

## BW IN THE NEWS

Point Magazine recently recognized Ballet West for their performance of *Les Noces* as one of 12 standout performances of the year!

"Ballet West's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary restaging Bronislava Nijinska's masterful *Les Noces* came at just the right time: a moment when companies are being pushed to foster and honor female choreographic voices, and shortly after the release of *La Nijinska*, Lynn Garafola's definitive biography of the Diaghilev-era choreographer. With a two-weekend run at Salt Lake City's Capitol Theatre in April, plus a Works & Process event at the Guggenheim Museum in New York City in March, the Salt Lake City-based company brought this influential work to many audiences. The dancers themselves excelled, too, paring back virtuosity to depict an arranged marriage in a Russian peasant community and capturing Nijinska's stark style and somber intimations. With a cast of 38 dancers a chorus, four vocal soloists, and four pianists, the company's performances were a testament to its capacity to excel in increasingly demanding and complex works." – Sophie Bress

To read more and see the other honored companies' performances [click here](#).



## SHAKE IT OFF



We are excited to offer a masterclass with a fun Taylor Swift connection! Ballet West core member – Rylee Rogers will teach this class based on the same choreography from the Shake It Off music video of Taylor Swift wearing the actual *Swan Lake* costume from the video! She will also teach some *Swan Lake* specific ballet steps. To learn more about the Taylor Swift connection to Ballet West click [here](#).

## SWAN LAKE QUEEN



Ballet West Academy Director, Evely Cisneros-Legate will be returning to the stage for *Swan Lake*. Mrs. Cisneros-Legate has performed *Swan Lake* many times over her long career as a Principal Ballerina with San Francisco Ballet. This time she will be performing the role of "Queen" in every performance of *Swan Lake*.

Evelyn is an amazing leader and kind mentor to student and staff alike. No doubt her students will be proud and inspired to see Mrs. Cisneros-Legate outside of the studio and a regal queen!

## PERFORMANCE WEEKEND

Don't forget that you have 3 chances to watch some of our highest-level academy students perform this weekend at the Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center. Salt Lake City students Levels 1-8 and the Professional Training Division will perform *Vespri* and *La Fille Mal Gardee* – Friday at 7:00 pm and Saturday at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. This show will be both entertaining and inspiring for younger dancers! [Tickets available here](#).

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

- **Park City** – College Month concludes – January 26
- **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. All Campuses welcome. [Purchase tickets here!](#)
- **Sock it Forward** – Fundraiser through the end of January
- **Shake It Off Masterclass** – February 3, 5:00-6:30 at Ballet Centre.
- **Ballet Centre** – College Day – February 3
- **Utah County Campus** – College Month – Feb. 3, 10, 17
- **Ballet West Performs Swan Lake** – February 9-17 at the Capitol Theatre. [Purchase tickets here](#).
- **Sweetheart's Dance** – February 19<sup>th</sup> – All ages. More info coming soon!
- **Presidents Day** – No Classes – All Campuses – February 19<sup>th</sup>
- **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. Student tickets \$5 – link coming!
- **Contemporary Showcase** – All Campuses – Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center, March 14-16