

## SPRING SHOWS

Spring is in the air and Spring Showcase is in the works! As we are putting the finishing touches on our All-Campus Contemporary Showcase "Into the Flow", and cleaning it for the stage next week, we are also preparing for our Spring Showcases all around the BWA. Each campus will present their final performances – the culmination of all their hard work in class over the year. As costuming and choreographing is underway, it is so important that dancers make attendance a priority. This is a fun and exciting time for dancers, and we want them to enjoy the process and feel prepared and looking forward to taking the stage in May!

Below are the dates for each campus' performances. Please check the calendar for your campus, which will list mandatory rehearsal dates specific to your performances. You can find your calendar on the [academy website](#) in the dropdown for your campus location. If you have any questions, please contact your campus administrator.

**Park City Campus** – May 11<sup>th</sup>

**Salt Lake City Campuses Upper School** – May 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup>

**Salt Lake City Trolley Corners Campus Primary School** – May 18<sup>th</sup>

**Utah County Campus** – May 23-25<sup>th</sup>



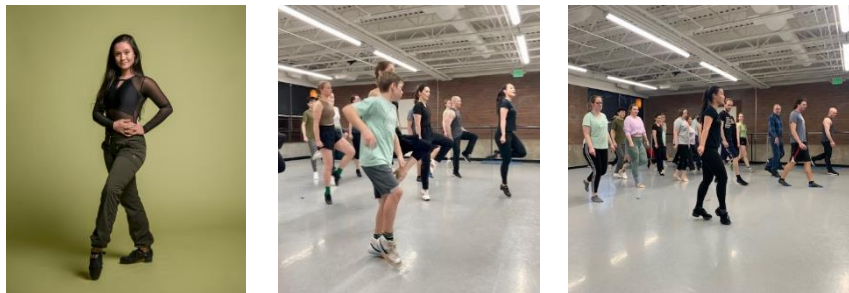
Students of Ballet West Academy – Utah County Campus

## JODIE GATES MASTERCLASS

Saturday, March 9<sup>th</sup> we have the amazing Jodie Gates teaching our masterclass. Jodie Gates is an artistic director, choreographer, arts educator, stager, and former dancer. She was a principal ballerina with the Joffrey Ballet, Philadelphia Ballet, Frankfurt Ballet, and Complexions Contemporary Ballet, as well as an international guest artist. Most recently, she was artistic director of Cincinnati Ballet and founding director of the University of Southern California's Gloria Kaufman School of Dance, and is currently founder and artistic director of Laguna Dance Festival. She has choreographed for several dance companies including Staatsballett Berlin, Ballet West, BalletX, American Ballet Theatre, Colorado Ballet, Kansas City Ballet, Complexions Contemporary Ballet, and Vail International Dance Festival. She is an artistic collaborator with William Forsythe, staging ballets for Forsythe Productions internationally, working with the Paris Opera Ballet, San Francisco Ballet, Houston Ballet, Scottish Ballet, Teatro alla Scala Ballet, Dance Theatre of Harlem, and Zurich Ballet among others. Don't miss this incredible opportunity to learn from a master teacher! [Register here.](#)

## SAINT PATRICK'S DAY

This month, we have a special Community Class at Ballet Centre. We are excited to have Ballet West Academy full-time faculty member, Jessica Baynes, share her love of Irish dance on St. Patrick's Day! Jessica grew up training and competing in Irish dance. It is a big part of her cultural heritage – her father is from Ireland and she spent many summers there as a child visiting family. Her father played Celtic music, and she loves sharing his music with her students during her classes. The Dance Workshop is open to dancers age 13 and up. You can find more information about the class and register [here.](#)



Jessica Baynes with Beginning Irish Students

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

- **Masterclass with Jodi Gates** – March 9, 5:00-6:30 at BC [Register here.](#)
- **Contemporary Showcase – All Campuses – Mid-Valley PAC, March 14-16** [Purchase tickets here.](#)
- **Community Class – Intro to Irish with Jessica Baynes** – March 17, 2:00pm, [Register here.](#)
- **Park City** – Parent Observation – March 18-23, all classes, all week.
- **Masterclass with Pablo Piantino** – March 23, 5:00-6:30 at BC [Register here.](#)
- **Ballet West Family Series – Beauty and the Beast** – Mar. 28-30, Capitol Theatre [Get tickets here.](#)
- **Current Performs with SALT contemporary company** – March 29, 7:30pm [Watch for tickets here.](#)
- **SLC and UCC Campuses** – Spring Break – No Classes – April 1-7
- **Ballet West Family Series – Beauty and The Beast** – April 5, Park City. [Tickets available here.](#)
- **Ballet West** – Love and War – April 11-20, Capitol Theatre. [Purchase tickets here.](#)
- **Park City** – Spring Break – No Classes – April 15-21