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SPRING PROGRAM**



May 3–30, 2026

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Dear Families, Friends, and Students,

Welcome to the 2026 Spring Program, featuring the students of the Grainger Academy of The Joffrey Ballet.

The students participating in this year's performances range in age from 5 to 22, all at different points in their artistic journey. Whether they're stepping onto the stage of our Gerald Arpino Black Box Theater for the first time, or perhaps are graduating this year with us, we celebrate our students' accomplishments. In all disciplines of dance, it takes hours in the studio working on technique, artistry, musicality, posture, and expression to achieve this moment on stage, all the while trying to make it look effortless. However, we know the effort it takes from our incredible faculty who teach at the highest caliber to the families who juggle schedules to get their children here on time and ready for class. We appreciate you as we sit and watch the dedication of our students and their joy of dance. This is a special moment for all of us, and we share in your pride as you watch the next generations of dance.

Thank you for being here and enjoy the performance!

With gratitude and pride,



Suzanne Lopez,
Abbott Academy Director
Grainger Academy of The Joffrey Ballet



SPRING PROGRAM



WEEKEND ONE | MAY 3

Adaptive Program: May 3 at 3:00 PM

WEEKEND TWO | MAY 7-10

Dance Lab Program: May 7 and 8 at 7:30 PM

Children's Program — Pre-Ballet and Boys' Dance A: May 9 at 10:30 AM

Children's Program — Pre-Ballet B: May 9 at 1:30 PM

Children's Program — Pre-Ballet C: May 9 at 4:30 PM

Children's Program — Ballet I, Ballet II, and Boys' Dance B: May 10 at 12:00 and 2:00 PM

WEEKEND THREE | MAY 16-17

Pre-Professional Program: May 16 and 17 at 1:00 PM


Professional Training Programs: May 16 and 17 at 6:00 PM


WEEKEND FOUR | MAY 29-30


Young Moves: May 29 at 7:30 PM

Contemporary Motions: May 30 at 1:00 and 3:30 PM

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SPRING PROGRAM: WEEKEND ONE



ADAPTIVE PROGRAM

★ JAM

Led by Meghann Mueller

Performed by Alicia Cespedes, Colin Dominguez, Giannina Hazen, Enrique Martinez, Olivia Martinez, Grace Osborne, Carina Valdes

Student Volunteers: Genevieve Demaret, Savannah Gibbs, Sofia Gonzalez, Oliver Libke, Norah Ludwig, Gia Perona, Maya Shah, Melissa Yin

