

BWA AND OPERA

It's no secret that the students of Ballet West academy are extremely talented, but many of our students excel beyond the barre. This Level 3 student from our Trolley Corners Campus loves to sing and will take the stage on January 20th at the Capitol Theatre with the Utah Opera in their production of *The Little Prince*.

Elliott Jeppsen is a student at the Madeleine Choir School in Salt Lake City. This school has had a partnership with the Utah Opera since 2005 and in that time students from the school have participated in 21 productions with the Opera performing works by Puccini, Bizet, Mozart, and Verdi. To learn more about their partnership [read here](#).

This year Elliott is among 25 MCS students cast in *The Little Prince*, an opera where the lead and chorus are children. Elliott had to commit to the opera in August. She also knew that she wanted to audition for *The Nutcracker*. By some scheduling miracle she was able to do both! Congratulations, Elliott!



Elliott Jeppsen with castmates in *The Little Prince* with Utah Opera.

SLC CAMPUSES PERFORM



Join the Salt Lake Campuses Student and Professional Training Divisions of the Fredrick Quinney Lawson Ballet West Academy in an evening of classical ballet. Students will be performing the playful *La Fille Mal Gardée*, the oldest ballet still being performed since its 1789 debut, alongside Andre Prokovsky's elegant and entertaining *Vespri*. Students will perform three shows January 26th and 27th at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center.

[Tickets are available here.](#)

FLOWER FUNDRAISER

The Student Life Committee sold flowers for the Trolley Corners Primary Winter Showcase and will again for the Upper school production of *La Fille Mal Gardée* and *Vespri*. These petite bouquets are being sold at a cost of \$10 with the proceeds going to the BWA Scholarship and Financial Aid Fund. We hope you will support this worthwhile cause and consider purchasing your show flowers at the academy boutique in the theater lobby.

COLLEGE DAY

On February 3, we will be hosting College Day for Levels 5-8 and the PTDs. We will have guests with us from the University of Utah, Utah Valley University, and Westminster University to teach ballet technique classes in the morning. In the afternoon, there will be a panel discussion with all the students and the three university dance program representatives. This is a great opportunity for all our students to become more informed on some of their options post high school graduation and to get them thinking about, and planning for their futures.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

- **Utah County** – Parent Observation – January 22-27
- **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
- **College Day** – Ballet Centre – February 3
- **Ballet West Performs Swan Lake** – February 9-17 at the Capitol Theatre
- **Presidents Day** – No Classes – All Campuses – February 19th
- **Park City** – Ski Break – No Classes – February 19-25
- **Ballet Centre and Trolley** – Parent Observation – February 20-26
- **Contemporary Showcase** – All Campuses – Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center, March 14-16