographed by Anna Penny

Academy 3
Continuum
Choreographed by Roscoe Sales

Academy 6
Gypsy
Choreographed by Anna Penny

Academy 1
Next Station
Choreographed by Roscoe Sales

Academy 2
Pan Voyevoda
Choreographed by Marlena Abaza

Academy 3
Class Concerto
Choreographed by Serena Chu

Academy 4
Dance of the Polka
Choreographed by Marlena Abaza

Academy 4
Dos A Dos
Choreographed by Roscoe Sales

Atlanta Ballet 2
Confluence
Choreographed by Leo O'Reilly Oku

— *Intermission* —

Atlanta Ballet 2
Butterfly Pas
Choreographed by Bruce Wells

Academy 5
La Iepreuse
Choreographed by Marlena Abaza

Academy 4
Concurrent
Choreographed by Roscoe Sales

Academy 3
Intermezzo
Choreographed by Marlena Abaza

Academy 2
Night Air
Choreographed by Roscoe Sales

Academy 1
Italian Polka
Choreographed by Anna Penny

Academy 5
Fandango
Choreographed by Marlena Abaza

Academy 6
Conflicted
Choreographed by Roscoe Sales

Atlanta Ballet 2
Shiva
Choreographed by Gianni Salazar

Atlanta Ballet 2
Pierce Bevans
Caroline Giltner
Daniel Gray
Sayaka Iwase
Camille-Margaret Jackson
Jacob Lainchbury
Santiago Larronda
Emily McAllister
Sakura Natorigawa
Avery Nelson
Isabella Oku
Leo O'Reilly Okuno
Dyhan Pierre
Ícaro Queiros
Gianni Salazar
Eliza Soto
Kahlen Wright

Academy 1
Eliza Britton
Gaea Brown
Skylar Dodson
Aveena Hajibaik
Josephine Kornstadt
Emma Schaefer
Harbans Shailendra
Anna Shaw

Academy 2
Sarai Ayers
Blaike Dixon
Isabella Gaffney
Charlotte Gayle
Helen Griffin
Caroline Hammad
Jaelyn Han
Elizabeth Jennings
Willow Laubmann
Elliot Logan
Maisie Lowrie
Livia McCarren
Zuri Mujahid
Sarah Nix
Windland Rice
Valentina Rodriguez-Guadalupe

Academy 3
Mackenzie Adams
Kinley Bayless
Augusta Campbell
Mia Dobarganes
Sophia Flickinger
Atrina Hajibaik
Elizabeth Hammond
Eleanor Heinisch
River Henderson
Zoe Oster
Emma Scott
Gigi Sommers
Hailey Walker

Academy 4
Joanne Alexander
Veronika Avdyeyeva
Elodie Graham
Valeria Grizel
Jenna Holloway
Charlotte Kang
Sofi Khusnutdinova
Lila Leslie
Kasey Liu
Naomi Meador
Mila Nedvigin
Harper Preston
Safra Simpson
Rosemarie Trammell

Academy 5
Alexandria Arthur
ZaTea Banks
Jaya Canty
Gabriella Clark
Mia Crawford
Allison Dixon
Evie Ferencik
Ansley Fittal
Laylah Flit
Hanalei Hampton
Madeline Hardy
Bella Iddris
Alexis Kuney
Isabel Sofia Lopez Gomez
L.B. Palmer
Elliott Rowland
Sydney Sommers
Kaitlyn Whiting

Academy 6
Ysabel Bernardo
Karla Ceballos
Nadia Cerdas
Fuwari Izumi
Ella Tillman

