

# Blossoming

From Strong Roots Come Beautiful Blooms



  
**Essence Studios**  
Dance & Performing Arts

**Essence Studios  
& Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre**

Spring 2022 Performance  
Whalen Commons • Poolesville, MD



# Welcome!

Essence Studios, in conjunction with Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre, is excited to present our debut performance, "Blossoming: From Strong Roots Grow Beautiful Blooms." This Spring presentation is possible only through the legacy of Hope Garden Ballet and founder, Fran Ichijo. Fittingly, Essence Studios wants to acknowledge and honor the artistic and technical skills of all Hope Garden students who have continued with us in their training. It has been a whirlwind of a semester as the studio transitioned to new ownership and direction in January. It is with the overwhelming support from family, friends, and the Poolesville community, that Essence Studios has experienced a wonderfully successful semester. Please enjoy the performance as our dancers demonstrate the results of their effort and love of dance, right here in the heart of Poolesville!

— Claire Jones

Artistic Director, Essence Studios  
and Hope Garden Children's Ballet Theatre

## A fond farewell...

I wish to recognize senior Charlotte Gularson, who will be graduating and moving on to bigger and better things this summer! Cincinnati Ballet snatched her up for their summer intensive, and I anticipate she will be offered a Trainee position for the upcoming 22'- 23' Season! Congratulations!

Charlotte...I couldn't be more proud, and even as I write this I have become teary. It was an absolute honor and joy to train someone who has so much passion, love, enthusiasm and drive for this art and profession. It is truly a gift, and not something all dancers possess. So thank you, and I wish you all the best. You keep working this hard and you WILL be a Principal, mark my words.

Love,  
Miss Claire

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## ~ ACT I ~

### Contemporary Ballet Solo

MUSIC: "Look Out!" by Peach Pit  
CHOREOGRAPHED AND DANCED BY:  
Charlotte Gularson\*+

### Little Guys

MUSIC: "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" by Piano Guys  
CHOREOGRAPHY: Lynn Schaeber  
Charlotte Baker, Edith Davis, Antonella Guevara, Izzy Hull,  
Ellie McGean, Mabel Mills, Wynter O'Mara

### Nikiya's Entrance, Variation from "La Bayadere"

COMPOSER: Ludwig Minkus • CHOREOGRAPHY: Marius Petipa  
Ceci Zeranski\*

### Ballet I/II

MUSIC: "Vivaldi the New Four Seasons" by Nigel Kennedy, Orchestra of Life  
CHOREOGRAPHY: Lynn Schaeber  
Aria Cappeluti, Tilly Davies, Lyla Davis, Zoey Hull, Reagan Johnson,  
Yuna Lee, Callie Litzenberger, Melissa Magnoni, Blair Melvin,  
Anna Milliner, Blayke Newman, Claire Rogers, Mara Trainor

### "Inflorescence"

MUSIC: "Scent of Night" by Myuu • CHOREOGRAPHY: Cecilia Zeranski+  
Sava Brizhik, Charlotte Gularson\*, Anna Porch, Elizabeth Tchorni,  
Ceci Zeranski\*, Kendall Zimmerman

### Ballet III/IV

MUSIC: "Here Comes the Sun" by Box of Music • CHOREOGRAPHY: Anna Porch+  
Charlotte Kline, Katie Knowles, Lauren McNally, Talia Moshkovich

### Ballet V/VI

MUSIC: "Liebestraume No. 3 In A-flat Major" by Jean-Yves Thibaudet  
CHOREOGRAPHY: Charlotte Gularson+  
Aria Benesh, Savannah Boehm, Morgan McNally, Karleigh Robson,  
Kinley Rogers, Leah Santizo

## **Advanced Contemporary**

MUSIC: "Aerial Boundaries" by Michael Cook

CHOREOGRAPHY: Lynn Schaeber

Sava Brizhik, Charlotte Gularson\*, Anna Porch, Elizabeth Tchorni,  
Ceci Zeranski\*, Kendall Zimmerman,

## **Ballet VII/VIII**

MUSIC: "Somewhere Over the Rainbow" Instrumental by Pat Richardson

CHOREOGRAPHY: Claire Jones

Stella Boehm, Ellen Breed, Yana Brizhik, Addison Corbett,  
Claire Fitzgerald, Leila Rai, Kira Saunders

