



METROPOLITAN
YOUTH BALLET

2025

STUDENT SHOWCASE



*Summer
Celebration*

June 14, 2025

Marian University Theatre

2025



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Lower/Middle Division Day Program

Instructor/Choreographer: Mrs. Sarah Woolgar
"Ballet of the Little Cafe"

Welcome Address & Faculty Introduction

Jane Hachiya-Weiner, Artistic Director

Joy of Dance and Creative Dance

Instructor/Choreographer: Miss Nicole Popovich
"Pirates and Princesses"

Pre-Primary Ballet (Mon.)

Instructor/Choreographer: Miss Lila Woolgar
"Wind up Toys"

Pre-Primary/Primary A (Sat.)

Instructor/Choreographer: Miss Nicole Popovich
"Looking for Mary"

Eden Casimiro - Senior Spotlight

Variation from *La Esmeralda*

Miram Danek - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Instructor: Ms. Jane Hachiya-Weiner
Choreography: G. Balanchine
Variation from *Tchaikovsky Pas de Deux*

Primary A Ballet (Mon.)

Instructor/Choreographer: Miss Nicole Popovich
"Enchanted at the Ball"

Primary A/B Ballet (Wed.)

Instructor/Choreographer: Miss Lila Woolgar
"From Flower to Flower"

Alexandra Chambers - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Instructor: Ms. So Yun Nam

Variation from *Classic Pas de Deux*

Nadja Jeftenic - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Instructor: Ms. So Yun Nam

Variation from *La Fille Mal Gardee* (Eduardo Blanco)

Primary B Ballet (Mon.)

Instructor/Choreographer: Mrs. Rachel Whitehead

"Ruby Red Waltz"

Level 1A Ballet (Mon.)

Instructor/Choreographer: Mrs. Rachel Whitehead

"Etudes on the theme of Giselle"

Lana Linnemann - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Instructor: Ms. So Yun Nam

Peasant Pas de Six from *Giselle*

Lucille Carr - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Instructor: Ms. Jane Hachiya-Weiner

Variation from *La Fille Mal Gardee* (Alexander Gorsky)

Elise Chambers - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Instructor: Ms. Jane Hachiya-Weiner

Swanilda's Act I Variation from *Coppelia*

Level 1A Ballet (Wed.)

Instructor/Choreographer: Mrs. Sarah Woolgar

"Sheep May Safely Graze"

Level 3B-6B Ballet (Mon.)

Instructor/Choreographer: Ms. Sarah Farnsley

"Root Network"

Boys' Ballet

Instructor/Choreographer: Mr. David Hedrick

"Rhythm Rebels"

15 Minute Intermission

Jazz I

Instructor/Choreographer: Miss Nicole Popovich
"When Can I See You Again?"

Level 2B/3A Ballet (Tues./Thurs.)

Instructor/Choreographer: Mrs. Sarah Woolgar
"Grande Grande Allegro"

Sophie Seifert - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Choreographer: Miss Lila Woolgar
"I'm Listening"

Eden Casimiro - Senior Spotlight

Choreographer: Cooper Verona
"Envious"

Contemporary I

Instructor/Choreographer: Miss Nicole Popovich
"A Million Dreams"

Sam Baskin - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Instructor: Ms. Jane Hachiya-Weiner
Variation from *Flower Festival at Genzano*

Lily Baskin - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Instructor: Ms. Jane Hachiya-Weiner
Variation from *Paquita*

Sophia Kennedy - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Instructor: Ms. So Yon Nam
Princess Florine's Variation from Act III *Sleeping Beauty*

Level 1B/2A Ballet (Tues./Wed./Thurs.)

