

BALLET WEST ACADEMY AND UVU PARTNER

Ballet West Academy and Utah Valley University are working together to inspire future instructors. This week Stacey Mahan, Associate Director of Curriculum, and Samantha Abrahamson, Faculty from Thanksgiving Point Campus, met with the Pedagogy students in Professor Jamie Johnson's class at the UVU Campus. The students learned how the BWA curriculum was developed and how it is implemented in the Beginning and Elementary Levels. In the coming months, these students will gain valuable teaching experience by working alongside Samantha and TGP Campus Principal, Heather Thackeray in classes with young dancers. While on campus at UVU, we saw current TGP Level 8 student Ivy Drumm and former JEQ Ballet Centre student Daniella Zarate taking ballet classes! The future is bright for the partnership between BWA and UVU!



Former UVU students and current TGP Faculty Members – Samantha Abrahamson and Kendra Kengal pictured above.

FINAL MASTERCLASS OF COLLEGE MONTH



This week we welcome Sasha Janes from Indiana University. Originally from Australia, Janes danced professionally with West Australia Ballet, Australia Ballet, and Hong Kong Ballet to name a few. Janes had an extensive professional ballet career both on and off stage.

During College month students at our Park City Campus and Trainee students at BC have had the opportunity to take classes from our guest instructors. These guest instructors represent some of the best college programs in the country and we are

excited that our students have the opportunity to learn from them as they consider where ballet will take them in their future.

Dancing in college may not be the right path for everyone, but you can't lose taking class from guest teachers of this caliber! [Sign up here.](#)

CURRENT PERFORMANCE

BWA contemporary performing group "Current" is scheduled to perform at the Children's Hospital Gala fundraiser November 9th at the Eccles Theatre. Current will perform the opening piece which has been choreographed by Melissa Sandvig. Sandvig is a ballet dancer who is best known for competing on the 5th season of "So You Think You Can Dance". We are excited to see what these talented artists bring to the stage next month!

AUDITION TOUR DATES ANNOUNCED

Did you catch the big drop? No, I'm not talking about "Midnight". The BWSI dates were announced today! Can you believe it is time to think about summer intensives again? Check out the tour and dates on social media. Registration opens next Friday, October 28th. With 5 programs to choose from there is something for everyone at BWSI! Guest SI faculty announcements coming soon!

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

- **Sasha Janes Masterclass – Tomorrow, October 22nd, 5:00-6:30 at BC. Open to the public.**
- Ballet West Performances of "Onegin", October 21 – 29
- **SI Audition Tour Registration opens October 28th! Tell your friends.**
- Halloween – classes cancelled at all campuses EXCEPT PTD and TRAINEE at JEQ BC.
- Lehi Campus "A Merry Little Christmas Show" November 14th and 15th at the Covey Center for the Arts in Provo. [Purchase tickets here.](#)