## **Intermediate Ballet**

MUSIC: "Epiphany" by The Piano Guys • CHOREOGRAPHY: Julia Junghans

Gauri Bhadriraju, Kate Borman\*, Alarica DeLongchamp,  
Claire Main, Gabriella Stradley

## **Female Variation, Grand Pas Classique**

COMPOSER: Daniel Auber • CHOREOGRAPHY: Viktor Gsovsky

Anna Porch

## **5 minute Intermission**

# ~ ACT II ~

## **Peasant Pas Variation I from "Giselle"**

COMPOSER: Adolphe Adam • CHOREOGRAPHY: Marius Petipa

Sava Brizhik

## **Ballet VII/VIII**

MUSIC: "Sunflower" by Vitamin String Quartet

CHOREOGRAPHY: Julia Junghans

Stella Boehm, Ellen Breed, Yana Brizhik,  
Addison Corbett, Claire Fitzgerald, Leila Rai

## **Shade 2, Variation from "La Bayadere"**

COMPOSER: Ludwig Minkus • CHOREOGRAPHY: Marius Petipa

Elizabeth Tchorni

## **Intermediate Ballet**

MUSIC: "Edelweiss" by Steven C • CHOREOGRAPHY: Claire Jones

Gauri Bhadriraju, Kate Borman\*, Alarica DeLongchamp,  
Claire Main, Gabriella Stradley

## Variation from "Raymonda," Act III

COMPOSER: Alexander Glazunov • CHOREOGRAPHY: Marius Petipa  
Kendall Zimmerman

## Ballet/Tap

MUSIC: "Can't Stop the Feeling" Justin Timberlake  
CHOREOGRAPHY: Claire Jones

Richard Bucciantini, Wes Bucciantini, Hazel Mays, Arya Perez

## Intermediate Contemporary

MUSIC: "Math Was a Wizard" by Karl Jenkins  
CHOREOGRAPHY: Lynn Schaeber

Gauri Bhadriraju, Kate Borman\*, Alarica DeLongchamp,  
Claire Main, Gabriella Stradley

## Advanced Ballet

MUSIC: "Clear Blue Morning" by Dolly Parton • CHOREOGRAPHY: Claire Jones  
Sava Brizhik, Anna Porch, Elizabeth Tchorni, Ceci Zeranski\*,  
Kendall Zimmerman

# ~ FINALE ~

## Black Swan Grand Pas from "Swan Lake"

COMPOSER: Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky • CHOREOGRAPHY: Marius Petipa  
Charlotte Gularson\*, Roland Jones\*

### + Essence Studios student choreographer or teaching intern choreographer

\* **Charlotte Gularson** will be attending the 2022 summer intensive at Cincinatti Ballet, where she will be considered for a trainee position for the 2022-2023 season.

\* **Ceci Zeranski** has been selected to attend this summer's American Dance Festival in Durham, North Carolina.

\* **Kate Borman** auditioned for and was cast to perform in New York City Ballet's production of "Midsummer Night's Dream" at the Kennedy Center, June 7-12.

\* Guest artist **Roland Jones**, a former Hope Garden student, currently with Richmond Ballet, will be dancing with the American Repertory Ballet for the 2022-2023 season under Artistic Director Ethan Stieffel.

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## ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Claire Jones

## ARTISTIC DIRECTOR EMERITUS

Fran Ichijo

## TEACHERS

Claire Jones, Lynn Schaeber,  
Micah McKee, Julia Junghans,  
Eric Trope, Diane Robinson

## TEACHING INTERNS

Charlotte Gularson, Anna Porch

## STAGE MANAGER

Beth Fayard-Jones

## ASSISTANT STAGE MANAGER

Emma Pioli

## TECHNICAL DIRECTOR

Jeff Jones

## SOUND

Valaree Dickerson

## BACKSTAGE COORDINATOR

Sue Sokoll

## BACKSTAGE PARENTS

Amy Baker, Lorena Castro,  
Jen Hull, Lydia Kline,  
Bethanie Lee, Jacki Mays,  
Caryn McNally, Ashlie Fayard-  
Newman, Laura O'Mara

## COSTUMES

HGCBT, Claire Jones, Fran Ichijo,  
Emma Pioli, Beth Fayard-Jones

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