



KIROV ACADEMY

KIROV ACADEMY OF BALLET  
PRESENTS

# 30 years of Excellence

2021 WINTER GALA



Washington, D.C.

Friday, December 17, 7:30 pm EST  
Saturday, December 18, 2:30 pm EST  
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KIROV ACADEMY

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CREATING A WORLD OF BEAUTY THROUGH HEAVENLY ART

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*In Appreciation of Our Patrons*

We would like to deeply thank our Founding Patrons, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon for their continued support for more than 30 years. Their unwavering devotion and commitment to Kirov Academy has allowed our students to flourish in their pursuit to become the best dancers they can be and grace the world's stages.

Now, Kirov Academy's commitment to excellence continues as we assist our present students to select new schools and universities going forward.

The Kirov Academy of Ballet Board of Directors, led by President Dr. Thomas Walsh and the Kirov Family join in our pledge to do our part in providing the needed care and guidance for the success of each Kirov Academy student. We appreciate those who have come before us and honor their investment in the pursuit of artistic excellence.

We look forward to Kirov Academy's next chapter with great love and admiration.

Thank you once again.

Kirov Academy of Ballet of Washington, DC



## PRESIDENT Message

Welcome to the 2021 Winter Gala!

On behalf of the entire Kirov Family, I want to express my deep appreciation to each of you — family, friends, faculty, staff and especially the students — who are participating in today's program, as we celebrate "30 Years of Excellence" here at the Kirov Academy. Indeed, these students are among the finest in the world. They are truly outstanding, as you will observe and experience directly through today's program, featuring a wide variety of selections which culminate appropriately in Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker Suite.



The young performers who will entertain and inspire you today have worked extremely hard to achieve the highest standards in classical ballet. Their achievements are especially noteworthy given the intensive training, rigorous discipline, and steadfast practice required of those who take up the Vaganova Method of Classical Ballet, the trademark of the Kirov Academy from its inception. The beauty and grace that will delight us today derive from years of work by our students, and is made possible also by the dedication, love and support of their parents, along with having one of the best Artistic Directors to be found anywhere, Mr. Joan Boada; the finest Executive Director, Mme. Pamela de Cordova; and, most certainly, a truly all-star faculty.

It is my high honor and privilege to serve as Chairman and President of the Kirov Academy. Each and every day my respect and appreciation increases, as I witness what has been accomplished over the course of these thirty years. The achievements of our alumni speak loudly and offer testimony to the quality of the education and training they have received at Kirov; many have been placed in major ballet companies throughout the world and others have gone on to succeed in a variety of fields, both in the arts and in other professional fields. In a wide range of international competitions, Kirov students have excelled. They have the medals to prove it.

I applaud all those who, over three decades, have made this great adventure possible. I acknowledge the tremendous work of former President Julia Moon, founding Artistic Director Oleg Vinogradov, former President and Chair Tatiana Moon, and so many others, both sung and unsung.

None of this would have been possible without the remarkable vision and generosity of the Founders, Rev. Dr. Sun Myung Moon and Dr. Hak Ja Han Moon, both of whom were born in what is now North Korea. As a result of the division of their homeland and the horror of the Korean War, they were forced to flee and live as refugees with only the clothes on their backs. Through it all they never lost their faith in God and their vision for the future. Since those early days, their lives have been ceaselessly dedicated to contributing to building a world of lasting peace. Toward this end they established a wide range of educational institutions and non-governmental organizations, including in the arts. Their commitment to the Kirov Academy was not merely a commitment to preserving and advancing one of humanity's highest artistic traditions, but to bridging the divides that separate us as a human family. We are very grateful for their generosity.

I wish all of you the very, very best for the holiday season, and the happiest and healthiest New Year 2022.

Enjoy the program!

Thomas G. Walsh, Ph.D.  
Chair and President

## EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR Message

I have served as a Board member of the Universal Ballet Foundation, Inc. since 2012 and more recently, as the Executive Director of the Kirov Academy since 2016. I have grown to love this school and its remarkable staff, teachers and students. It has been a great honor and challenge to work with you all at the Academy.

