

YAGP

Ballet West Academy has 15 students competing at Youth America Grand Prix Salt Lake Regional ballet competition at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center, January 14-16.

This prestigious competition allows dancers the opportunity to compete with other dancers in the region in ballet and contemporary dance. Dancers may qualify for the final round of competition held later this spring.

The students were coached by 5 coaches from our faculty and one BW dancer, with contemporary pieces choreographed by 6 from BW, BWII, PT3, and BW Staff.

In the Junior Category we have – Daniela Jovanovic-Hacon, Marko Jovanovic-Hacon, Luka Mishchenko, and Annika Brown. In the Senior Category we have and Mathew Anderson, Sasha Zengin-Karaian, Isabella Guinivere, Mia Crumly, Sophia Fite, Fiona Witty-Daugherty, Hannah Anderson, Tegan Smith, Eleanor Knighton, Halle Belle, Mae Deberard – Mathew Anderson joins Sasha Zengin-Karaian to perform a pas de deux from Don Quixote.

We wish all our students the best of luck!

CURRENT



The Ballet West Academy contemporary performing group – Current – recently had a studio showing of some of the pieces they have been working on. The showing was attended by faculty and staff, including BW Artistic Director, Adam Sklute.

This year Current is working on new works created by guest choreographers Joshua Whitehead – former BW dancer, Haley Johnson from

contemporary dance company – Salt, and Leisel Blue – Ballet West Academy PT3.

You can see Current perform at our All-Campus Contemporary Showcase at Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center this coming March for or upper division students.

UEFA VENDOR FAIR

Heather Thackeray – Principal of Utah County Campus – and Melany Bosch – Utah County parent – will represent Ballet West Academy at the UEFA Vendor/School Fair on January 13th at Juan Diego High School. This even helps families explore educational options. National, state and local vendors, including Ballet West Academy, will be there to show off what they have to offer your family's educational experience. You can find more information [here](#).

DONATIONS

The Sock it Forward Fundraiser is continuing through the end of January. We are collecting new warm socks through to donate to local homeless shelters. Bring your donations to your campus location and we will deliver to those in need. Thank you to all those who have already send in donations. We appreciate you support and generosity. We know these donations are much needed now that the snow has arrived and the temperatures have dropped.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

- **Trolley Corners Primary Winter Showcase** – January 15, 10:00 am or 12:30 pm showtimes at Rose Wagner Theatre. [Tickets available here.](#)
- **Closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day** – January 15, Ballet Centre Salt Lake, Utah County Campus, and Park City Campus – NO CLASSES
- **SLC Upper School Winter Performances** – January 26, 7:00 pm – January 27, 2:00pm and 7:00 pm at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center. [Purchase tickets here!](#)
- **Sock it Forward** – Fundraiser through the end of January
- **Ballet West Performs Swan Lake** – February 9–17 at the Capitol Theatre
- **Presidents Day** – No Classes – All Campuses
- **Contemporary Showcase** – All Campuses – Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center, March 14-16

