

THE NEXT STEP

Last April, Ballet West Academy Trainee, Olivia Book was cast in a TV show called "The Next Step" in her home country of Canada. Olivia was casted as a Pro Dancer that had competed at the national level in the pro division. Olivia appeared in episodes 24 and 25 which aired earlier this fall in the UK on CBBC, and Canada on YTV. "My solo is in episode 25. I performed "Dulcinea" from "Don Quixote" and you might recognize my tutu... it was the one I wore for BWA Invitational January 2021. The Casting Director was so thankful that Ballet West had a tutu for me to wear! And it looks amazing in my scenes. The interesting part of my performance is that I had to dance to a pop song that was written for the main girl. So, it was filmed with me dancing to the original ballet music and in the editing, they matched my dancing to the pop song."

In September Olivia did an interview with an Italian Youtuber, which includes a funny story about meeting Mr. Jeff for the first time. [Check it out here.](#)

Olivia is in her second year as Trainee and is the current recipient of the Adam Sklute Scholarship.



Ballet West Academy Trainee, Olivia Book

NUTCRACKER TEA

Back by popular demand, we are excited to announce the Nutcracker Tea at the Grand America Hotel! This fun interactive event includes a light lunch of high tea fare, learning iconic Nutcracker dances from the



ballet, a visit from Santa, and a photo to remember this special day.

The event begins at 11:00 and will conclude by 1:00, giving enough

time for those who would like to attend the matinee performance of The Nutcracker at the Capitol Theatre! Tickets to the Ballet are separate, but you don't have to attend the ballet to enjoy the Tea. Get your BWA discounted tickets for [Nutcracker Tea here.](#)

Partial proceeds for this event to benefit the Children's Enchantment Fund. To learn more about the Children's Enchantment Fund [click here.](#)

THE FANTASTIC 4 CLARA'S



All four of this year's Claras say magic happens when performing in Ballet West's The Nutcracker. "You just see all of the dancers in the snow, it's so magical," Isabelle Latimer told ABC4 reporter Kayla Baggerly. Alongside Latimer, Olivia Humeniuk, Kelsey Sukla and Stasha Petkovic have been

rehearsing Clara, the main heroine role of the ballet, since September. Hours of rehearsal time have brought them to this moment. Hear more from them [here.](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

- Ballet West – The Nutcracker, December 2nd -24th at The Capitol Theatre [Get tickets here!](#)
- Utah County Campus Aquarium Festival of the Seas Performance, December 12th 6:30
- Park City Campus Nutcrackers Suite, December 20th 2:00, 7:00 [Tickets here.](#)
- Nutcracker Tea at Grande America Hotel, December 21st 11:00 [Nutcracker Tea here.](#)
- **Winter Break – December 19th – January 2nd**, No Classes - All Campuses
- Trolley Corners Campus Winter Showcase "Fairy Tale Birthday Celebration", January 16th at Rose Wagner Performing Arts Center for Beginning and Elementary students.
- JEQ Ballet Centre Campus Winter Showcase "Bournonville Dances", January 21st at Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center for Levels 1-PTD.