

# PITTSBURGH BALLET THEATRE SCHOOL

## *Spring Performances*



Point Park University's PNC Theatre

May 21-23, 2026



# A NOTE FROM DEAN OF PBT SCHOOL

Dear PBT School Families,

I am delighted to welcome you to Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School's 2026 Spring Performances. It is here that we celebrate the culmination of another successful school year, as we view the growth of our students' dance skills. I am so proud of all that our students accomplished this year and for their dedication to ballet.

I want to express my gratitude to the families, faculty and friends of our students. Your unwavering support and dedication to their artistic pursuits have made a profound impact on their journey. We always enjoy working with you to help your children reach their dreams.

I am eager to continue building upon the strong foundation of success that defines PBT School to provide the best education for our students. Thank you for choosing PBT School and entrusting us with your children's dance education. Please sit back, enjoy the performance, and join us in celebrating the achievements of our talented students.

Warm Regards,  
**Raymond Rodriguez**  
*Dean of Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre School*



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Madisyn Wilson, Isabelle Rookstool

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Level 5 | Chiarina, Carnaval, Op. 9 & Valse Brilliante, Op. 34, No. 1

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Finale - March of the Davidsbündler against the Philistines, Carnaval, Op. 9

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# WISHING YOU WELL

## HANNAH KRAMER

*Dearest Hannah, We are so very proud of you! Watching you grow into an amazing dancer and person is one of the greatest joys of our lives. We love you! Love Mom, Dad and your entire family*

## RUTHIE TUCKFELT

*Ruthie Wren you did it again! We are so proud of you! Love ya, Mom, Dad & Marley*

## ARIEL CHASIN

*Congratulations on another successful year of ballet, Ariel! Like the flowers in spring, it has been a joy to watch you bloom on stage. We are so proud of your dedication and grace. Keep shining! Love you, Dad, Mom, and Alex*

## LORENZO LOPEZ

*Congratulations, Lorenzo! You've worked so hard and sacrificed so much to be where you are. Your humor and energy light up every space you're in and you bring joy wherever you go. Never lose that. We couldn't be more proud of you and can't wait to see where you go! All our love, Mom, Dad, Liani, and Xena*

## CATE WATSON

*Merde Cate-Cate!*

## CONGRATULATIONS to our dancers who...

### ACCEPTED A POSITION WITH

*Atlantic City Ballet, Arles Youth Ballet Company, Azara Ballet, Ballet de Catalunya, Ballet Des Moines, Ballet Theatre of Maryland, Eugene Ballet, Louisville Ballet Studio Company, New Orleans Ballet, Sacramento Ballet - Second Company, Tulsa Ballet, Texas Ballet Theater - Studio Company*

### GRADUATED THIS YEAR

*Adlen Anderson, Veva Best, Natalie D'Alessio, Sakura Imamura, Margaret Kelley, Lorenzo Lopez, Gabriella Mangino, Maggie Paice, Teagan Paterra*

### ARE PURSUING HIGHER EDUCATION

*Ailey/Fordham BFA in Dance, Boston University, New York University, Pittsburgh School of Massage Therapy, Temple University, University of Pittsburgh, Westmoreland County Community College*