

SPRING SOIREE

Ballet West will host its 4th Annual Spring Soirée on April 19, 2024. This wonderful evening includes dinner and performances by Ballet West Company and Academy dancers, along with a live auction, all to benefit the Ballet West Academy Financial Aid and Scholarship Fund.

This fundraising event helps to further our mission of providing exceptional ballet training, regardless of a dancer's financial ability to pay. Each year the BWA Scholarship Fund provides funding for over 175 full-time and summer intensive students per year, equaling over \$400,000! Ballet West Academy is the 4th largest professional ballet Academy in the country with over 700 students at four campuses.

Ballet West is offering a limited number of tickets for a special Soirée Late Night after dinner portion of the evening. This fun night will be filled with dancing - alongside the stars of Ballet West - to DJ Bentley, drinks, and some late night bites. Tickets for this late-night party are only \$75.

[Purchase tickets here.](#)

If you would like to make a donation to the Ballet West Academy Financial Aid and Scholarship Fund, you may do so through the link above. Your donations and this special event truly help make dreams come true!

TO THE POINTE

For many young dancers a major training goal is earning their first pair of pointe shoes. Girls all around the Ballet West Academy are taking this exciting step in their ballet training. They have taken pointe tests to determine if they are ready for pointe shoes! Now the work of learning to dance en pointe begins.

Dancing en pointe impresses and amazes audiences of all ages. What audience members may not realize is the years of preparation required to begin pointe work. A dancer must demonstrate a level of knowledge, strength, and flexibility, as well as the appropriate age required to begin the rigorous training of dancing en pointe. Because dancing en pointe is so technical, it is important that dancers are professionally fitted for every pair of pointe shoes. The proper fit can make all the difference in helping a pointe dancer feel confident and secure.

Another important step in the process is sewing ribbons and elastics on the shoes. At BWA we have students learn to sew their own shoes. This is an important skill for all dancers to have.

This year dancers from Park City, Utah County, and Trolley Corners have demonstrated the necessary strength and skill for this major ballet milestone. We wish these **31 young ladies** all the best in the next part of their ballet journey!



UPCOMING EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES

- **Ballet West: *Love and War*** – April 19-20 at The Capitol Theatre [Purchase tickets here.](#)
- **Spring Soirée: Fundraising Gala**, April 19th 6:00 pm at The Capitol Theatre
- **Spring Showcase: Park City Campus** – May 11th 11:00 am and 6:00 pm at the Eccles Theatre
- **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!

