

White Marsh Ballet Academy

Dance Company

The Nutcracker



Kraushaar Auditorium

December 7, 2024

White Marsh Ballet Academy Dance Company

Artistic Directors ~ Shari R. Bickel and Sandra Harris

Assistant Director ~ Lindsey Bell

Company Members ~ Mia Anderson, Chloe Biscoe, Katelyn Blomquist, Ridgelee Brendlinger, Raelynn Harbo, Magen Hauf, McKenzie John, Jaila Kenney, Emma Nguyen, Olivia Perrine, Sadie Romanowski, Alexa Spragg, Madison Theisen, Mattie Thomas, Isabella Wang, Sarah Whitson, Georgia Young

Apprentices ~ Addison Adam, Julia Anderson, Sofia Morales, Samone Stahlmann, Lucy Vaughn, Arya Wakefield, Brooke Willis, Michaela Zozou

Trainees ~ Samantha Alston, Vivian Fargus, Ariana Oguaman, Avery Oguaman, Ann Owusu-achiaiw, Arianna Schleupner, Alyssa Spragg

Nutcracker Children ~ Blakely Bernstein, Callie Brenner, Claire Dupree, Frederick Fargus, Sophia Karlik, Hannah Kohler, Alya Malla, Cali Norris, Chizaram Ogbuokiri, Julia Pappas, Rosalee Pueschel, Stella Roesner, Maya Schmitz, Olivia Smith, Sophie Stratakes, Claire Tielsch, Jules Tielsch, Riley Tonart, Lana Wakefield

Artists in Residence ~ Nicole Ford, Kaitlyn Winner, Nick Winner

Guest Performers ~ Lauren Amrhein, Phil Amrhein Jr, Tim Fargus, Abbie Hauf, Dan Hauf, Noah Hauf, Luke Roeder

Rehearsal Assistants ~ Lauren Amrhein, Nicole Ford, Kaitlyn Winner

The Nutcracker

This famous ballet, in two acts, Is based on E.T. A. Hoffman’s tale,
“The Nutcracker and the Mouse King”

Music: Peter I. Tchaikovsky

Choreography: Shari Bickel and Sandra Harris

Costumes: Sherry Ford, Rachel Harris, Sandra Harris, Krystal Romanowski

Props: Sue Acampora, Brenda & Neil Bates, Dave Bickel, Holly Hammond, Dan Hauf, Shernale & Jim Kenney, Nora Lanahan

Backdrops: Charles. H. Stewart

Audio & Lighting: Goucher College Technical Crew

Video/Livestream: Aaron Harris and Dave Bickel

Tech Support: Parents of WMBA Company Dancers

Flyers/Cover Photo: Lisa Hart-Winner

Front Desk Manager: Sherry Ford

Program: Carole Hinchliffe

Volunteer Coordinator: Katie Hauf



Act I

Once upon a time, there was little girl named Clara. It is Christmas Eve and the celebration of Clara's birthday. Clara and her friends are dancing with joy and anxiously awaiting the arrival of Clara's uncle, the magician! This Christmas Eve, Clara's uncle presents her with a nutcracker made in the shape of a soldier. Clara thinks this is the most wonderful present of all. But Clara's joy is soon turned into disappointment when her brother, Fritz and his friends, steal her beloved gift and throw it to the floor, breaking it. Clara's uncle mends the nutcracker, and the party continues.

After the guests leave and the party is over, Clara falls asleep, dreaming of her nutcracker. Suddenly, toy soldiers come to life and mice appear from all corners of the room! A furious battle ensues between the mice and the toy soldiers, who are led by the Nutcracker. During the battle, Clara saves her beloved doll by hitting the Mouse King with her shoe, and the toy soldiers win the battle. At the sign of victory, Clara's uncle takes her through the Land of the Snow where the Nutcracker reveals himself as a Prince and they are greeted by the Queen of the Snowflakes.

PARTY SCENE

Clara: Jaila Kenney

Fritz: Olivia Perrine

Drosselmeyer: Phil Amrhein Jr.

