

**JOFFREY ACADEMY OF DANCE ★ CHICAGO**  
OFFICIAL SCHOOL OF THE JOFFREY BALLET

**JOFFREY ACADEMY OF DANCE PRESENTS THE**  
**FALL PROGRAM**



November 17–19, 2023

Joffrey Tower | 10 E Randolph Street | Chicago, IL



## Dear Families, Students, and Guests,

**Welcome to our Fall Program and our first performances of the school year!**

I am incredibly honored and thrilled to begin my first full year as the Abbott Academy Director for The Joffrey Academy of Dance, Official School of The Joffrey Ballet. This past summer brought about exciting changes behind the scenes, with a full Academy administrative team and updated programming in many of our divisions. But one thing that hasn't changed is our commitment to excellence in offering a well-rounded dance education for our students, and our continued dedication to creating an inclusive community for all our families.

This Fall Program is especially meaningful, as it contains two works choreographed by The Joffrey Ballet's co-founder Gerald Arpino in his centennial year. As we gather in the Gerald Arpino Studio, it seems fitting to honor the work and dedication of Arpino and Robert Joffrey. Also on our program is an excerpt from Frederick Ashton's *The Dream*. The Joffrey Ballet has a long-standing history with Ashton ballets, and it is a wonderful challenge for our Pre-Professional Program to tackle this work, along with other classic repertoire. The program is rounded out by an excerpt of *La Esmeralda* and original works from two of our esteemed faculty, Keesha Beckford and Katlin Michael Bourgeois.

Thank you for your continued support of the Joffrey Academy of Dance and for trusting us with the care of your students. We are incredibly proud of their work, and we know you will be, too.



Suzanne Lopez,  
Abbott Academy Director



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Friday, November 17, 7:30 PM CT  
Saturday, November 18, 1:00 PM CT & 6:00 PM CT  
Sunday, November 19, 2:00 PM CT

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## ★ *Viva Vivaldi — Second Movement*\*

Choreography by Gerald Arpino

Music Composition by Antonio Vivaldi

Staging by Karin Ellis-Wentz and Suzanne Lopez

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\*The performance of *Viva Vivaldi*, an Arpino Ballet, is presented with permission of The Gerald Arpino Foundation and have been produced in accordance with the Foundation service standards established and provided by the Foundation.

## ★ Excerpt from *Giselle*

Choreography by Karin Ellis-Wentz and Meghann Mueller

Music Composition by Adolphe Adam

PERFORMED BY PRE-PROFESSIONAL DIVISION — LEVEL III

## ★ Garland Dance (*Sleeping Beauty*)

Choreography by Marius Petipa

Music Composition by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Adapted by Jacqueline Farina

PERFORMED BY PRE-PROFESSIONAL DIVISION — LEVEL IV

## ★ *La Esmeralda*

Choreography by Marius Petipa

Music Composition by Cesare Pugni

Staging by Oğulcan Borova

Rehearsed by Raúl Casasola

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## ★ *This is How It Ends or Maybe Begins*

Choreography by Keesha Beckford

Music Composition by Led Zeppelin, played by Yamoto String Orchestra

PERFORMED BY THE CONSERVATORY

## ★ *The Dream* (Adapted from A Midsummer Night's Dream by William Shakespeare)

**Choreography by** Frederick Ashton

**Music Composition by** Felix Mendelssohn

**Staging by** Karin Ellis-Wentz and Christina Salerno

**Additional rehearsal by** Jennifer Grund and Vanessa Valecillos

PERFORMED BY PRE-PROFESSIONAL DIVISION—LEVELS V & VI

## ★ 1792

**Choreography by** Katlin Michael Bourgeois

**Music Composition by** W.A. Mozart

**Additional Music Credit:** Franz Xavier Süssmayr

**Honorable Mention for Music Credits:** Contanze Mozart

**Additional Acknowledgements:** *1792* is a reflection on the history of this musical composition and how an unfinished idea can inspire an artistic journey and offer possibilities for reinvention.

The Contemporary Ballet Training Program made this piece is tandem with DanceWorks Chicago, who are currently performing the piece across Germany on tour. Katlin would like to thank Ellie Cotey, Jerica Hucke, Julie Nakagawa, and Suzanne Lopez for their support in the creation of this work.

