

## KATLYN'S JOURNEY TO BALLET WEST

Ballet West Principal Dancer, Katlyn Addison sat down for an interview with "Conversations on Dance". She spoke about how she got started in dance, her journey to Ballet West, and dancing her dream role – Odette/Odile in Swan Lake.

Most "bunheads" find ballerina journey stories interesting, but every aspiring dancer should listen to this one!

Katlyn Addison really gets into it, and shares what is like to be in a second company or new corps member. She shares the reality of waiting for hours for your most important 30 minutes, and what it means to learn patience.

Katlyn gives tips on learning choreography and how to dance in a corps, learning to be spatially aware and preparing on your own.

This interview is not just Katlyn Addison's story, but it is also a masterclass on patiently putting in the work and becoming the best dancer that you can be. Then you are prepared to get the contract, or opportunity to step into the role of a lifetime and shine!

You can watch Katlyn in Swan Lake with Ballet West in the challenging double role of Odette and Odile.

[Listen here.](#)



## SUMMER AUDITION TOUR



Ballet West Academy has one more weekend to conclude their annual Summer Intensive audition tour of more than 20 cities. This process takes a major coordinated effort by the academy artistic staff and summer intensive team. For some of our faculty, this is an opportunity to return home to their former dance company or hometown. Mrs. Cisneros-Legate and Ms. Bacheller returned to San Francisco Ballet to hold 3 auditions at their former alma mater. Adjudicators have seen many talented dancers and we look forward to a challenging and rewarding summer! Registration is open for all our intensives and camps. Reach out to your campus administrator if you have registration questions.

## COLLEGE DAYS



Not all dancers go straight into a company. There are many different paths to a dance career and that means something different for everyone. We want to empower our advanced students with all the information to make choices about their futures, and college is one of those options. We have been excited to offer College Days across 3 of our campus locations, with schools from around the state and the dance programs they offer. College Days are the brainchild of Allison DeBona, Principal of our Park City Campus. Allison earned her BFA prior to starting a professional ballet career with Ballet West, and is passionate about educating students.

This photo is from a recent college day at our Utah County Campus. Christa St. John from Utah Valley University taught a fantastic masterclass and her presentation was impressive! Christa taught class with a high level of energy and enthusiasm. She gave great corrective direction and inspired students to continue working toward their goals. The students enjoyed her class very much. Students and parents were engaged and participated in a discussion. They asked great questions and left with a deeper understanding of what college can provide.

## UTAH VALLEY MAGAZINE

Ballet West Academy Utah County Campus has been nominated for "Best Dance School" in Utah Valley Magazine. Show your support and cast your vote at the link here: <https://utahvalleymag.com/best-entertainment/>. You can vote for just the school, or fill out the other categories.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

- **Utah County Campus** – College Month – Feb. 10, 17
- **Ballet West Performs Swan Lake** – February 9-17 at the Capitol Theatre. [Purchase tickets here.](#)
- **Presidents Day** – No Classes – All Campuses – February 19<sup>th</sup>
- **Sweethearts Dance** – February 19<sup>th</sup> – Ballet Centre – \$20 for dancer plus 1
- **Park City** – Ski Break – No Classes – February 19-25
- **Ballet Centre and Trolley** – Parent Observation – February 20-26
- **Trainee Performance** – February 29 and March 1 – 7:00 pm [Tickets here.](#)
- **Contemporary Showcase** – All Campuses – Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center, March 14-16