Drosslemeyer's Nephew: Nick Winner

Maid: Nicole Ford

Parents: Lauren Amrhein, Katelyn Blomquist, Tim Fargus, Dan Hauf, Magen Hauf, Luke Roeder, Kaitlyn Winner

Party Girls: Addison Adam, Julia Anderson, Sofia Morales, Samone Stahlmann, Lucy Vaughn, Arya Wakefield, Michaela Zozou

Party Boys: Samantha Alston, Frederick Fargus, Vivian Fargus, Ariana Oguaman, Avery Oguaman, Ann Owusu-achiaw, Arianna Schlepner, Alyssa Spragg

Party Children: Sophia Karlik, Hannah Kohler, Alya Malla, Chizaram Ogbuokiri, Rosalee Pueschel, Claire Tielsch, Lana Wakefield

Party Guests: Mia Anderson, Chloe Biscoe, Ridgelee Brendlinger, Raelynn Harbo, Emma Nguyen, Sadie Romanowski, Madison Theisen, Mattie Thomas, Isabella Wang, Sarah Whitson, Georgia Young

Dolls: Magen Hauf with McKenzie John and Alexa Spragg

Dance with Fritz: Olivia Perrine with Addison Adam and Arya Wakefield

THE BATTLE

Mouse Queen: Magen Hauf

Nutcracker: Sarah Whitson

Hip Hop Rats: Mia Anderson, Chloe Biscoe, Katelyn Blomquist, Ridgelee Brendlinger, Nicole Ford, Raelynn Harbo, Isabella Wang, Kaitlyn Winner, Georgia Young

Mice: Blakely Bernstein, Callie Brenner, Claire Dupree, Cali Norris, Julia Pappas, Stella Roesner, Maya Schmitz, Olivia Smith, Sophie Stratakes, Jules Tielsch, Riley Tonart

Cannon Commander: Abbie Hauf

Soldiers (Tap): McKenzie John, Emma Nguyen, Olivia Perrine, Sadie Romanowski, Alexa Spragg, Madison Theisen, Mattie Thomas, Brooke Willis

Soldiers: Addison Adam, Samantha Alston, Julia Anderson, Vivian Fargus, Sofia Morales, Ariana Oguaman, Avery Oguaman, Ann Owusu-achiaw, Arianna Schleupner, Alyssa Spragg, Samone Stahlmann, Lucy Vaugh, Arya Wakefield, Michaela Zozou

THE LAND OF THE SNOW

Snow Queen: Kaitlyn Winner

Snow Duet: Kaitlyn Winner and Jaila Kenney with Mia Anderson, Chloe Biscoe, Katelyn Blomquist, Ridgelee Brendlinger, Raelynn Harbo, Magen Hauf, Emma Nguyen, Sadie Romanowski, Isabella Wang, Georgia Young

Soloists: Mia Anderson, Chloe Biscoe, Katelyn Blomquist, Ridgelee Brendlinger, Raelynn Harbo, Magen Hauf, Emma Nguyen, Isabella Wang, Georgia Young

Demi-Soloists: McKenzie John, Olivia Perrine, Sadie Romanowski, Alexa Spragg, Madison Theisen, Mattie Thomas, Brooke Willis, Sarah Whitson

Corps: Addison Adam, Julia Anderson, Vivian Fargus, Sofia Morales, Ariana Oguaman, Avery Oguaman, Ann Owusu-achiaw, Alyssa Spragg, Samone Stahlmann, Lucy Vaugh, Arya Wakefield, Michaela Zozou

INTERMISSION

Act II

Leaving the Land of Snow, the Sugar Plum Fairy takes Clara to the Kingdom of the Sweets, which is the domain of the beautiful Sugar Plum Fairy and her Cavalier. The land is protected by Angels. Here Clara is entertained by all the members of the court. Finally, as a special honor, the Sugar Plum Fairy and Cavalier perform for Clara. The curtain falls as Clara bids farewell to the court as Clara awakes with her beloved Nutcracker wondering if it was all just a dream.

