

BALLET WEST TURNS 60

Next season Ballet West celebrates its 60th anniversary! Ballet West began in 1963 as the only professional ballet company between Chicago and the West Coast. Since then it has grown into one of America's leading and largest ballet companies.

Adam Sklute, Ballet West Artistic Director and Michael Scolamiero, Executive Director made the announcement of next year's exciting lineup which includes familiar favorites like Swan Lake and The Nutcracker as well as some returning masterpieces like Firebird and Stars and Stripes.

"Throughout my tenure, I have worked hard to honor the legacy of our founder Willam Christensen while respecting the contributions of my predecessors. At the same time, I work to bring our community great pieces from history and new, untried creations as we move Ballet West further into the 21st Century." – Adam Sklute, Artistic Director



1963 - 2023

**2023-2024 SEASON
JUST ANNOUNCED!**

BWA STUDENT TRANSLATOR

Adrienne Nielsen, a level 3 student at our Trolley Corners Campus is on her way to Taiwan! In addition to ballet, she has a love for the Mandarin language. Adrienne has been studying Mandarin for nearly 6 years and attends the dual language immersion program at Bonneville Jr. High. Adrienne is in Taiwan to translate for [The 5 Browns](#) – a piano ensemble group from The Julliard School that consists of her mom and aunts and uncles. During the concerts, Adrienne will speak from the stage in Mandarin, introducing the group and speaking about the importance of the arts. She is looking forward to returning to Taiwan (she was there in 2019) and sharing her love of the arts and the mandarin language with Taiwanese audiences!



Adrienne, Nutcracker 2022



Adrienne in Taiwan, 2019



The 5 Browns

STUDENTS CROWNED WITH CONFIDENCE

Students had the thrill of being taught by the reigning Miss Utah, Lindsay Larson, how to overcome adversity and present themselves with confidence and poise. Linsey's warm and friendly presence allowed students to have the courage to open up and share themselves fully during the class. Campus Principal Heather Thackeray said, "I enjoyed watching students practice their renewed self-confidence by walking the red carpet. There is nothing more wonderful than young women experiencing their own beauty and having the courage to step into it."



UPCOMING EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

- Snow White **Auditions Tomorrow!** – March 4, 4 pm at Ballet Centre for dancers ages 8-18
- ALL-CAMPUS **Contemporary Showcase** – April 18 & 19 Levels 1 – Trainee, at Capitol Theatre
- SLC Campus **Spring Break** – March 27-April 1
- UC Campus **Spring Break** – April 2-April 8
- PC Campus **Spring Break** – April 10-April 16