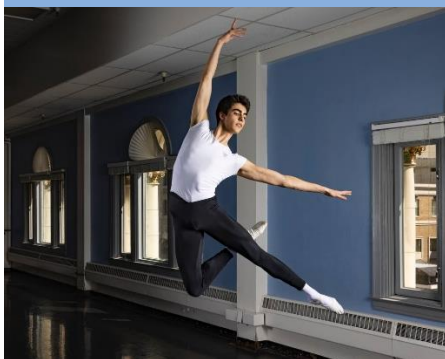


AN AMERICAN IN THE MARIINSKY

Solomon Fishman joined us as a Professional Training Division student in August of 2018, after attending our Summer Intensive. Solomon trained in the PTD Men's Program under the direction of Jeff Rogers. "In Jeff's class, as soon as I achieved a goal, the next day he would have new things for me to work on, to take me to the next level. I knew that so long as I put in the work, Jeff was going to help me get there." The work paid off and in 2022 Solomon was promoted to the Ballet West Academy Trainee Division.

This year Solomon realized his dream of training at the Vaganova Academy of Russian Ballet, in St. Petersburg, Russia. There Solomon has continued to excel earning 4 out of 5 on his exams, and securing a contract to dance at the famed Mariinsky Ballet for the coming season. "This past year at Vaganova, I found myself thinking more than ever about Jeff's corrections. It was the foundation Jeff gave me that provide the edge as I competed for a contract at the Mariinsky Theatre."

We wish Solomon great success and are thrilled to be part of his ballet story!



Former Ballet West Academy Trainee Solomon Fishman

YAGP FINALISTS

The Youth America Grand Prix Finals have arrived! This year Ballet West Academy has 3 dancers competing in the New York City Finals of this prestigious worldwide competition. Luka Mishchenko (Level 5) and siblings Marko Jovanovic-Hacon (Level 4) and Daniela Jovanovic-Hacon (PTD 3). All three are finals veterans, having competed in the final round of YAGP competition in previous years. Luka has a different perspective on Finals his second time around: "It's a really exciting opportunity. Coming to Finals and seeing kids from all around the world is so inspiring, as is taking classes from the world's leading instructors. Coming for my second time, there's a different outlook on the competition, focusing less on the outcome and more on the process and the experience."

This year is unique for the three as they will all be competing in the same division, because YAGP divisions are by age. One might think that competing with classmates or siblings could be a challenge, but the Jovanovic-Hacon siblings don't see it that way. Marko shared that, "Competing with my sister is one of the best experiences I've ever had. We motivate each other to do our best and when we actually perform, we



Ballet West Academy students Marko, Luka, and Daniela

are right in the wings cheering each other on. We aren't really competing against each other, but competing with each other and working together." Daniela agreed, saying, "I love competing alongside my brother because it is so fun! We have a great time when we train together and see each other improve throughout the year. It is also so fun to have him there in the wings. We are each other's biggest cheerleaders."

LOVE AND WAR



Ballet West opens *Love and War* this weekend at The Capitol Theatre and runs through April 20th. This triple-bill features three unique ballets, including the Utah premiere of *Blake Works I* choreographed by William Forsyth to popular music by James Blake. We also see the return of the antiwar themed *The Green Table* by Kurt Joss, and Ulysses Dove's passionate and athletic *Red*

Angels. You can read about this exciting rep and the interesting WWII ties to *The Green Table* at the [Park Record](#). Tickets are available through [Ballet West ticketing](#).

UPCOMING EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

- **Ballet West: *Love and War*** – April 11-20 at The Capitol Theatre [Purchase tickets here](#).
- **Park City Campus: Spring Break** – April 15-21
- **Spring Soirée: Fundraising Gala**, April 19th 6:00 pm at The Capitol Theatre
- **Spring Showcase: Park City Campus** – May 11th
- **Spring Showcase: Salt Lake City Campuses Upper School** – May 16th – 18th, Rose Wagner Theatre
- **Spring Showcase: Trolley Corners Campus Primary School** – May 18th, Rose Wagner Theatre
- **Spring Showcase: Utah County Campus** – May 23-25th at Mid-Valley Performing Arts Center
- **Final Day of Classes for the Season: May 25th** Enjoy summer dancing, and register for fall classes!