THE KINGDOM OF THE SWEETS

Sugar Plum Fairy: Nicole Ford

Cavalier: Nick Winner

Clara: Jaila Kenney

Angels: Addison Adam, Samantha Alston, Juliah Anderson, Vivian Fargus, Sofia Morales, Ariana Oguaman, Avery Oguaman, Ann Owusu-achiaw, Arianna Schlepner, Alyssa Spragg, Samone Stahlmann, Lucy Vaughn, Arya Wakefield, Michaela Zozou

Cherubs: Julia Pappas, Stella Roesner, Maya Schmitz, Olivia Smith, Jules Tielsch, Riley Tonart

Parade: Entire Cast

Spanish: Magen Hauf with Mia Anderson and Georgia Young

Chinese: Emma Nguyen with Samantha Alston, Ariana Oguaman, Arianna Schlepner, Alyssa Spragg

Chinese Corps: Blakely Bernstein, Callie Brenner, Claire Dupree, Sophia Karlik, Hannah Kohler, Cali Norris, Rosalee Pueschel, Sophie Stratakes, Claire Tielsch

Arabian: Katelyn Blomquist with Olivia Perrine, Madison Theisen, Sarah Whitson, Brooke Willis

Sweets: Chloe Biscoe and Raelynn Harbo with Madison Theisen and Brooke Willis

Sweets Corps: Blakely Bernstein, Callie Brenner, Claire Dupree, Alya Malla, Cali Norris, Chizaram Ogbuokiri, Sophie Stratakes, Lana Wakefield

Gingerbread/Bakers: Julia Pappas, Stella Roesner, Maya Schmitz, Olivia Smith, Jules Tielsch, Riley Tonart

Russian: Ridgelee Brendlinger with Samone Stahlmann, Lucy Vaughn, Arya Wakefield, Michaela Zozou

Tarantella: Kaitlyn Winner with Addison Adam, Juliah Anderson, Vivian Fargus, Sofia Morales, Avery Oguaman, Ann Owusu-achiaw

Mother Ginger: Noah Hauf

Reindeer: Sadie Romanowski with McKenzie John, Alexa Spragg, Mattie Thomas, Brooke Willis

Mother Ginger Children: Frederick Fargus, Sophia Karlik, Hannah Kohler, Alya Malla, Chizaram Ogbuokiri, Rosalee Pueschel, Claire Tielsch

WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS

Dew Drop Fairy: Isabella Wang

Soloists: Mia Anderson, Katelyn Blomquist, Magen Hauf, Kaitlyn Winner, Georgia Young

Corps: Chloe Biscoe, Ridgelee Brendlinger, Raelynn Harbo, Emma Nguyen, Olivia Perrine, Sadie Romanowski, Mattie Thomas, Sarah Whitson

Grand Pas de Deux: Nicole Ford and Nick Winner

Clara's Variation: Jaila Kenney

Sugar Plum Fairy: Nicole Ford

Coda: Nicole Ford, Jaila Kenney and Nick Winner

Finale: Entire Cast



THANK YOU!

WMBA Dance Company would like to give a special thanks to all of the people who helped in countless ways with our performance.....

Goucher College Kraushaar Auditorium

Our Guest Performers

All of our Parents & Volunteers

Artistic Directors of White Marsh Ballet Academy Dance Company



Sandra Harris

Sandra Harris and Shari Bickel were previously soloists with the Ballet Theater of Annapolis from 1991 until 1999. Sandra and Shari went on to join the professional contemporary dance company, “TMC” for their 2000 season. They attended Baltimore School for the Arts and Towson State University.

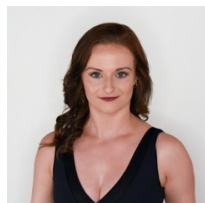
Both Sandra and Shari were trained in the Russian method of classical ballet. They travelled to Russia to train under the direction of Nikita Dolgushin, founder of the Leningrad Conservatory for music and dance with Towson University’s student exchange program.



Shari Bickel

Sandra and Shari have trained, choreographed, and performed a variety of dance disciplines through the state of Maryland. These include Ballet Theater of Annapolis “The School”, County Ballet, Ballet Royale Academy, The Talent Machine, Part II Dance Company, Susan Ina’s Dance Studio, Experimental Dance Concepts and Harford Dance Theatre. Sandra and Shari have also formed a collaboration with senior members of WMBA and formed the contemporary Christian dance company, “Unspoken Grace”.