Instructor: Ms. So Yon Nam
"Amour"

Chika Ileleji - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Instructor: Ms. So Yon Nam
Folie Variation from Act III *Coppelia*

Charlotte McLaughlin - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Instructor: Mrs. Sarah Woolgar
Swanilda's Variation from Act III *Coppelia*

Sophia Odaffer - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Instructor: Mrs. Sarah Woolgar
Peasant Pas de Deux Variation from *Giselle*

Jazz II

Instructor/Choreographer: Miss Nicole Popovich
"Fire Under My Feet"

Cole TerBush - Senior Spotlight

with Intermediate/Upper/Pre-Pro Day Program Day Program Dancers
Instructors/Choreographers: Mr. Frank Weiner and Ms. Jane Hachiya-Weiner
"Blue Pachanga for Thieves and Spy Girls"

Sanuki Sumanasinghe - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Instructor: Ms. Jane Hachiya-Weiner
Variation from *Paquita*

Miriam Danek - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Instructor: Ms. Jane Hachiya-Weiner
Juliet's Variation from *Romeo and Juliet*

Charlotte McLaughlin - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Choreographer: Ms. Adrienne Jackson
"Hiraeth"

Sophia Kennedy - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Choreographer: Ms. So Yon Nam
"Here I Am"

Chika Ileleji - 2025 Soloist Initiative Graduation Performance

Choreographer: Ms. Sarah Farnsley
"Nocturnal Creatures"

Asha Backhoff - Senior Spotlight

Choreographer: Miss Lila Woolgar
"With a Lightning Strike"

Eden Casimiro - Senior Spotlight

Choreographer: Ms. Sarah Farnsley
"Spring 1"

Contemporary II

Instructor/Choreographer: Miss Nicole Popovich
"Abandoned Dolls"

Contemporary III

Instructor/Choreographer: Miss Lila Woolgar
"Commuting"

Introduction of Seniors

Jane Hachiya-Wiener, Artistic Director

Jazz III

Instructor/Choreographer: Miss Nicole Popovich
"Puttin on the Ritz"

Final Bows

International/National Competition Participants and Recognitions

Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP), Indianapolis Regional Semi-Finals 2025

- Anya Stephenson – Senior Classical Category
- Anastasia Hobbs – Senior Classical Category
- Sophia Kennedy – Junior Classical Category
- Chika Ileleji – Junior Classical Category
- Anya Stephenson—Senior Contemporary Category

Faculty

2024-25 Season Faculty

- Sarah Farnsley
- Jane Hachiya-Weiner
- David Hedrick
- Adrienne Jackson
- So Yon Nam
- Nicole Popovich
- Frank Weiner
- Rachel Whitehead
- Lila Woolgar
- Sarah Woolgar

Teaching Assistants

- Molly Oler
- Sophie Seifert

Lower School Showcase

Staging Assistants

- Molly Oler
- Sophie Seifert

Soloist Initiative Program

Coaches

- Sarah Farnsley
- Jane Hachiya-Weiner
- Adrienne Jackson
- So Yon Nam
- Nicole Popovich
- Lila Woolgar
- Sarah Woolgar

Choreographers

- All MYB Faculty members

Celebrating Our Seniors

Asha Backhoff



Asha will be attending Indiana University, majoring in Chemistry (Musical Theater minor)

Ben Baskin



Ben will be attending Butler University, majoring in Music Composition

Anna Bombero



Anna will be attending Palm Beach Atlantic University, studying Exercise Science and Ballet

Eden Casimiro



Eden will be continuing her ballet training with Indianapolis Ballet as a Trainee

Cole TerBush



Cole will be attending Purdue University, majoring in Engineering

Ella Williams



Ella will be attending California Institute of the Arts, majoring in Dance

Showcase Participants by Class

Joy of Dance/Creative Dance (Thursday/Saturday)

Riley Bennie, Emma Eckert, Alaia George, Nicholas Kafantaris, Jacqueline Kindle, Charlotte Matchett, Emilie McLaughlin, Max Milligan, Rosie Pratt, Ava Refundini, Emery Skertic-Farnsley, Penelope Stoutenour, Irene Parmar, Theo Scharbrough