Our remarkably talented teachers and musicians have brought all the best parts of Russian tradition and discipline to our school complementing our existing staff. Parents have entrusted us with providing their children with the finest education that any arts school could offer. Thank you to all the parents who have entrusted their children to us.

Under the leadership of our new President, Dr. Thomas Walsh, we are winding the school down in an orderly fashion. We have taken great care to ensure that each student is placed in a good school or company. For over 30 years, we have educated rising talented young dancers in the tradition of classical ballet. We are fully confident that they, along with every member of the Kirov Alumni, will succeed in the future.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe is quoted to have said, "A man should hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see a fine painting every day of his life. . ." Tonight you will hear a little music, read a little poetry, and see a live painting of classical ballet before your eyes in hopes that it will ignite the sense of the beautiful which God has implanted in the human soul.

Enjoy!

Pamela Gonzales de Cordova  
Executive Director





## KIROV ACADEMY Artistic Faculty

### Kirov Academy of Ballet Directors:

Dr. Thomas Walsh, President/Chair  
 Pamela Gonzales de Cordova, Executive Director  
 Adrienne Dellas Thornton, Artistic Director Emeritus  
 Joan Boada, Artistic Director  
 Stephen Gabb, Principal/Academic Dean  
 Kevin Yoon, Media and Design Director  
 Dr. Jinha Park, After School Music Program Manager

### Répétiteurs / Ballet Instructors:

Irina Wunder, After School Ballet Program Manager  
 Vladimir Djouloukhadze, Senior Faculty  
 Marianna Rozanova, Ballet Faculty  
 Valeria Ivlieva, Ballet Faculty  
 Ninel Cherevko, Ballet Faculty  
 Adrienne Canterna-Martinez, Contemporary Teacher  
 Anton Wilson, Contemporary Teacher  
 Courtney Washington, Jazz Teacher  
 Anastasia Vasilieva, Virtual Ballet Faculty  
 Riccardo Riccardi, Virtual Ballet Faculty  
 Victoria Yanchuck, Virtual Ballet Faculty  
 Heather Perry, Pilates Instructor

### Ballet Music Department Director

Regina Shestakova-Martin

### Accompanists:

Victor Shklyar  
 Tigran Hovhannisyan  
 Natasha Sutherland  
 Nina Grove  
 Arsen Sumbatyan, After School Ballet Program

### Performance Production Staff:

Micah Stromberg, Production Manager & Lighting Designer  
 Gabriel Zak, Assistant Production Manager  
 Regina Shestakova-Martin, Sound Board Operator  
 Karen Cerkez, Costume Manager  
 Paolo Galli, Photographer  
 Josh Jeong, Videographer  
 Issac Jeong, Online Media, Videographer

### Costume Shop Trainees:

Nasrullah Abdur-Rahman  
 Audrey Black  
 Paola Cervantes  
 Mariana de Souza  
 Isabella Garcia  
 Chloe Han

