



**ATLANTA BALLET**  
CENTRE FOR DANCE EDUCATION

**SPRING CONCERT 2025**

PERFORMANCE 7

Saturday, April 19 at 10:30 a.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

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

**Sharon Story**  
Dean, Centre for  
Dance Education

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

**Tom West**  
Executive Director

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

#### Atlanta Ballet's Board of Trustees

**The Parents' Association**  
Allegra Lawrence-Hardy and  
Arden Rowland, Co-Chairs  
Our CDE families

#### CDE Staff, Faculty, and Accompanists

**Atlanta Ballet Boutique**  
Kate Gaul and Louise Gordon

**Atlanta Ballet's Production and  
Costume Departments**

Alane Marco, Design Director

#### The Centre for Dance Education Scholarship Funds

Adele Davis Memorial Fund  
Audrey Morgan Scholarship Fund  
Sol Roberts Memorial Scholarship Fund  
Betty T. Dash Scholarship Fund  
Lynn Taylor Humphries Scholarship Fund  
Edwin J. Story Scholarship Fund

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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](https://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>



### 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 II**

**Buckhead**  
**Monday | 3:30 p.m.**  
**Amelia Murren**

Frances Annis  
Yolanda Bueno  
Lena Cook  
Elizabeth Davis  
Lily Hamilton  
Caroline Hill  
Jelani Lyas  
Claire Palmer  
Emilie Purcar  
Anna Claire Rusenko  
Mary Milner Smith  
Leighton Stover  
Penelope Tritt  
Marian Grace Vogel  
Gigi Ward

**2**

**A III**

**Virginia-Highland**  
**Tuesday | 4:30 p.m.**  
**Mia Givens**

Fern Bagley  
Elesa Boring  
Luca Catalano  
Bree Gordon  
Elliot Hollon  
Evie Imperatori  
Nicole Kita  
Zia La Pierre  
Ellie Limehouse  
Bea Martin  
Edith Rhoney  
Jane Simmer  
Amelia Wolfe

**3**

**A I**

**Virginia-Highland**  
**Tuesday | 3:30 p.m.**  
**Madelin Jamison**

Brynn Elmore  
Haverly Henken  
Eleanor Linton  
Michele Miedlar  
Reagan Sellman  
Hannah Tulloch

**Bluebird Variation from**  
***The Sleeping Beauty***  
**Academy VI**

Leilani Burks

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**A I**

**West Midtown**  
**Saturday | 9:45 a.m.**  
**Kameron Davis**

Elizabeth Bond  
Amelia Bonnell  
Mia Bryant  
Mary Hazel Greene  
Lucy Leggio  
Brooke Markley  
Imani Martin  
Noelle Odom  
Remington Range  
Nuna Tay-Agbozo  
Celine Tribble  
Bella Yuthasunthron

**5**

**A II**

**Virginia-Highland**  
**Monday | 4 p.m.**  
**Courtney Johnson**

Leo Catalano  
Milly McNamara  
Chloe Pitts  
Jamison Rand  
Meera Shah  
Christina Tentzeris

**6**

**A I**

**Virginia-Highland**  
**Monday | 4 p.m.**  
**Mia Givens**

Clementine Bagley  
Bailey Baker  
Vivian Castellucci  
Juniper Edgerton  
Gemma Fellows  
Anais Fokam  
Sophia Grace Glover  
Elease Leedekerken  
Elizabeth Melchiori  
Emilia Morley  
Margot Tomes

**Diana Variation from *Diana & Acteon***  
**Academy VI**

Fuwari Izumi

**7**

**A II**

**Buckhead**  
**Wednesday | 3:30 p.m.**  
**Amelia Murren**

Annabelle Few  
Bilkisu Hart  
Eliza Kennedy  
Laila Peers  
Patton Perelle  
Emilie Purcar  
Emerson Rodriguez  
Sydney Shailendra  
Sarina Shetty

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**A III**

**West Midtown**  
**Saturday | 10:30 a.m.**  
**Kelly Tonina Cooper**

Claudia Addington-Lugo  
Julia Cottet  
Lina Funt  
Blair McDonald  
Kaia Pasha  
Reagan Range  
Charlotte Sherer  
Emma Squires  
India Tribble  
Tala Villegas  
Juliana Willis

**Grand Pas Classique Variation**  
**Academy VI**

Karla Ceballos

