

EXCITING NEWS!!

The Fredrick Quinney Lawson Ballet West Academy is growing and expanding into a new, larger location! Barlow Arts Conservatory Owner, Jenny Barlow has announced her retirement. Beginning January 3, 2023 Thanksgiving Point will relocate to the Barlow Arts Conservatory location at 564 West, 700 South in Pleasant Grove. Heather Thackeray will remain Campus Principal.

A message from Jenny: "After running the studio for 16 years and teaching for 29 years, I have decided to retire, and in so doing, am happy to announce that I am placing my students in the best hands possible with Ballet West Academy. We are thrilled for the new and exciting opportunity that will come to our student body by the association and training that will come with them being a part of the Ballet West Academy.

Please reach out to Utah County Campus Principal, Heather Thackeray and her team with any questions and see more information here: [FAQ's](#)

For more information about the Ballet West Academy and the exciting new Utah County Campus click here: [Continuing the Legacy](#)



Jenny Barlow and Christopher Ruud with Ballet West Founder, William Christensen "Mr. C"

YAGP STUDIO SHOWING



YAGP participants from all four campus locations came together on Wednesday for a studio showing of their classical and contemporary performance pieces. This was an opportunity to perform and receive feedback from a distinguished panel including, Ballet West Director, Adam Sklute, BWA Director Evelyn Cisneros-Legate, Academy Principals, Katherine Lawrence, Allison DeBona, and Heather Thackeray, and other full-time faculty members. The Youth American Grand Prix competition regional semi-final will be held in SLC in January. These students have been working very hard learning choreography and preparing. Each student is so appreciative of the thoughtful and constructive feedback from the BW Panel.

CURRENT PERFORMS AT GALA



A BIG congratulations to our contemporary performing group "Current" on their recent performance at the Primary Children's 100 Year Gala. They performed with JT Church, winner of "So You Think You Can Dance" which was 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". It was an exciting night. Broadway superstar, Idena Menzel also performed at the event.

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

- **Thanksgiving Break - ALL CAMPUSES, November 23-26, No Classes!**
- Ballet West - The Nutcracker, December 2nd -24th at Capitol Theatre. [Get tickets here!](#)
- Utah County Campus - Aquarium Performances, December 12th beginning at 6:30
- Park City Campus - Nutcrackers Suite, December 20th
- Winter Break - December 19th - January 1st, No Classes - All Campuses
- New Year's Day Observed - January 2nd, No Classes - All Campuses