SPRING PROGRAM: WEEKEND TWO



DANCE LAB PROGRAM

★ *The Battle*

Choreography by Julie Chapnick

Music Composition by Max Richter

PERFORMED BY DANCE LAB BALLET ENSEMBLE

★ *Panther Pizzicato*

Choreography by Keesha Beckford and Hannah Kreft

Music Composition by Henry Mancini, arranged by Božo Paradžik

PERFORMED BY DANCE LAB BALLET I—TUESDAYS

★ *A Town with an Ocean View*

Choreography by Mia Lachman

Music Composition by Joe Hisaishi

PERFORMED BY DANCE LAB POINTE I/II

★ *Humoresque*

Choreography by Julie Chapnick

Music Composition by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

PERFORMED BY DANCE LAB POINTE I/II

★ *Ballet Intermezzo*

Choreography by Julie Chapnick

Music Composition by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

PERFORMED BY DANCE LAB BALLET II—THURSDAYS

★ *Merry-Go-Round of Life*

Choreography by Mia Lachman

Music Composition by Joe Hisaishi

PERFORMED BY DANCE LAB BALLET IV/V—WEDNESDAYS

★ *Countryside Tableau*

Choreography by Julie Chapnick

Music Composition by Adolphe Adam

PERFORMED BY DANCE LAB BALLET I—SATURDAYS

★ *Before the Lilacs Fade*

Choreography by Keesha Beckford and Alexiane Fivaz

Music Composition by Antonio Vivaldi

PERFORMED BY DANCE LAB TEEN BALLET—TUESDAYS

★ *Maestoso*

Choreography by Julie Chapnick

Music Composition by Antonin Dvorak

PERFORMED BY DANCE LAB BALLET III/IV—THURSDAYS

★ *Bach Overture*

Choreography by Julie Chapnick

Music Composition by Johann Sebastian Bach

PERFORMED BY DANCE LAB BALLET II—SATURDAYS

★ *The Nest*

Choreography by Keesha Beckford

Music Composition by Brad Mehldau

PERFORMED BY DANCE LAB CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE

★ *Aurum*

Choreography by Meghann Mueller

Music Composition by Johann Strauss II

PERFORMED BY DANCE LAB BALLET III/IV—SATURDAYS

★ *Paquita*

Choreography by Marius Petipa

As Staged by Julie Chapnick

Music Composition by Ludwig Minkus

PERFORMED BY DANCE LAB BALLET ENSEMBLE

★ *Flight*

Choreography by Julie Chapnick

Music Composition by Tony Ann

PERFORMED BY DANCE LAB BALLET IV/V—SUNDAYS

PERFORMING ARTISTS



DANCE LAB PROGRAM—BALLET I | Sophia Abado, Sofia Amara, Claire Bubb, Dante Chavez Mejia, Aurora Dobleman, Jimmy Gershenson, Alexandra Isaacson, Nasrine Jamali, Genevieve Kinney, Charles Lea-Hooper, Emilia Rosenberg, Neva Rosenthal, Grace Rule, Victoria Silvio, Sofia Solis, Sofia Suzuki, Rihan Tewelde, Samra Tewelde

DANCE LAB PROGRAM—BALLET II | Camiah Beal, Alia Carter, Isabelle Chen, Mila Doland, Tatiana Feliciano, Milan Goosby, Jade Perez, Meve Pizana, Yaryna Slyusarchuk, Brooklyn Suzuki, Tennie Vongsvangsiri, Evelyn Wallis, Mia Zhang

DANCE LAB PROGRAM—BALLET III/IV | Alexa Akkurt, Lluvia Alvarez Salgado, Stella Caliendo, Shriya Chaudhari, Elaine Culloton, Chloe Fundis, Sofia Gonzalez, Erika Hasbun, Alisha Hopkins, Yana Ladhwa-Sheth, Madeline Maine, Emma Maldonado, Olivia Rivera, Lily Shah, Gabrielle Singleton, Mira Swanson, Kiara Szajda, Saniaya Taylor, Andrea Tollinche

DANCE LAB PROGRAM—BALLET IV/V | Victoria Adoni, Stella Caliendo, Shriya Chaudhari, Chloe Chu, Keira Doba, Oriana Eriksson, Daniela Fieberg, Julissa Flores, Sofia Gonzalez, Gabriella Greco, Erika Hasbun, Daniela Ivory, Yoon Kim, Inaya Lian Abdul Malik, Norah Ludwig, Spencer Martinez, Noah Mitchell, Mia Prado

DANCE LAB PROGRAM—TEEN BALLET | Victoria Adoni, Stella Caliendo, Elaine Culloton, Erika Hasbun, Alisha Hopkins, Yoon Kim, Spencer Martinez

DANCE LAB PROGRAM—POINTE I/II | Victoria Adoni, Stella Caliendo, Shriya Chaudhari, Chloe Chu, Keira Doba, Oriana Eriksson, Daniela Fieberg, Julissa Flores, Sofia Gonzalez, Gabriella Greco, Erika Hasbun, Daniela Ivory, Inaya Lian Abdul Malik, Norah Ludwig, Noah Mitchell, Mia Prado

DANCE LAB PROGRAM—BALLET ENSEMBLE | Stella Caliendo, Chloe Chu, Daniela Fieberg, Gabriella Greco, Erika Hasbun, Norah Ludwig, Noah Mitchell, Mia Prado

