



Colorado Ballet Society's Primary Division Presents

In The
Garden

Saturday, May 9
1:30 PM

Mitchell High School
1205 Potter Drive
Colorado Springs, CO 80909



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, Matt and Lisa Walsh and daughter Kate Walsh purchased the studio. A former principal dancer with Sarasota Ballet, Kate serves as principal and artistic director.

Colorado Ballet Society offers advanced, intermediate, and beginning dance classes for ages 2.5 and up in Classical Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz, Hip Hop, Tap, Conditioning, Variations, Sparkle Dance, and Acro.

Summer classes are available in all disciplines and levels, with special programs, including Ballet Intensive, Boys Classes, Sparkle Dance, Acro Dance, Broadway Dance, Worship Dance, Choreography, and Competition Preparation Workshops.

Colorado Ballet Society promotes health and excellence in training while encouraging cooperation and community for all dancers and their families. Our state-of-the-art facility, with eight full-sized teaching and rehearsal studios, is 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, and Praise Dance Ensemble.**

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In the Garden

A hopeful young caterpillar starts a journey of growth and self-discovery in a garden.

As she watches the lively creatures around her, she longs to fly before she is ready.

Mother Goose guides her through challenges, encouragement and the beauty of friendship, helping her understand that true transformation takes time. In the end, she emerges as a confident butterfly, celebrating the magic of becoming who she was meant to be.

Caterpillar/Butterfly: Ana De Angelis
Mother Goose: Jlynn Clark
Choreography by: Nichole Bennis

Caterpillar Crew

Class: Hip Hop Pearl/Diamond

Music: "Vertical" by T-Squad

Instructor: Maleah Douma

Choreographer: Maleah Douma

Finley Freier, Penelope Helzer, Peyton Osbourne, Giuliana Rivera

Waddle & Wiggle

Class: Sparkle 2.5-3 , Fri 10:30 AM

Music: "Cuddly Ducks "
by Kimbo Children's Music

Instructor: Maleah Douma

Choreographer: Bethanny Jorenby-Shea

Kora Coleman, Isabella Kerlin, Blakely Musser, Nora Nations, Daphne Perry,
Elizabeth Sparrow, John Torres, Maggie Truex, Rae Whitford

Dance of the Dew Drops

Class: Ballet Silver, Tues 4:00 PM

Music by: Nina Miller

Instructor: Caroline Fruci

Choreographer: Kimberly Cano Madden

Emma Kate Adkinson, Sadie Butler, Selah Cooper, Minami Raphael,
Leilani Richardson, Naomi Richardson, Charlotte Spurlin, Emma West

Fields of Gold

Class: Ballet Gold, Mon 4:00 PM

Music by: Nina Miller

Instructor: Nichole Bennis

Choreographer: Nichole Bennis

Calla Barnes, Maria Garcia, Elizabeth Gokey, Zuri Lyons, Abigail Newman,
Lydia Rohde, Adeline Rose, Nathalie Schlicht, Abigail Wallis, Remington Wilson

Feathered Friends

Class: Sparkle 4-5, Wed 6:00 PM

Music: "Little Birdie" by Super Simple Songs

Instructor: Sammi Efaw

Choreographers: Caroline Fruci,
Kaylee Cheney

Isabella Bala, Eliannie Gil, Aubree Hoferman, Cora Lewandowski,
Charlotte Rick, Emilia Weisenfluh

Sunny Steps

Class: Tap Pearl/Diamond

Music: "Walkin on Sunshine" by Katrina

Instructor: Lauryn Mechelse

Choreographer: Lauryn Mechelse

Emerson Casey, Finley Freier, Penelope Helzer, Carolyn Martin, River Mitchell, June Palazzolo

Over the Rainbow

Class: Ballet Silver, Fri 5:00 PM

Music by: Nina Miller

Instructor: Julia Shugart

Choreographer: Bethanny Jorenby-Shea

Amelia Casey, Margot Gove, Stella O'Meara, Piper Osbourne,
Galilea Padron, Xochi Rieser Carbajal

