April 21, 2023



THE WEDDING

If you haven't had a chance to see Ballet West's final performance of the season, "The Wedding" you still have two more chances! This exciting evening of three short ballet premieres is not to be missed.

Ballet West is receiving rave reviews for Les Noces from as far away as New York! Read Here! Les Noces is the first of ballet of the evening and this rarely performed gem. Set is a Russian village; this dramatic ballet is the story of a young couple about to embark on an arranged marriage.

The second ballet is more familiar is style and completely breathtaking. And the third is energetic and exciting and completely different from the first two. For an indepth review of all three ballets click here.

"With each work evoking its unique intricate, intuitive rhythmically reciprocal relationship between music and movement, the trio of Ballet West premieres in its most recent production proved to be the crowning highlight of the company's superb 59th season." -The Utah Review



CONGRATULATIONS

Last month we held an in-house audition for our Professional Training Division students to audition for our Trainee Program. The Trainee Division is the top level of the academy. Students generally participate in the Trainee program for 2 years. These dancers have the opportunity to be cast in company productions and tour with Ballet West for Children to schools in the state. Trainees have also performed in the Spring Soirée. In addition, they perform in the Contemporary Showcase and SLC Campus Spring Showcase. This year 7 ladies and 3 men were offered placement in the Trainee Division. Trainees will also be chosen through competitions, such as YAGP Finals, and the Ballet West Academy Summer Intensive.

SUCCESSFUL SHOWCASE

Congratulations to all of our choreographers and dancers! We had an amazing 2 nights of shows for our All-Campus' Contemporary Showcase. The dancers were wonderful! It was great to see how our contemporary program has grown and the dancers have developed over the years. We are excited to continue growing this part of our curriculum. It was also fun to see the students greet friends form other campuses and chat during dinner. It's clear they have grown close through many performance opportunities such as Nutcracker, Sleeping Beauty, and of course the contemporary showcase. We hope these relationships will continue to grow as well!







UPCOMING EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

- Ballet West Performs **The Wedding** April 14-22 at The Capitol Theatre <u>Purchase tickets here.</u>
- Victoria Vassos Masterclass April 21 at JEQBC 4:30-6:15 for ages 13+ with at least 1 year of pointe <u>Sign up</u> here.
- Spring Soirée Benefit at Capitol Theatre April 21 <u>Donate here.</u>
- Jazz Bymun Masterclass April 28 at JEQBC 4:30-6:15 for ages 13+ with at least 1 year of pointe.
- Ballet West II -Touring, Snow White May 5 at the WSU Browning Center in Ogden. Purchase tickets here.
- Utah County Campus Spring Performance May 6, Covey Center in Provo 1:00pm and 5:30pm <u>Purchase</u> tickets here.
- Park City Campus Spring Performance May 20, The Eccles in Park City 1:00pm and 5:00pm <u>Purchase</u> tickets.
- Salt Lake City Primary School Spring Performance (Beginner, Elementary and Movement Mentor) May 20, The Rose Wagner Performing Arts in SLC, 10:00 am and 12:30pm Purchase tickets here.
- Salt Lake City Upper School Spring Performance (Levels 1 Trainee) May 18-20, The Rose Wagner Performing Arts in SLC, 7:00pm for each performance Click to purchase tickets.
- Invite your friends to join BWA. Audition for ages 12-18 at JEQBC May 27th 12:00 check-in, 12:30-2:00
 Audition, fee \$25.
- Last Day of classes!! May 27th, 2023