

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.

Summer camps and classes are right here in Poolesville!



Essence Studios

SUMMER HALF DAY JUNIOR CAMPS

JUNE 20TH – JUNE 24TH

Encanto Dance Camp ages 3-6
\$219, 9:30-12pm (ballet/tap)

Dance along to everyone's new favorite soundtrack, enjoy themed crafts, stories, and a Friday Tea Party at the end of the week!

Attire: leotard and tights, ballet and tap shoes

Encanto Dance Camp ages 6-10
\$242, 9:30-12pm (ballet/tap)

Explore dynamics in dance as we move along to this beloved soundtrack, enjoying themed crafts and stories about this amazing hit movie!

Attire: leotard and tights, ballet and tap shoes

Dance Mania Camp ages 6-10
\$242, 12:30-3pm (jazz/tap/ballet)

Explore the 3 most popular forms of dance in this fun, energetic camp, accompanied with themed crafts and an upbeat soundtrack!

Attire: leotard and tights, jazz shoes (or ballet shoes), and tap shoes

JUNE 27TH – JULY 1ST

Dance PAWty w/ Stuffed Animal
ages 3-6, \$219, 9:30-12pm (ballet/tap)

Bring along your favorite stuffed animal to join in the fun as we dance, tell stories, do crafts, and have a Friday tea party with our furry pals!

Attire: leotard and tights, ballet and tap shoes

Girl Power Musical Theatre
ages 6-10, \$242, 12:30-3pm
(singing, dancing, acting)

Explore what it takes to become a triple threat as we sing, dance, and act, culminating in a mini show/performance that we'll put on at the end of the week!

Attire: Girls must wear close fitting clothing that completely covers the torso, chest, and

legs down to the knees. This includes full length and $\frac{3}{4}$ leggings, leotards, tank tops, tighter T-shirts, etc.

JULY 5TH (TUES.) – JULY 8TH

Broadway Babies ages 3-6
\$175, 9:30-12pm (tap/jazz)

Explore the styles of dance that define the Broadway tradition as we enjoy dancing, stories, themed crafts, and a Friday Tea Party!

Attire: leotard and tights, jazz shoes (or ballet shoes), and tap shoes

Girls Just Wanna Have Fun
ages 6-10, \$195

12:30-3pm (ballet/tap)

Enjoy our favorite genre of 80's music for some upbeat and energetic dancing, themed crafts and a mini music video creation!

Attire: leotard and tights, ballet and tap shoes

JULY 18TH – JULY 22ND

Mermaid & Unicorn Spectacular
ages 3-6

\$219, 9:30-12pm (ballet/tap)

Get inspired by our favorite fantastical creatures as we dance, enjoy themed crafts, storytime, and a Friday tea party!

Attire: leotard and tights, ballet and tap shoes

JULY 25TH – JULY 29TH

Encanto Dance Camp, Round 2
ages 6-10

\$242, 12:30-3pm (ballet/tap)

Explore dynamics in dance as we move along to this beloved soundtrack, enjoying themed crafts and stories about this amazing hit movie!

Attire: leotard and tights, ballet and tap shoes

Essence Studios, Dance & Performing Arts is offering a wide selection of summer classes, designed to provide fun, exciting and beneficial classes for all age groups, in dance, acting, musical theater and movement!

19710-E Fisher Ave, Poolesville, MD 20837 (near Dunkin) • 240-489-3021
Go to **EssenceStudiosDance.com** for info and registration

SUMMER EVENING/ WEEKEND CLASSES

JUNE 20TH – JULY 29TH

Evening Ballet price is for 4 weeks, but may attend all 6 weeks at same price

- **Ballet 5/6** T/Th 5:15-6:15pm, \$230
- **Ballet 7/8** M/W/F 5:15-6:30pm, \$432
- **Prep for Pointe** T/Th 7:30-8:30pm, with teacher permission, \$230
- **Ballet Intermediate/Advanced** M/W/F 6:30-8pm, \$518

JUNE 23RD – JULY 28TH

Beginner Jazz ages 8-11
\$150, Thursdays, 3:30-4:30pm

JUNE 22ND – JULY 27TH

Pre-Teen Beginner Tap ages 9-12
\$150, Wednesdays, 4-5pm

JUNE 25TH – JULY 16TH

Saturday Acting ages 12-18
\$115, June 25th, July 2nd, 9th, 16th, 1:30-2:30pm
With former PHS Drama Director Nathaniel Gordon

SUMMER INTENSIVES

JULY 11TH – JULY 16TH

Ballet 7/8 Intensive ages 9-12, with teacher permission
\$405, 9:30-3:30 pm with a half-hour lunch break at noon
Morning classes will focus on ballet, jazz and contemporary. Afternoons will cover lyrical, pointe-prep and variations.

JULY 18TH – JULY 29TH

Musical Theatre Camp ages 12-18
\$605, 12:30-5pm

Under the direction of former PHS Drama Director Nathaniel Gordon, choreography by Essence Studios Artistic Director Claire Jones and musical direction by Mathew Dohm. Camp will conclude with a Cabaret of musical numbers!

AUGUST 1ST – AUGUST 12TH

Advanced Ballet Summer Intensive ages 12-18
\$1,035, 9:30am-3:30pm

Carrying on tradition, the Advanced Summer Intensive is for the serious ballet student. By in-person or video audition only. Please contact us to arrange an audition. Details yet to come on tuition Pricing and Guest Intensive teachers!

ADULT CLASSES

ALL SUMMER

Mixed Level Adult Flow Yoga
\$18 drop in, or \$150 for 10 visit card

- **Flow Yoga** with Miss Lynn
Sun. 9:30-10:30am, Thurs. 7:30-8:30pm
- **Flow Yoga** with Miss Joyce
Mon. 6-7pm, Wed. 7-8pm

Adult Ballet

Combined Beginner and Intermediate
\$20 drop in, Mondays 7-8pm

Adult Tap \$15 drop in

- **Beginner** Day and time TBD
- **Intermediate** Day and time TBD

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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

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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,
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