Lorena Loth  
 Eshli Misuk  
 Maria Luiza Panico  
 Eliza Smith  
 Tiffany Son



## KIROV ACADEMY Artistic Students

### LEVEL 2/3/4



CHLOE BANG



LEE-AN CHI



MEI-CHI CHOU



SCHUYLER  
CROZIER



MADISON KOHLER



ABIGAIL LARKIN



ASHLEY MADRID-  
OLEKNA



LILY MOTAHARI



KELSEY SWIRE



YIRAN WEI



ABIGAIL WALKER



### LEVEL 5/6



CAROLINE  
ARAMENDIA



ARANTXA ARBAIZA



PAOLA CERVANTES  
DAVALOS



MARIANA DE  
SOUZA



VALERIA FRANCO



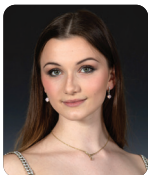
KALLIE GREEN



CHLOE HAN



NICOL KASIKOVA



MARIE  
KJERRUMGAARD



VANESSA LABBEE



KARIS LIM



SARAH RICHTER



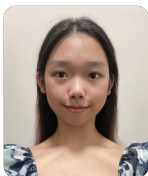
ELIZA SMITH



EDALINE TAN



KAHO TOMONAGA



CHENG YUAN  
TSAO



ELIZABETH  
VINOKUROV



EMMA WOOD



## LEVEL 7/8



AUDREY BLACK

STEPHANIE  
DRENCKHAHN

ISABELLA GARCIA

VICTORIA  
GOROKHOVAANGELIKA  
GRATCHNERCASSIDY  
KARBOWSKI

LORÉNA LOTH



ESHLI MISUK



ASUKA NOGUCHI

MARIA LUIZA  
PANICO

BELYCIA RIVAS



SOOJIN ROBERT

NORA YUN  
SCHAEFERKENDALL  
SCHUMACHER

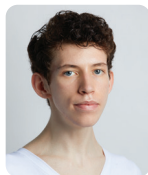
TIFFANY SON

LYDIA VAN  
BOXTEL

NATALIA VELARDE



## MEN'S LEVEL

NASRULLAH  
ABDUR-RAHMANHARRISON  
FORRESTALEXANDER  
NICOLOSI

JUSTIN PIDGEON



RYAN ROBINSON

ASHER  
STEPHENSON

JIE-SIOU WU





## PRE-PROFESSIONAL TRAINEES



BRANDAN  
CONTRERAS



MADELINE COURY



ARIADNE  
FERNANDEZ



MAKAYLA  
HOLLOMAN



EMMA CLAIRE  
VANDERSLICE



## AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM STUDENTS

REMI GRIMES  
RINA NONOGAKUI  
YUNA NONOGAKUI  
ISABELLA PIRZADEH  
SARAH RAMSON  
SOPHIA ANNA ZABEL  
LULU CEA  
AMELIE SHIOZAKI-RYNECKI  
ROSEMARIE KAZER  
ALEXANDRA MONTEMAYOR  
DAINORA JASCUNAS  
SYDNEY BOYKIN  
AMELIA GRIFFITH  
XIUBO LIU  
ALLEN HYER

EMMA LEE  
SOPHIA MOHANCO  
LUCA MOHANCO  
SASAHULISH KASSA  
RAQUEL DA SILVA  
SILVIA BUCH  
VALENTINA BETANCOURT  
ISMENIA SOPHIE DOYLE  
JANE RANDOLPH  
CAMILLE MATTA-NEWMAN  
LYRA STATZ  
TEHILIAH COX  
JUNIPER KOHRT-CHAN  
MARTELISE JENNINGS PENNINGTON  
NIKOLAI MILSOM

FREDERICKA MILSOM  
MILA SOTRIS  
SIMONE HENRY  
MARIA RYZHKOVA  
TALLULAH TORRENTO  
HENLEY TORRENTO  
ISABEL MALLORY  
ALIKI DIMITIADOU  
MENNEN KASSA  
LAYLA MARINS  
LILLY JEAN THOMPSON





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### WINTER (December)

Music: Pyotr Tchaikovsky  
Level 2/3/4

### PAS DE QUATRE from RAYMONDA

Music: Alexander Glazunov  
Harrison Forrest, Brandon Contreras, Ryan Robinson, Asher Stephenson

### ADAGIO from DIANA AND ACTAEON

Music: Cesare Pugni  
Nora Yun Schaefer, Alexander Nicolosi

### VARIATION from SLEEPING BEAUTY

Music: Pyotr Tchaikovsky  
Valeria Franco

### VARIATION from PAQUITA

Music: Ludwig Minkus  
Ryan Robinson

### BRIDESMAIDS VARIATION from SWAN LAKE

Music: Pyotr Tchaikovsky  
Lydia Van Boxel, Kendall Schumacher, Emma Vanderslice, Belycia Rivas,  
Eshli Misuk, Ariadne Fernandez

