

A photograph of three young ballerinas in light blue tutus, each holding a bouquet of flowers. The ballerina in the center is looking directly at the camera, while the two on either side are looking slightly to the side. The background is dark and out of focus, suggesting a stage or rehearsal space.

ATLANTA BALLET
CENTRE FOR DANCE EDUCATION

SPRING CONCERT 2026

PERFORMANCE 3

Sunday, April 12 at 6:00 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.

Special Thanks

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Louise Gordon and Alina Chaudri

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The Centre for Dance Education Scholarship Funds

Adele Davis Memorial Fund
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Sol Roberts Memorial Scholarship Fund
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Edwin J. Story Scholarship Fund

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Congratulations to Our Graduating Seniors!

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

Spencer Moore
Isabela Oku
Naima Robinson
Axelle Terver
Kahlen Wright



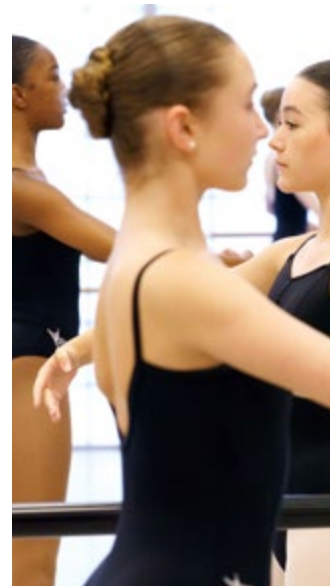
Keep up your student's training over the summer with our Summer Dance Programs!

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.



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B5

Buckhead

Tuesday | 6:30 p.m.

Marlena Abaza

Amanda Cook
Alexandra Descoust
Clemence Desjonqueres
Eloise Fleck
Cate Mikita
Lyla Rachal
Elizabeth Schaler

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C/C1

Buckhead

Wednesday | 6:45 p.m.

Shirley Bennett

Bella Bloniarz
Molly Diamant
Charlotte Gentry
Charlotte Grant
Ishana Lakhani
Isabella Ly
Josie McMeekin
Liesl Moebes
Spencer Moore
Chloe Orton
Sofia Tejada
Axelle Terver
Faith Young

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B5

Buckhead

Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

Abi Pace

Lucie Amevo
Eleena Eftekhar
Clare Germany
Sydney Grant
Emma Herrero
Ella Jordan
Laine Kunkle
Chaibella Moyon
Jane Wightwick
Cora Williams

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B3

Buckhead

Monday | 5:00 p.m.

Shirley Bennett

Elizabeth Blackwood
Sydney Bly
Willa Boorn
Jolene Chen
Avni Doshi
Sarah Crenshaw Grace
Lucy Mina
Catherine Schaler
Morgan Taylor
Audrey Umberger

Variation Performed by Academy 6

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Modern 2

Buckhead

Saturday | 11:00 a.m.

Arneshuia Nelson

Charlotte Gentry

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B4

Buckhead

Monday | 6:00 p.m.

Ericka Shannon

Clemence Desjonqueres
Cate Mikita
Tyler Neidlinger
Elizabeth Schaler

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Tap

Buckhead

Monday | 6:30 p.m.

Caitlin Spencer

Hannah Billings
Sarah Bly
Sydney Bly
Morgan Taylor
Grace Weeks

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Contemporary

Buckhead

Wednesday | 5:30 p.m.

Alyssa 'AJ' Myers

Amanda Cook
Isla Gin
Charlotte Grant
Liesl Moebes
Jane Wightwick
Cora Williams

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Preparatory

Virginia-Highland

Wednesday | 6:30 p.m.

Mia Givens

Jasper Banister
Thomas Banister
Tatiana Bunting
Brooke Mitchell
Rachel Morrison
Naima Robinson
Sylvia VonSchlichten

10

B4

Buckhead

Tuesday | 6:45 p.m.

Stephany Kuzminski

Lavinia Caciula
Mathilde Desjonqueres
Catherine Schaler
Danyelle Stevens
Sally Williams

11

Contemporary

Buckhead

Tuesday | 5:30 p.m.

Arneshuia Nelson

Sydney Bly
Kalla Sebastian
Jane Wightwick

**Snow White Pas de Deux
performed by Atlanta Ballet 2**

