

## BALLET WEST IN THE NEWS

This weekend, on September 23 and 24 Ballet West will join six other ballet companies from across the country in Chicago, to celebrate the works of Gerald Arpino for what would have been his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday.

A New York native, Gerald Arpino was co-founder of the Joffrey Ballet with Robert Joffrey in 1956. As a dancer, and then Artistic Director, he choreographed more than 50 ballets in his 50 years with the company.

The Joffrey Ballet has a strong connection to Ballet West. It is the former home to both the Artistic Director of Ballet West – Adam Sklute – and Director Ballet West II – Calvin Kitten.

Mr. Sklute started as a dancer with the company in New York – one of the last dancers chosen by Mr. Joffrey himself. After dancing, he then became Ballet Master. He was part of the team that moved the Joffrey Ballet to Chicago, and prior to his move to Ballet West, he was Associate Director of the Joffrey Ballet.

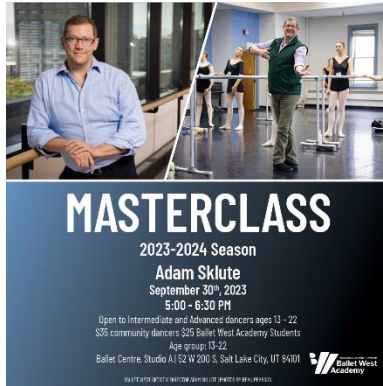
Mr. Kitten had a 19-year career at Joffrey. A favorite with audiences, Mr. Kitten performed soloist and principal roles.

To learn more about the celebration this weekend, please read [here](#) and [here](#).



Beau Pearson Photography: Ballet West in "Light Rain".

## MR. SKLUTE MASTER CLASS



We are excited to kick off our Master class series this year with Mr. Adam Sklute. Ballet West Academy has always had a close working relationship with our main company – Ballet West – and we are so lucky! They are a world-class company with amazing leadership that sees the importance of having a strong school to support the future of the company.

Mr. Sklute has long been a champion of Ballet West Academy, using the school as the main recruiting source for new dancers in the company. One exciting part of dancing at BWA is being able to take classes from so many amazing members of faculty and staff, and having incredible master classes.

If you would like to join us for the master class taught by Adam Sklute on September 30<sup>th</sup> at the Jessie Eccles Quinney Ballet Centre from 5:00-6:30, [sign up here](#). Contact your campus admin for the BWA student discount code. Dancers must be 13-22 years of age with at least 1 full year of pointe experience. Don't wait – space is limited!

## WELCOME BABY TILTON



Park City Principal – Allison DeBona – and interim Principal – Rex Tilton, welcomed a new baby to their family! Ranger was born earlier this week and mom and baby are both doing well. The family reported, "We are doing great. Big brother is over the moon and so are Mommy and Daddy." We wish them well and hope they are all getting lots of rest and enjoying this time together as a family!

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

- **Parent Observation – Park City, Ballet Centre, Trolley Corners** – October 2-7. See campus for schedule
- **Fall Break – Ballet Centre, Trolley Corners** – October 12 – 15, **no classes**.
- **Fall Break – Park City, Utah County** – October 19 – 22, **no classes**.
- **Ballet West Performs – Dracula** – October 20-28 at the Capitol Theatre.
- **Curtain Up!** – October 28 at Ballet Centre.
- **Halloween** – October 31, **NO CLASSES ALL CAMPUSES!**
- **Ballet West Performs – Firebird, Stars and Stripes, and Fever Dream** – November 3-11 at the Capitol Theatre.

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