

A group of five young ballerinas are sitting on a dark, polished wooden floor. They are all wearing matching light pink, sequined, sleeveless tutus with full, ruffled skirts. The girls are of various ethnicities and are smiling and looking towards the camera. One girl in the foreground is leaning forward with her chin resting on her hand. The background is a plain, dark wall.

ATLANTA BALLET
CENTRE FOR DANCE EDUCATION

SPRING CONCERT 2025

PERFORMANCE 2

Sunday, April 13 at 3:30 p.m.

All photos by Kim Kenney.

The 2024|2025 School Year Marks the 29th Anniversary of the Atlanta Ballet Centre for Dance Education!

Gennadi Nedvigin
Artistic Director

Sharon Story
Dean, Centre for
Dance Education

Tom West
Executive Director

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, 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 Parklane Elementary, Hollis Innovation Academy, Utopian Academy for the Arts, Boys & Girls Club of Metro Atlanta, and City of Refuge, among others.

We are celebrating our 29th 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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Costume Departments**

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Congratulations to Our Graduating Seniors!

Sophie Antell
Leilani Burks
Isabella Chapa
Chastity Dunn
Daniel Gray
Anna Jane Harben
Morgan Hempell

Raffaella Merino
Danielle Pelletier
Madeline Poole
Shira Preis
Emma Ricci
Marco Schittone
Sophia Wang



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

June–July 2025 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 21 — Fall 2025-26 Registration for returning Centre Students begins.

Monday, May 5 — Fall 2025-26 Open Registration for new students begins.

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

Academy Auditions

Saturday, April 26, 2025 at MCC Dance Centre

2–3:30 p.m. Ages 9–11

3:30–5 p.m. Ages 12 and up

Registration link for ages 9–11:

<https://my.atlantaballet.com/register25/26academy-9-11>

Registration link for ages 12 and up:

<https://my.atlantaballet.com/register25/26academy-12up>



3rd Annual Spring Online Auction Monday, April 28 through Sunday, May 11

SAVE THE DATES! Mark your calendars for April 28–May 11 to bid on incredible items and one-of-a-kind experiences. Proceeds support Centre for Dance Education scholarships and community engagement programs.

More details soon! [Click here.](#)

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A III

West Midtown

Monday | 4:30 p.m.

Kelly Tonina Cooper

Cecilia DeBonis
Aria Delong
Zoe Esteves
Emma Gonzalez
Gabriela Grunberg
Grady Grunberg
Maya Kohli
Charlie Maroney
Mirabelle Simon
Autumn White

2

A I

Buckhead

Sunday | 12:45 p.m.

Courtney Johnson

Anaika Agarwal
Clyde Day
Victoria Dove
Willow Weiss

3

A

Buckhead

Saturday | 10 a.m.

Amelia Murren

Blair Baker
Avery Blume
Olivia Carroll
Gaia Geter
Madeline Hagen
Shepherd Jordan
Addison Kaufman
Vivian Morea
Vyansi Niranjana
Meera Patel
Claire Prince-Miller
Stella Sachs
Frances Sims
Isabella Topping

***Coppélia* Variation**

Academy VI

Nadia Cerdas

4

A II

Virginia-Highland

Wednesday | 3:30 p.m.

Mia Givens

Eliana Crosby
Vivian Hund
Lillian Karasick
Emmylou Vilines
Charlotte Ward

5

A II

West Midtown

Monday | 3:45 p.m.

Kelly Tonina Cooper

Kaitlin Bayless
Sarah Smedema

6

A II

Buckhead

Sunday | 12 noon

Courtney Johnson

Maxwell Alexander
Mingyu Chen
Natalie Dove
Kyler Gause
Luvie Lahaie
Eva Wang
Ainsley Wei

***La Bayadere* Variation**

Academy VI

Ysabel Bernardo

7

A II

Buckhead

Saturday | 10:45 a.m.

Amelia Murren

Brynn Bonner
Lucie Boulvert Zhong
Ella Carroll
Charlsie Collins
Blakeleigh Dolezal
Briella Foley
Penelope Jaffe
Clara Kahn
Luca Kaufman
Sophia Louis
Eleanor Murphy

8

A

Buckhead

Monday | 3:15 p.m.

Nadyne Bispo

Juliette Desjonquères
Claire Farrell
Emeline Gordy
Caroline Michael
Georgina Richmond

9

A I

West Midtown

Thursday | 4:15 p.m.

Courtney Johnson

Gianna Bate
Harriet Beck
Iris Ferguson-Cogdill
Bianca Gamino
Genevieve Goza
Ruby Grubbs
Vivienne Havey
Sammie Jacobs
Eliza Knight
Maisie Lee
Sai Suitt

***Raymonda* Variation**

Academy VI

Kahlen Wright