### VARIATION from COPPELIA

Music: Léo Delibes  
Kallie Green

### VARIATION from FLAMES OF PARIS

Music: Boris Asafyev  
Jie-Siou Wu



**SHADES from LA BAYADERE**

Music: Ludwig Minkus

Maria Luiza Panico, Natalia Velarde, Isabella Garcia



**VARIATION from LE CORSAIRE (PAS D'ESCLAVE)**

Music: Ludwig Minkus

Nora Yun Schaefer

**NYMPHS VARIATION from WALPURGIS NIGHT**

Music: Charles Gounod

Ariadne Fernandez, Madeline Coury, Emma Vanderslice

**PAS DE SIX from EMERALDA**

Music: Cesare Pugni

Stephanie Drenckhahn, Asher Stephenson,  
Audrey Black, Soojin Robert, Asuka Noguchi, Belycia Rivas

**VARIATION from LE CORSAIRE (GULNARA)**

Music: Adolphe Adam

Isabella Garcia

**PAS DE TROIS from FAIRY DOLL**

Music: Joseph Bayer

Tiffany Son, Ryan Robinson, Brandan Contreras



**VARIATION from SLEEPING BEAUTY (LILAC FAIRY)**

Music: Pyotr Tchaikovsky

Chloe Han

**VARIATION from TALISMAN**

Music: Riccardo Drigo

Nasrullah Abdur-Rahman

**MAGIC GARDENS OF NAINA from RUSLAN AND LYUDMILA**

Music: Michael Glinka

Kallie Green, Edaline Tan, Valeria Franco, Nicol Kasikova, Caroline Aramendia,  
Arantxa Arbaiza, Paola Cervantes, Mariana de Souza, Nicol Kasikova,  
Marie Kjerrumgaard, Vanessa Labbee, Karis Lim, Sarah Richter,  
Eliza Smith, Kaho Tomonaga, Elizabeth Vinokurov, Emma Wood

*Intermission (15 Minutes)*







### TOXIC

Choreographer: Adrienne Canterna-Martinez  
Music: Cathy Daniels, Christian Karlsson, Pontus Winnberg  
Kallie Green

### BLACK AND GOLD

Choreographer: Courtney Washington  
Arantxa Arbaiza, Marie Kjerrumgaard, Karis Lim, Sarah Richter, Eliza Smith,  
Elizabeth Vinokurov, Audrey Black, Angelika Gratchner, Cassidy Karbowski,  
Asuka Noguchi, Tiffany Son, Lydia Van Boxtel, Kaho Tomonaga

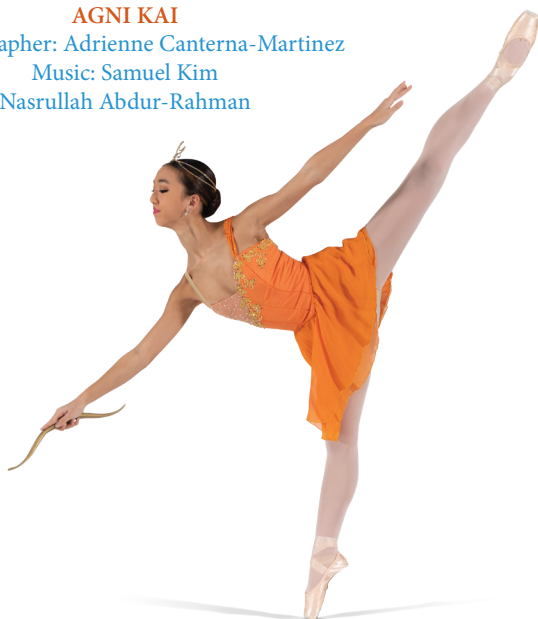
### HUNTER

Choreographer: Adrienne Canterna-Martinez  
Music: Yoshihisa Hirano  
Chloe Han



### AGNI KAI

Choreographer: Adrienne Canterna-Martinez  
Music: Samuel Kim  
Nasrullah Abdur-Rahman