Assistant Director



Lindsey Bell began her training at White Marsh Ballet Academy under the instruction of Sandra Harris and Shari Bickel in 1999. Lindsey is currently a principal dancer with the Ballet Theatre of Maryland. Lindsey joined BTM in 2015 upon graduation from the University of Oklahoma where she earned a B.F.A. in Ballet Performance. During her time at OU, she was mentored by Mary Margaret Hold, Jeremy Lindberg, Clara Cravey, Steve Brule and Ilya Kozadayev. While with BTM, she has performed many different roles including the evil Queen Regina in Snow White, Swanhilda in Coppelia, Myrtha in Giselle, the title role in The Firebird and as the Lilac Fairy in Sleeping Beauty. In 2020, Lindsey accepted the position of Assistant Director at WMBA, and has been expanding her dance foundation to include overall business operations. Lindsey is also a comprehensive certified Pilate instructor.

TEACHER COORDINATOR

Katie Hauf began dance at the age of three at White Marsh Rec. Council. There she performed lead roles in ballets such as Beauty and the Beast, Cinderella, The Nutcracker, The Wizard of Oz, and Giselle. Katie moved to White Marsh Ballet Academy when they opened their doors in the fall of 1997. She was a Senior Dance Member and Rehearsal Assistant with the dance company in residence, The Baltimore Dance Ensemble, from 1998-2003. Her repertoire with BDE includes, Swan Lake, Seasons, and Snow Queen and Dew Drop from The Nutcracker to name a few. Katie began teaching for WMBA in 2000. She has also guest choreographed Cirque for both BDE and WMBA Dance Company. Katie attended Goucher College where she obtained her bachelor’s degree in Dance and Elementary Education in 2003. As a Senior Teacher for WMBA, she was promoted to Teacher Coordinator. Katie earned a Masters of Science in Education from Towson University in 2023.

ARTISTS IN RESIDENCE

Nicole Ford began her training at the age of 5 and has studied at White Marsh Ballet Academy for the majority of her training. She was a member of the White Marsh Ballet Academy Dance Company and has been cast in roles such as Russian lead, Arabian lead, Paquita lead, and the Sugar Plum Fairy. For 3 years, she has performed as a member of Unspoken Grace, a Christian Dance Company. Nicole has performed throughout the local community. She is a graduate from the prestigious, George Washington Carver Center for Arts and Technology, Dance program. Nicole was a trainee with Ballet Theatre of Maryland Dance Company during its 2021-2022 season. Nicole also served as Rehearsal Assistant for the Snow White production.

Kaitlyn Winner began dancing at the age of 4 and has been performing with WMBA since 2003. She was a member of The Baltimore Dance Ensemble and the White Marsh Ballet Academy Dance Company from 2004-2015. As a senior Company member, Kaitlyn performed as Clara (2011, 2012), Dew Drop Fairy, and Sugar Plum Fairy in Nutcracker, Snow White in Snow White and the Seven Dwarfs, and the lead character in WMBA's original production of Fairy Tale to Fairy Tale (2013 and 2014). As a member of the TU Dance Company, Kaitlyn performed excerpts from ballets including Coppelia, Napoli, and La Bayadere, as well as original works by Runqiao Du, Ken Skrzysz, and Malcolm Shute. She is currently a choreographer, instructor, and guest performer with WMBA. Kaitlyn holds a BS Degree in Psychology from Towson University and is MS Degree in Clinical Professional Counseling Psychology from Loyola University Maryland. She is a Licensed Graduate Professional Counselor and is currently working at Loyola University Maryland as the Assistant Director of Career Readiness within their Career Center.

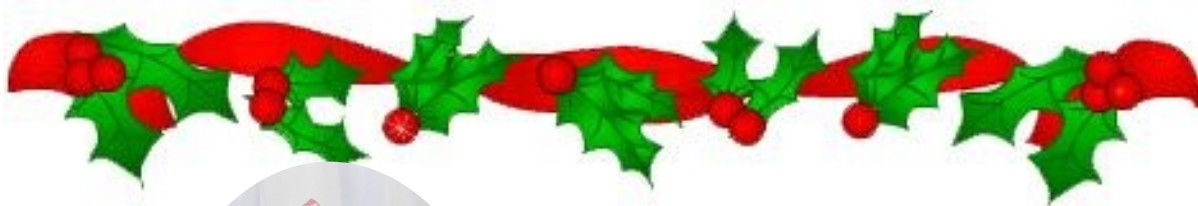
Nick Winner began dancing at the age of 6 as a Nutcracker child in 2003 and has been performing with WMBA ever since. He was a member of The Baltimore Dance Ensemble and the White Marsh Ballet Academy Dance Company from 2003 - 2018. As a Company member, and now a guest performer, he has performed as Cavalier in Nutcracker, the Beast in Beauty and the Beast, the Prince in Snow White, and the lead in The Greatest Show, in addition to many other roles. This year, Nick will perform in his 20th straight Nutcracker Ballet. He holds a Masters Degree in Software Engineering from Towson University and is employed as a Senior Software Engineer with Capital One.