DANCE LAB PROGRAM—CONTEMPORARY ENSEMBLE | Aracelie Aguilar, Alexa Akkurt, Jenna Barber, Stella Caliendo, Elaine Culloton, Lyla Foster, Sofia Gonzalez, Gabriella Greco, Cora Hakim, Erika Hasbun, Alisha Hopkins, Kiara Szajda, Andrea Tollinche

SPRING PROGRAM: WEEKEND TWO



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM— PRE-BALLET AND BOYS' DANCE A

The Children's Spring Program performances draw from the repertoire of The Joffrey Ballet, with each Pre-Ballet level inspired by a distinctive work. Pre-Ballet A classes take choreographic inspiration from Dani Rowe's *The Princess and the Pea*, which was part of the company's 2024–25 season.

★ *Dances for Princess Penelopea*

Choreography by Michelle Skiba

Music Composition by Leroy Anderson

PERFORMED BY PRE-BALLET A—SUNDAYS AT SOUTH LOOP

Iyla Barnett, Halle Burgess, Lucia Dolores Sealy, Reese Urquhart, Ada Velasquez

★ *The Good, The Bad, and The Pea?*

Choreography by Mekeba Malik

Music Composition by Ennio Morricone

PERFORMED BY BOYS' DANCE A

Felix Ari Derryberry, Zahavi Derryberry, Peter Pappas

★ *Growing Season*

Choreography by Molly Strom

As Staged by Amy Giancarlo

Music Composition by Alexandre Desplat and Thomas Newman,
London Symphony Orchestra

PERFORMED BY PRE-BALLET A—SATURDAYS AT SOUTH LOOP

Oscar Anderson, Laila Gentile-Khudai, Elliotte Giometti, Alanna Perez, Evelina Thompson,
Ahmi Waldenberger

★ *Slumber to Wake*

Choreography by Julie Chapnick

Music Composition by Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

PERFORMED BY PRE-BALLET A—SATURDAYS AT JOFFREY TOWER

Rose Clouser, Ivy Hawkins, Vivian Kolodner, Augustus Mallaney, Isla Meyer, Ruby Shapiro

★ *Fantasy March*

Choreography by Meghann Mueller

Music Composition by Franz von Suppe

PERFORMED BY PRE-BALLET A—SUNDAYS AT JOFFREY TOWER

Elise Balantac, Olivia Chen, Margot Coquerel Brochard, Eloise Delapena,
Felix Ari Derryberry, Ava Fitting, Anna Hoffman, Poppy Johnson, Nadia Sokol,
Delaney Timke, Sylvia Yin

SPRING PROGRAM: WEEKEND TWO



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM—PRE-BALLET B

The Children's Spring Program performances draw from the repertoire of The Joffrey Ballet, with each Pre-Ballet level inspired by a distinctive work. Pre-Ballet B classes take choreographic inspiration from Christopher Wheeldon's *Alice's Adventures in Wonderland*, which the company performed last summer, marking its U.S. premiere.

★ *Rose Thieves*

Choreography by Molly Strom

Music Composition by Gioachino Rossini

PERFORMED BY PRE-BALLET B—SATURDAYS AT SOUTH LOOP

Isabella Amara, Zella Gerhold, Verona Jones, Ava Lee, Naomi Liu, Peter Pappas, Vanna Qu,
Celeste St Gerard, Aria Xu

★ *March of the Cards*

Choreography by Mia Lachman

Music Composition by Camarata Chorus and Orchestra

PERFORMED BY PRE-BALLET B—SUNDAYS AT SOUTH LOOP

Vivienne Aguilar, Miriam Antoine, Karsen Collins, Akshara Dinesh, Janet Escoto,
Madelyn Kitching, Ada Liu, Reva Patel, Olivia Wang, Zoe Zhang, Olivia Zheng