### TEENAGE DREAM

Choreographer: Courtney Washington

Music: Katy Perry "Glee Cover Cast"

Chloe Bang, Abigail Larkin, Lily Motahari, Abigail Walker, Lee-An Chi, Mei-Chi Chou,  
Schuyler Crozier, Madison Kohler, Ashley Madrid-Olekna, Kelsey Swire, Yiran Wei

### THE LEFTOVERS

Choreographer: Adrienne Canterna-Martinez

Music: Max Richter

Level 5-6



### BLACK POWDER

Choreographer: Adrienne Canterna-Martinez

Music: Motor

Level 7-8, Men, PrePro



*Intermission (20 Minutes)*





## NUTCRACKER SUITE

Music: Pyotr Tchaikovsky

### SPANISH

Belycia Rivas, Nasrullah Abdur-Rahman

### ARABIAN

Maria Luiza Panico, Angelika Gratchner, Eshli Misuk,  
Makayla Holloman, Lydia Van Bostel

### CHINESE

Nora Yun Schaefer, Jie-Siou Wu

### RUSSIAN

Asher Stephenson, Cassidy Karbowski, Audrey Black

### PAS DE TROIS

Brandan Contreras, Lily Motahari, Yiran Wei

### ROSE WALTZ

Valeria Franco / Kallie Green / Stephanie Drenckhahn / Nicol Kasikova

Mariana de Souza, Arantxa Arbaiza, Paola Cervantes, Eliza Smith,  
Edaline Tan, Caroline Aramendia, Karis Lim, Sarah Richter,  
Vanessa Labbee, Kaho Tomonaga, Emma Wood, Elizabeth Vinokurov

### PAS DE DEUX

Victoria Gorokhova, Justin Pidgeon

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## AFTER SCHOOL BALLET PROGRAM PRESENTS WINTER HOLIDAY CONCERT

Saturday, December 18, 2021 at 2:30 PM

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### I. WALTZ

Music: Frédéric Chopin

After School Program Students

Remi Grimes, Rina Nonogaki, Yuna Nonogaki, Isabella Pirzadeh,  
Sarah Ramson, Sophia Anna Zabel

### II. VARIATION from LA FILLE MAL GARDEE

Music: Cesare Pugni

Soojin Roberts, Year Round Student, Level 7-8

### III. POLKA

Music: Folk Traditional

After School Program Students

Amelia Griffith, Xiubo Liu, Allen Hyer, Emma Lee, Sophia Mohanco,  
Luca Mohanco, Sasahullish Kassa, Raquel DaSilva

### IV. VARIATION from COPPELIA

Music: Leo Delibes

Kallie Green, Year Round Student. Level 5-6

### V. CHILDREN'S DANCE from LE CORSAIR

Music: Adolphe Adam

After School Program Students

Amelie Shiozaki-Rynecki, Lulu Cea, Rosemarie Kazer,  
Alexandra Montemayor, Dainora Jascunas, Sydney Boykin