GUEST PERFORMER

Lauren Amrhein began training at Mid-Atlantic Center for Performing Arts before coming to White Marsh Ballet Academy in 2006. While at WMBA, Lauren performed in the dance company in roles such as the Sugar Plum Fairy in the Nutcracker and Beauty in Beauty and the Beast. Lauren attended the University of Maryland and graduated in 2016 with a B.S. in Chemical Engineering and graduated in 2017 with a M.S. in Chemical Engineering. Now, Lauren works as an Evaluator at the Army Evaluation Center when she is not teaching. Lauren continues to perform as a guest artist in WMBA Dance Company performances. Lauren also performs locally with Charm City Ballet. Lauren has been teaching at WMBA since 2011.

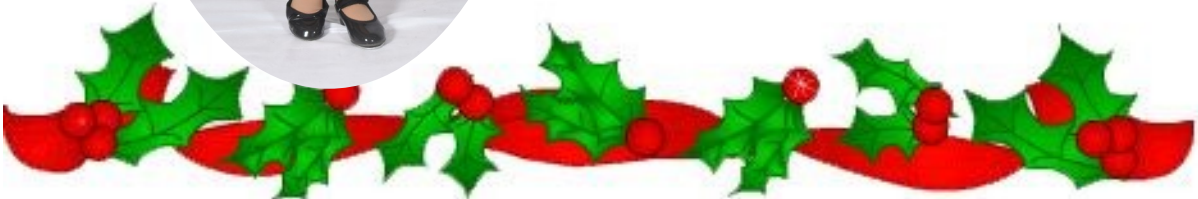
To our beautiful ballerina,
we are so proud of you!

Love, Mimi and Pappy



*We are so proud of you,
Maya Rose!*

*Love, Mom, Dad, Chris
and Danny*



Cali,

Last year, you watched The Nutcracker for your 6th birthday, and as you sat there, I could see the joy in your eyes. Then you turned to me and said, "Mommy, next year I want to be on that stage." And now, here we are—one year later! ✨

We are beyond proud and filled with so much joy as you take the stage for your first performance in The Nutcracker! Watching your excitement, passion, and dedication come to life has been such a beautiful journey for us.

We are so happy for you and can't wait to see you shine in this magical production. 🦋 Keep dancing, sweet girl—you're just getting started, and we know there are so many more amazing performances ahead! Enjoy every moment of this incredible experience! 🍷 ❤️

With all our love,
Mommy & Daddy















































White Marsh Ballet Academy opened its doors during the summer of 1997 with a small camp consisting of only 20 students. Since that time, we have grown to more than 200 students and have continued with our performing company in residence—White Marsh Ballet Academy Dance Company. WMBA offers dance education in ballet, pointe, modern, jazz, tap and hip hop. WMBA is owned by professional dancers and includes a staff that promotes enthusiasm and care for students first. Individual attention with an emphasis on dance technique allows instructors to bring out the best in each student, promoting self-confidence and enjoyment. The mission statement of WMBA is to instill the passion of dance as an art form within each student. The goal of the teachers is to inform and inspire, creating thinking dancers preparing them for careers in the field of dance as well as life. WMBA is a family oriented school focused on communication, respect and self-motivation.

WHITE MARSH BALLET ACADEMY DANCE COMPANY was created to give students the opportunity to perform in a professional working atmosphere. Dancers range in age from 8 to adult and are accepted into the company by audition. For more information, please call the studio. The company holds two full-length performances per year and participates in a variety of community activities.



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