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## ★ *Kettentanz*\*

**Choreography by** Gerald Arpino

**Music Composition by** Johann Strauss Sr., Johann Mayer

**Staging by** Suzanne Lopez

**Rehearsed by** Raúl Casasola

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**PRE-PROFESSIONAL DIVISION – LEVEL VI** | Sabrina Blair, Tori Coates, Charlotte Deike, Gabrielle Del Valle, Alyssia Duda, Talula Estes, Isabelle Johnson, Mio Yajima

**PRE-PROFESSIONAL DIVISION – LEVEL V** | Jenna Barber, Genevieve Demaret, Emelia Fuller, Zaria Johnson, Leela Kammula, Talia Lee, Elle Marsico, Mika Matsuyama, Liv Nandra, Ava O'Hara, Maya Shah, Aubrey St. Louis, Yuliia Vozniak

**PRE-PROFESSIONAL DIVISION – LEVEL IV** | Annabel Bowman, Aranza Davalillo, Chloe Hazizi, Inaya Lian Abdul Malik, Oliver Libke, Shania Nicholson-Frazier, Elise Ochoa, Melany Perez, Aurelia Sebastian, Sophia Timna

**PRE-PROFESSIONAL DIVISION – LEVEL III** | Annelise Balster, Yoon Kim, Sheppard Littrell, Penelope McAllister, Ava McGregor, Margaret Paldy, Francesca Pelc, Caroline Price, Lilah Raphael, Vedika Subhedar

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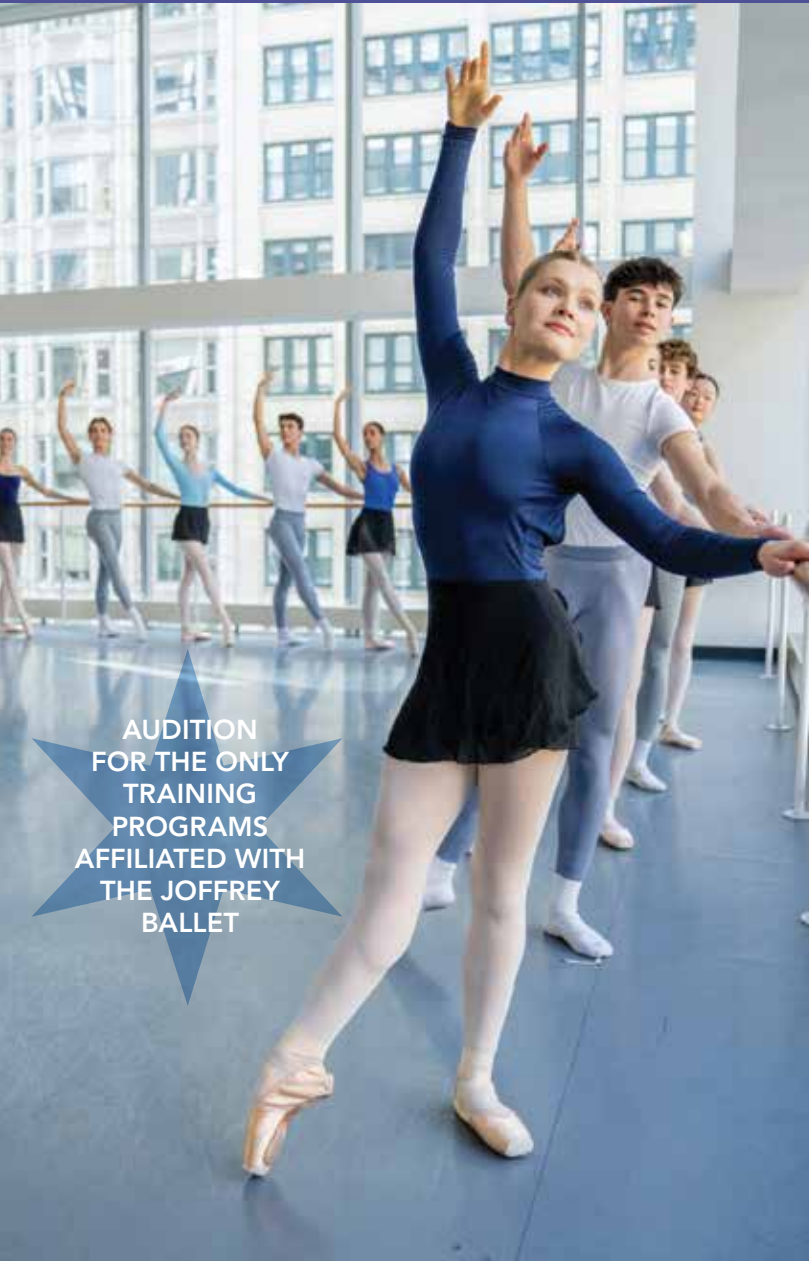
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with board member Rita Spitz

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