Graceful Gardeners

Class: Sparkle 3-4, Wed 4:15 PM

Music: "The Watering Can Ballet"
by Poppy & Posie Blossom

Instructor: Kaylee Cheney

Choreographer: Bethanny Jorenby-Shea

Isla Cutter, Meredith Hunt, Alaina Little, Waverly Miller,
Zoe Nordstrom, Winter Nossokoff, Amelia Saldana

Bunny Hop Swing

Class: Contemporary/Jazz Pearl/Diamond

Music: "Sing Sing Sing"
by Benny Goodman

Instructors: Maleah Douma,

Kimberly Cano Madden, Sammi Efaw,
Lauryn Mechelse

Choreographer: Kimberly Cano Madden

Emerson Casey, Finley Freier, Clare Kniffin, Peyton Osbourne, Emma Beth Palmer,
Giuliana Rivera, Charlotte Shirley, Julia Trimble, Charlotte West

Buzzin' Around

Class: Tap Silver/Gold

Music: "Be My Little Baby Bumble Bee"
by Doris Day

Instructors: Lauryn Mechelse

Choreographer: Lauryn Mechelse

Calla Barnes, Amelia Casey, Maria Garcia, Elizabeth Gokey, Abigail Newman

Lucky Ladybugs

Class: Sparkle 4-5, Fri 9:00 AM

Music: "The Lady Bug Club"

Instructor: Maleah Douma

Choreographer: Bethanny Jorenby-Shea

Layla Caldwell, Lillian Camarella, Marie Flack, Katelyn Klonowski,
Penelope Peeling, Hannah Schultz, Briar Searcey, Rae Sturdevant,
Dorothy Trimble, Penny Truex

Grasshopper Bop

Class: Jazz Silver/Gold

Music: "Schmoozin' At The Savory"

by RetroElectric Big Band

Instructor: Lauryn Mechelse,

Kaylee Cheney

Choreographer: Lauryn Mechelse

Emma Kate Adkinson, Calla Barnes, Amelia Casey, Zuri Lyons, Lydia Rohde, Emma West

Flutter in the Flowers

Class: Ballet Pearl, Tues 5:00 PM

Music by: Nina Miller

Instructor: Maleah Douma

Choreographer: Kimberly Cano Madden

Charlotte Allgood, Dylan Angeles, Fransisca Behan, Finley Freier, Penelope Helzer,
Giuliana Rivera, Julia Trimble, Charlotte West

The Rose Garden

Class: Ballet Diamond

Music by: Nina Miller

Instructors: Nichole Bennis, Sammi Efaw,

Julia Shugart, Lauryn Mechelse

Choreographer: Nichole Bennis

Emerson Casey, Amelia Dixon, Finley Eldredge, Clare Kniffin, Carolyn Martin, River Mitchell,
Peyton Osbourne, Emma Beth Palmer, Charlotte Shirley

- The End -



Production Credits

Artistic Director & School Principal	Kate Walsh
Finance Director	Amanda Daubendiek
Production Manager	Kimberly Cano Madden
Company & Division Manager, Connexus Dance Collective Manager	Nichole Bennis
Studio Relations & Operations Manager	Jody Mechelse
Senior School Administrator	Mia Gerrish
Founder & Director Emeritus	Patricia Hoffman
Administrative Assistants	Bailey Bishop, Jamie Cheney, Abbie Mayfield, Tim McDermott, Masyn Wood
Production Assistant	Kaylee Cheney
Media Coordinator	Lauryn Mechelse
Sparkle Division Manager	Caroline Fruci
Primary Division Instructors	Nichole Bennis, Kimberly Cano Madden, Kaylee Cheney, Maleah Douma, Sammi Efaw, Caroline Fruci, Emily Katz, Lila Kent, Lauryn Mechelse, Julia Shugart
Teacher Assistants	Zoe Anderson, Veda Bulger, Grace Contoveros, Cora Couch, River Fegley, Charlize Fisk, Jessica Foster, Sloane Hiett, Katie Hill, Miriam Holiday, Makenna Kundert, Olivia Llanas, Elsie London, Audrey Palidar, Sophia Pedigo, Abigail Rice, Olivia Rogers, AnnaClare Russ, Catherine 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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