Pre-Primary Ballet (Monday)

Theo Bode, Elizabeth Briles, Kathryn Funk, Caydee Mickens, Morgan Shives, Evely Spencer

Pre-Primary/Primary A (Saturday)

Sebastian Gabriel, June Miller, Mila Milligan, Za'Mya Myles, Jolene Plum

Primary A Ballet (Monday)

Kessler Cunningham, Annabelle Cupo, Delaney Hall-Barlow, Emilia Hewitt, Chloe Liu, Phoebe Owens, Annie James Sells

Primary A/B Ballet (Wednesday)

Lynleigh Davern, Marie Garrison, Savannah Goetz, Natalie McCullough, Sydney Scheid, Natalie Sifuentes, Claudia Wetnight

Primary B Ballet (Monday)

Savannah Goetz, Audrey Lin, Norah Miller, John Parmar, Madeleine Wallingford

Level 1A Ballet (Monday)

Lyla Briles, Matilda Carr, Elizabeth Cupo, Rose Gabig, Caroline Haake, Ruth Sissom-Williamson, Sonia Soyfer, Leighton Spencer, Kayleigh Williamson

Level 1A Ballet (Wednesday)

Anika Johnson, Eleni Kafantaris, Lily Kinne, Ivy Lefort, Abigail Odaffer, Clara Papazian, Elliana Shipley, Victoria Sifuentes, Sonia Soyfer

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

Alexandra Chambers, Betsy Fisher, Nadja Jeftenic, Antonios Kafantaris, Lana Linnemann, Bonnibelle McCullough, Madeleine Reinkemeyer, Clara Valencourt, Isabella Van Zee, Caitlin Weber, Cecilia Wetnight

Level 2B-3A Ballet (Tuesday/Thursday)

Lily Baskin, Samuel Baskin, Lucille Carr, Penelope Cazares, Elise Chambers, Conall Farley, Chika Ileleji, Sophia Kennedy, Charlotte McLaughlin, Sophia Odaffer, Molly Oler, Quinn Smith

Level 3B-6B Ballet (Monday)

Asha Backhoff, Eden Casimiro, Haley Corsaro, Miriam Danek, Mya Dupree, Sophie Seifert, Sanuki Sumanasinghe

Lower/Middle Division Day Program

Martha Armstrong, Ezra Casimiro, Adeline Haley, Aria Haley, Nadja Jeftenic, David Kennedy, Nathan Kennedy, Isabella Van Zee

Intermediate/Upper/Pre-Pro Day Program

Chika Ileleji, Sophia Kennedy

Boys Ballet

Samuel Baskin, Ezra Casimiro, Conall Farley, Antonios Kafantaris

Contemporary I

Lyla Briles, Ezra Casimiro, Alexandra Chambers, Adeline Haley, Nadja Jeftenic, Ivy Lefort, Lana Linnemann, Bonnibelle McCullough, Isabella Van Zee, Cecilia Wetnight

Contemporary II

Lucille Carr, Elise Chambers, Sophia Kennedy, Sophia Odaffer, Molly Oler, Quinn Smith

Contemporary III

Asha Backhoff, Haley Corsaro, Miriam Danek, Mya Dupree, Chika Ileleji, Charlotte McLaughlin, Sophie Seifert, Sanuki Sumanasinghe

Jazz I

Matilda Carr, Ezra Casimiro, Caroline Haake, Adeline Haley, Antonios Kafantaris, Eleni Kafantaris, Ivy Lefort, Abigail Odaffer, Clara Papazian, Madeleine Reinkemeyer, Elliana Shipley, Ruth Sissom-Williamson, Sonia Soyfer, Cecilia Wetnight

Jazz II

Alexandra Chambers, Elise Chambers, Nadja Jeftenic

Jazz III

Lucille Carr, Haley Corsaro, Sophia Kennedy, Charlotte McLaughlin, Sophia Odaffer



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