

COLORADO  
BALLET  
SOCIETY



Colorado Ballet Society | Primary Division Holiday Showcase

# *'Twas The Night Before Christmas*



SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6TH | 10:00AM

# Colorado Ballet Society

was founded by Patricia Hoffman in 1997 with the mission to provide aspiring dancers with superior training in a teaching environment that challenges the individual to attain new levels of excellence. In August 2021, the Matt Walsh family acquired the studio and appointed Kate Walsh as Artistic Director.

Colorado Ballet Society offers advanced, intermediate, and beginning dance classes for ages 2.5 and up in Classical Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz, Broadway, Hip Hop, Tap, Classical Spanish Dance, Variations, Sparkle Dance, and Acro. Summer classes are available in all disciplines and levels, with special programs including Ballet Intensive, Sparkle Dance Workshop, Acro Dance Workshop, Broadway Dance Workshop, Worship Dance Workshop, Choreography Workshop, and Competition Preparation Workshop.

Colorado Ballet Society promotes health and excellence in training while encouraging cooperation and community for all students and their families. Our state-of-the-art facility, with eight full-sized teaching and rehearsal studios, is located at **8570 Criterion Drive, Suite 154** (across from the Briargate Post Office in northeast C/S).

Companies in residence include **Colorado Youth Ballet, Competition Ensemble, Connexus Dance Collective, Elevate Productions, and Praise Dance Ensemble.**

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for the 13th year in a row, and**

**Best Downtown Event: *A Colorado Nutcracker***

## **'Twas the Night Before Christmas**

### ***Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas***

**Classes:** Contemporary/Jazz Pearl/Diamond

**Instructors:** Kimberly Cano,

**Music:** "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas"

**Maleah Douma, Sammi Efaw,**

**by Ella Fitzgerald**

**Lauryn Mechelse**

Irelyn Deutsch, Jonas Flinton, Heathcliff Glissmeyer, Brooklyn Riviello,

Diana Sheffield, Jude Shulman, Daphne Wood

**- Interlude -**

### ***When Santa Claus Gets Your Letter***

**Class:** Ballet Silver, Sat 10:45 AM

**Instructor:** Maleah Douma

**Music:** "When Santa Claus Gets Your Letter"

**by The Golden Orchestra**

Elowyn Battle, Madison Brown, Daria Karaki, Bailey Martin, Xochi Rieser Carbajal

**- Interlude -**

### ***Calling Up Santa***

**Class:** Sparkle 2.5-3 Tap, Sat 10:30 AM

**Instructor:** Caroline Fruci

**Music:** "Hello Operator" by Helyn Flanagan

Millie Gottschalk, Charlotte Hale, Sania Irfan, Krisley Jones, Lola Kyle

**- Interlude -**

### ***Good Things Come in Little Packages***

**Class:** Ballet Silver, Sat 9:00 AM

**Instructor:** Maleah Douma

**Music:** "Good Things Come in Little Packages"

**Choreographer:** Laci Landry

**by Precious Moments Brightest Star Cassette**

Zoe Flinton, Blair Jackson, Julie Pellow, Apryl Pena-Allen, Flora Perez,

Harrison Sambrook, Kiera Sprague, Charlotte Uptain

**- Interlude -**

### ***It's Christmas Now***

**Class:** Hip Hop Pearl/Diamond

**Instructor:** Maleah Douma

**Music:** "It's Christmas Now!" by JoJo Siwa

**Choreographer:** Maleah Douma

Evelyn Enroth-Smith, Jonas Flinton, Jude Shulman, Daphne Wood

**- Interlude -**

***Tappin' Mouse***

**Class:** Sparkle 3-4 Tap, Sat 9:45 AM

**Instructor:** Caroline Fruci

**Music:** "Cute Little Tapping Mouse"  
by Danc'em

Kinde Byers, Cora Duncan, Laila Flinton, Harper Guillaume, Wren Jackson,  
Brynlee Kremer, Lumi Lee, Theadora Rudolphi