★ *Painters of the Roses*

Choreography by Julie Chapnick

Music Composition by Aram Khachaturian

PERFORMED BY PRE-BALLET B—SATURDAYS AT JOFFREY TOWER

Margaux Crawford, Tierney Gruner, Wren Gutfrucht, Kira Katsoudas, Mila Kelley, Parker Mattie, Suri Nassouhi, Lily Olsen, Ivy Parker, Eloise Sikorski, Brando Smith, Eleanor Stein, Oliver Taggart, Sofia Toloza Hernandez, Amelia Wang

★ *March of the Caterpillars*

Choreography by Meghann Mueller

Music Composition by Johan Strauss II

PERFORMED BY PRE-BALLET B—SUNDAYS AT JOFFREY TOWER

Charlotte Berlow, Elizabeth Cohen, Zaida Dickerson, Sofia Gaudino, Isabella Hansen, Yuki Hileman, Sena Jeremic, Faye Jessee, Leila Jevtic, Beatrice Kucherenko, Lael Lemein, Anoushka Patel, Aven Shih, Claire StPeters, Isla Volkening

SPRING PROGRAM: WEEKEND TWO



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM—PRE-BALLET C

The Children's Spring Program performances draw from the repertoire of The Joffrey Ballet, with each Pre-Ballet level inspired by a distinctive work. Pre-Ballet C classes take choreographic inspiration from Christopher Wheeldon's *The Nutcracker*, a bespoke Chicago production created especially for the Joffrey and performed annually by the company.

Many students from the Children's Program take to the stage in *The Nutcracker* each year. With auditions open to dancers aged eight and above, we would be delighted to see your child audition this September!

★ *The Snowy Sky*

Choreography by Amy Giancarlo

Music Composition by Treble and Trumpet

PERFORMED BY PRE-BALLET C—TUESDAYS

Nathaniel Kawa, Victoria Liang, Giulio Lukas, Sparrow Min, Anjali Varadhi

★ *Adventures from the Party Scene*

Choreography by Michelle Skiba

Music Composition by Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

PERFORMED BY PRE-BALLET C—SUNDAYS AT SOUTH LOOP

Alara Borova, Bella Chan, Talia Elkins, Marion Horne, Charley Johnson, Abigail Lemelman, Isa Stewart, Amina Treger, Ayla Valdovinos

★ *Dear Ones*

Choreography by Meghann Mueller

Music Composition by Josef Strauss

PERFORMED BY PRE-BALLET C—SUNDAYS AT JOFFREY TOWER

Ruby Bradford, Sloan Bhayani, Audrey Bucholz, Francesca Cardella, Noura Farajmandi, Cong Gao, Rafael Garcia, Zoey Jiang, Abigail Leon, Nina Ortiz, Eva Pekarsky, Alora St Gerard

★ *Magical Beginnings*

Choreography by Amy Giancarlo

Music Composition by Jóhan Jóhannsson and Andrew Holdsworth

PERFORMED BY PRE-BALLET C—SATURDAYS

Amal Baytala, Eden Beswick, Clara Conway, Evelyn Conway, Ainslie Decelle, Maria Greywitt, Angelique Kinney, Henry Mallaney, Claire Marchuk, Sparrow Min, Evelina Mlodik, Rosalind Tye, Adelaide Whalen

SPRING PROGRAM: WEEKEND TWO



CHILDREN'S PROGRAM— BALLET I, BALLET II, AND BOYS' DANCE B

The Children's Spring Program performances draw from the repertoire of The Joffrey Ballet. Ballet Classes IA–IIB and Boys' Dance B are united by the theme of "American Icons," inspired by the triple bill of the same name from the company's 2025–26 season, celebrating the diversity, innovation, and spirit of American Dance.