### VI. VARIATION from PHARAOH'S DAUGHTER

Music: Cesare Pugni

Sarah Ramson, After School Program Student

### VII. WINTER

Music: Pyotr Tchaikovsky

Students of Year Round Program, Level 2,3,4



**VIII. VARIATION from DON QUIXOTE**

Music: Ludwig Minkus

Valeria Franco, Year Round Student, Level 5-6

**IX. VARIATION from RAYMONDA**

Music: Alexander Glazunov

After School Program Students

Remi Grimes, Rina Nonogaki, Yuna Nonogaki, Sarah Ramson

**X. VARIATION from LAURENCIA**

Music: Alexander Krein

Lulu Cea, After School Program Student

**XI. VARIATION from FAIRY DOLL (ASIAN DOLL)**

Music: Bayer

Alexandra Montemayor, After School Program

**XII. VARIATION from “ESMERALDA”**

Music: Cesare Pugni

Nicol Kasikova, Year Round Program, Level 5-6

**XIII. SPANISH DANCE “SWAN LAKE”**

Music: Pyotr Tchaikovsky

Harrison Forrest, Year Round, Men's &amp; Yuna Nonogaku, After School Program

**XIV. VARIATION from SWAN LAKE**

Music: Pyotr Tchaikovsky

Mei-Chi Chou, Year Round Student, Level 4



## XV. THE NUTCRACKER EXCERPTS

Music: Pyotr Tchaikovsky

### Party Scene

After School Program Students

### Harlequin Dolls

Luca & Sophia Mohanco, After School Program

### Kissy Doll

Yuna Nonogaku, After School Program

### Spanish Dance from “The Nutcracker”

Rina Nonogaki, Isabella Pirzadeh, Sarah Ramson, Lulu Sea, After School Program

### Russian Dance

Remi Grimes, After School Program

### Pas de Trois

Year Round Students

### Chinese Dance from “The Nutcracker”

Rina Nonogaki, Isabella Pirzadeh, After School Program

### Grand Pas from “The Nutcracker”

Year Round Students Level 7-8, Men's

Victoria Gorokhova, Justin Pidgeon





## WINTER PERFORMANCE “30 Years of Excellence”

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Level 2/3/4

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Nora Yun Schaefer

### BRIDESMAIDS VARIATION from SWAN LAKE

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Ryan Robinson

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Music: Pyotr Oldenbourg

Nora Yun Schaefer, Alexander Nicolosi

### PAS DE SIX from ESMERALDA

Music: Cesare Pugni

Soloists: Victoria Gorokhova, Justin Pidgeon

Tiffany Son, Lorena Loth, Cassidy Karbowski, Madeline Coury

### SHADES from LA BAYADERE

Music: Ludwig Minkus

Stephanie Drenckhahn, Natalia Velarde, Angelika Gratchner





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Marie Kjerrumgaard, Vanessa Labbee, Karis Lim, Sarah Richter,  
Eliza Smith, Kaho Tomonaga, Elizabeth Vinokurov, Emma Wood

*Intermission (15 Minutes)*

**MOONLIGHT**

Choreographer: Adrienne Canterna-Martinez  
Music: Nicholas Britell  
Victoria Gorokhova



**TAKE CARE**

Choreographer: Courtney Washington  
Music: Drake  
Caroline Aramendia, Paola Cervantes, Mariana de Souza, Valeria Franco,  
Kallie Green, Nicol Kasikova, Vanessa Labbee, Edaline Tan, Emma Wood,  
Madeline Coury, Isabella Garcia, Lorena Loth, Maria Luiza Panico,  
Belycia Rivas, Natalia Velarde

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Schuyler Crozier, Madison Kohler, Ashley Madrid-Olekna, Kelsey Swire, Yiran Wei

**THE LEFTOVERS**

Choreographer: Adrienne Canterna-Martinez  
Music: Max Richter  
Level 5-6

*Intermission (20 Minutes)*





# NUTCRACKER SUITE

Music: Pyotr Tchaikovsky

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## SPANISH

Lorena Loth, Justin Pidgeon

## ARABIAN

Natalia Velarde, Isabella Garcia, Ariadne Fernandez,  
Marie Kjerrumgaard, Emma Vanderslice

## CHINESE

Tiffany Son, Brandan Contreras

## RUSSIAN

Ryan Robinson, Madeline Coury, Soojin Robert

## PAS DE TROIS

Lee-An Chi, Mei-Chi Chou, Harrison Forrest

## ROSE WALTZ

Valeria Franco / Kallie Green / Stephanie Drenckhahn / Victoria Gorokhova

Mariana de Souza, Nicol Kasikova, Arantxa Arbaiza, Paola Cervantes,  
Eliza Smith, Edaline Tan, Karis Lim, Sarah Richter, Vanessa Labbee,  
Kaho Tomonaga, Emma Wood, Elizabeth Vinokurov

## PAS DE DEUX

Chloe Han, Nasrullah Abdur-Rahman

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