**- Interlude -**

***Parade of the Wooden Soldiers***

**Class:** Tap Silver/Gold

**Instructor:** Lauryn Mechelse

**Music:** "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers"  
by Harry Connick Jr.

Elise Farmer, Zoe Flinton, Thea Lee, Neha Sasikumar

**- Interlude -**

***Let It Snow***

**Class:** Sparkle 4-5 Tap, Sat 9:00 AM

**Instructor:** Caroline Fruci

**Music:** "Let It Snow" by Dean Martin

Collette Hendricks, Kinsley Hunt, Louise Lauderdale, Jacob Miller, Erin Paz de Araujo,  
Quinn Robinson, Alaina Solomon, Nora Wood

**- Interlude -**

***Marshmallow World***

**Class:** Jazz Silver/Gold

**Instructors:** Kaylee Cheney, Lauryn Mechelse

**Music:** "Marshmallow World"  
by Francesca Battistelli

Thea Lee, Kiernan McKinnon, Norah Tillman

**- Interlude -**

***Sugar Plum Fairy Variation, The Nutcracker***

**Music: Composer, Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky**

**Original Choreography: Marius Petipa**

**Arranged by: Kate Walsh**

Corina Dittman

**- Interlude -**

***Nuttin' for Christmas***

**Class: Ballet Gold, Sat 9:00 AM, 10:00 AM**

**Instructors: Nichole Bennis,**

**Music: "Nuttin' For Christmas" by Barry Gordon**

**Julia Shugart**

Brynn Duncan, Elise Farmer, Poppy Guillaume, Thea Lee, Evangeline McMahan, Lucille Miller,  
Aiyana Navarrette, Jordan Pellow, Neha Sasikumar, Madison Waugh, Sasha West-Lund

**- Interlude -**

***Carol of the Bells***

**Class: Ballet Diamond**

**Instructors: Nichole Bennis, Sammi Efaw,**

**Music: "Carol of the Bells" by Cheryl Falk**

**Julia Shugart, Lauryn Mechelse**

**& The Island Choral Experience**

Indy Battle, Irelyn Deutsch, Evelyn Enroth-Smith, Heathcliff Glissmeyer, Carolyn Martin,  
Brooklyn Riviello, Diana Sheffield, Jude Shulman, Daphne Wood

**- The End -**



## Production Credits

**Artistic Director & School Principal**

Kate Walsh

**Director of Operations &  
School Vice Principal**

Mia Gerrish

**Finance Director**

Amanda Daubendiek

**Production Manager**

Kimberly Cano

**Company Coordinator**

Nichole Bennis

**Founder & Director Emeritus**

Patricia Hoffman

**Sparkle Division Manager**

Caroline Fruci

**Primary Division Instructors**

Nichole Bennis, Kimberly Cano, Kaylee Cheney, Maleah Douma, Sammi Efaw, Caroline Fruci, Emily Katz, Lauryn Mechelse, Julia Shugart

**Choreographers**

Nichole Bennis, Kimberly Cano, Maleah Douma, Mia Gerrish, Bethanny Jorenby-Shea, Laci Landry, Amy Schaefer

**Front Desk Lead**

Jody Mechelse

**Administrative Assistants**

Jamie Cheney, Abbie Mayfield, Tim McDermott

**Media Coordinator**

Lauryn Mechelse

**Teacher Assistants**

Zoe Anderson, Kenna Baker, Veda Bulger, Grace Contoveros, Cora Couch, River Fegley, Charlize Fisk, Jessica Foster, Lauren Gonzalez, Sloane Hiett, Miriam Holiday, Makenna Kundert, Olivia Llanas, Elsie London, June Morgan, Audrey Palidar, Sophia Pedigo, Abigail Rice, Olivia Rogers, AnnaClare Russ, Juliana Russ, Samantha Schaub, Madelyn Seeley, Ada Straub, Lucy Waters, Allison Whitcomb

**Costume Manager**

Sue Norman

**Props Lead**

Kaitie Brown

**Program Book Coordinator**

Kayla Coburn

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