★ *An American Tapestry*

Choreography by Amy Giancarlo

Music Composition by Hugo Alfvén, Percy Faith, and Iain Sutherland Concert Orchestra

PERFORMED BY BALLET IIB

Aracelie Aguilar, Lilly DeForest, Lyla Foster, Cora Hakim, Elin Kranz, Mckenzie Martin, Ariana Monserrat Rivera, Eden Parmer, Jaziel Peralta, Maelyn Stoner, Aamani Varadhi, Noemi Vazquez, Sarelle Yang

★ *I Got Rhythm*

Choreography by Michelle Skiba

Music Composition by Andrew Holdsworth

PERFORMED BY BALLET IA—THURSDAYS—SUNDAYS

Kal-El Belmares, Islay Reilly Engquist, Greta Gonzalez, Faith Shelby

★ *The Barn Dance Ballet*

Choreography by Amy Giancarlo

Music Composition by North Country Winds

PERFORMED BY BALLET IA—TUESDAYS—SATURDAYS

Emma Bachar, Anne Biesel, Ana Sofia Calucin, Ellie Grace Fraser, Myralah Godston, Anna Joh, Adelia Kuchkarova, Zara Lee, Mila Montes, Kamila Murillo, Maeve Murphy, Avery Smith

★ *Annen Polka*

Choreography by Emily Price

Music Composition by London Symphony Orchestra

PERFORMED BY BALLET IA—TUESDAYS—SUNDAYS

Maya Albuquerque, Celine Kumar, Journee Malachi-Washington, Valentina Medina, Alexandra Riley Tukker, Isabella Morgan Tukker, Victoria Wong, Cynthia Zhao

★ *Ragtime Ramble*

Choreography by Amy Giancarlo

Music Composition by Scott Joplin and Morten Gunnar Larson

PERFORMED BY BALLET IB—THURSDAYS—SUNDAYS

Elizabeth Asnis, Mairani Avila, Valerie Burton, Kelly Chin, Abigail Galindo, Hannah Lemelman, Edith Lewis, Rori Maassen, Hiram Raigoza, Ruth Rosen

★ *Friends Celebrating on the Frontier*

Choreography by Jocelyn Garner and Ashlie Rohan

Music Composition by Aaron Copland

PERFORMED BY BALLET IB—WEDNESDAYS–SATURDAYS

Adelina Amineva, Litzzy Cardoso, Tala Dresser, Elena Guereca, Galileah Guerrero, Quetzally Ibarra Diaz, Mae Jakska, Avery Long, Olivia Maldonado, Glayden Mcquade, Caroline Roccasalva, Grace Tilley, Madison Tucker, Alana Wegscheider

★ *Making Men*

Choreography by Mekeba Malik

Music Composition by Matthew Wilder

PERFORMED BY BOYS' DANCE B

Kal-El Belmares, Dante Chavez Mejia, Sam Farster, Nathaniel Kawa, Charles Lea-Hooper, Cash Marshall, Jaziel Peralta, Bailey Phillips, Hiram Raigoza, Solomon Rosenthal

★ *Pizzicato Polka*

Choreography by Meghann Mueller

Music Composition by Johann Strauss II

PERFORMED BY BALLET IIA—TUESDAYS–SATURDAYS

Suraya Cruz, Coco Garcia, Beatrice Kawashima, Margaret Qin

★ *Gershwin Suites*

Choreography by Amy Giancarlo

As Staged by Amy Giancarlo and Mia Lachman

Music Composition by George Gershwin and Leonard Bernstein

PERFORMED BY BALLET IIA—WEDNESDAYS–SUNDAYS

Elizabeth Andric-rossi, Poppy Baker, Hannah Fischel, Beatriz Gonzalez, Kate Kitching, Madeleine Leonard, Luna Li, Nina Madeja, Jordan Roloff, Etta Winston

★ *Stars and Stripes Forever*

Choreography by Amy Giancarlo

As Staged by Amy Giancarlo and Molly Strom

Music Composition by United States Marine Band

PERFORMED BY BALLET IIB

Aracelie Aguilar, Lilly DeForest, Lyla Foster, Cora Hakim, Elin Kranz, Mckenzie Martin, Ariana Monserrat Rivera, Eden Parmer, Jaziel Peralta, Maelyn Stoner, Aamani Varadhi, Noemi Vazquez, Sarelle Yang

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