

history of kingsport ballet company

years

1988-2008

COMPANY MEMBERS THROUGH THE YEARS

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| Aday, Ariel - 96-99 | Kirkwood, Susan - 97-00 |
| Addington, Monique - 93-94 | Kirkwood, Elizabeth - 98-04 |
| Adkins, Ashley - 95-96 | Lacey, Angela - 90-95 |
| Alom, Eva - 08-present | Larsen, Sarah - 06-present |
| Arnold, Mara - 05-06 | Lewis, Charlotte - 98-99 |
| Bass, Kaitlyn - 02-present | Lowe, Lauren - 03-08 |
| Batts, Amanda - 98-99 | Macdonald, Bonnie - 91-92 |
| Batts, Kimrey - 96-99 | Macdonald, Grace - 03-present |
| Becker, Katie - 99-04 | Macdonald, Heather - 04-present |
| Bellner, Amanda - 02-03 | Markus, Laura - 89-92 |
| Bernshausen, Tamlyn - 91-92 | McClain, Emily - 97-98 |
| Bliss, Randee - 88-89 | McCook, Meredith - 01-06 |
| Bohin, Natalie - 08-present | McCort, Mary - 93-96 |
| Boutwell, Carrie - 93-94 | McIntosh, Brooke - 01-04 |
| Bradford, Emily - 88-90 | Mitchell, Sinclair, 05-07, 08-present |
| Brehm, Caryn - 06-08 | Moffet, Melissa - 07-present |
| Buck, Britney - 96-98 | Moore, Rachel - 91-94 |
| Buckles, Jacqueline - 02-04 | Morgan, Farahn - 98-00 |
| Bumgarner, Sarah - 95-99 | Muncie, Sarah - 96-99 |
| Camp, Briesha - 08-present | Munjial, Sunny - 96-98 |
| Carrico, Rebecca - 95-99 | Oberfeitinger, Lauren - 99-00 |
| Carroll, Tara - 90-95 | Olterman, Bonnie - 92-95 |
| Carter, Jennifer - 96-02 | Panther, Sian - 88-89 |
| Cassell, Christy - 91-94 | Pendley, Tina - 88-89 |
| Cleek, Lucy - 01-02 | Perdomo, Maire - 00-01, 04-06 |
| Dalley, Lea - 89-94 | Perdomo, Misha - 00-01 |
| Dew, Adriana - 97-04 | Perry, Rachel - 08-present |
| Dew, Erica - 03-present | Potter, Mary Paige - 95-98 |
| Dudney, Laura - 94-95 | Reid, Elizabeth - 98-04 |
| Essick, Lauren - 01-05 | Renfro, Laura - 94-96 |
| Feit, Emma - 89-95 | Richards, Clara - 98-99 |
| Fisher, Claire - 95-97 | Richards, Sarah - 96-02 |
| Fisher, Judy - 91-92 | Roberts, Sara Rebecca - 89-90 |
| Fisher, Leigh Anjanette - 88-93 | Rogers, Alexandra - 05-07 |
| Fleming, Morgan - 94-97 | Rogers, Nathan - 03-04 |
| France, Ericka - 97-98 | Royston, Meredith - 08-present |
| Frazeo, Joslyn - 05-07 | Saymon, Jennifer - 88-89 |
| Friant, Hannah - 03-present | Sharpe, McKenzie - 97-98 |
| Fulford, Victoria - 02-03 | Shipp, Hannah - 06-08 |
| Funke, Lillian - 97-98 | Shoun, Jana - 93-94 |
| Gall, Emily - 08-present | Sirola, Jennifer - 92-95 |
| Gardner, Kelsie - 04-05 | Steiner, Madeline - 08-present |
| Gerlock, Lindsey - 05-06 | Stout, Ashley - 96-98 |
| Gibson, Rebecca - 93-94 | Stribling, Madison - 04-present |
| Gilliam, Rebekah - 91-97 | Sweat, Kristin - 97-99 |
| Ginn, Erin - 94-99 | Tarpley, Beth - 95-96 |
| Givens, Maury - 96-97 | Tipton, Jennifer - 88-93 |
| Goin, Sarah - 95-02 | Todd, Katie - 04-present |
| Hanson, Rachel - 95-96 | Trent, Alacia - 93-96 |
| Haselton, Holly - 95-98 | Tweed, Jennifer - 90-93 |
| Hearld, Katherine - 02-03 | Valk, Laurel - 03-04 |
| Houston, Mimi - 00-03 | Velasco, Bella - 05-present |
| Huber, Brianna - 08-present | Velasco, Monica - 03-04 |
| Hutchins, April - 88-90 | Velasco, Stephanie - 00-07 |
| Ingram, David - 97-98 | Walker, Cayla - 03-06 |
| Isbell, Sarah Grace - 06-present | Wang, Jessica - 93-96 |
| Jeter, Sarah - 91-94 | Weih, Frazier - 05-06 |
| Johnson, Sarah - 93-97 | Windes, Amanda - 02-08 |
| Jordan, Elizabeth - 01-06 | Windes, Emily - 02-05* |
| Keenan, Laura - 98-01 | Woodruff, Judith - 89-92 |
| Keith, Chelsea - 96-98 | Wright, Peyton - 94-97 |
| Keith, Hannah - 94-99 | Wright, Taylor - 03-06 |
| Kessler, Cynthia - 95-96, 03-07 | |
| Key, Amy Trent - 89-92 | |

The above list denotes Company membership within the last twenty years. Company membership has historically been open by audition to dancers after completing a foundation of dance instruction - typically level BIII, which requires ballet instruction a minimum of three times per week, and basic knowledge of pointe work. Company members may also be older dancers who are or have been professionals, or who might have trained elsewhere and want to perform with the Company. In addition to the years spent in company, many of the above dancers also spent their formative years with KGB/KB, in some cases up to fourteen years of instruction.

BEGINNINGS

- 1983** • Kingsport Guild of Ballet, owned by Karen Gibbons Brown and Hank Brown opens for business on Main Street as a classical ballet studio.
- 1988** • Dance Company SFDA – State of Franklin Dance Alliance – is funded with initial budget of \$3,000. Karen Gibbons Brown, Artistic Director
- 1989** • Summer workshop begins featuring guest faculty, including Jeremy Blanton who also serves as honorary director.
- 1991** • First full length ballet – The Sleeping Beauty premiere
- 1993** • Cinderella premiere
- 1995** • Coppelia premiere
- 1997** • Karen Gibbons Brown honored by Kingsport Arts Council for excellence in the field



10TH ANNIVERSARY

- 1998** • Diamond Anniversary Performance and Gala – yearly budget grows to \$59,810
- Ms Gibbons Brown relocates to Indiana and is replaced by interim director Noel Dillow
- 1999** • Seven volunteers - the Parents Coalition - purchase KGB from the Browns and make it non-profit
- Capital campaign raises \$30,000+ for new studio renovations
- A Solider's Tale: Original choreography by Sean Curran set on KB dancers and performed with Symphony of the Mountains (then Kingsport Symphony)
- 2000** • Move to new studios on Broad Street



MERGER & EXPANSION

- 2001** • Recruited new director Valeria Sinyavskaya from Tokyo, Japan
- Merge studio (KGB) and Company (SFDA) resulting in Kingsport Ballet
- 2002** • Sean Curran returns to work with KB dancers creating original choreography for Dido and Aeneas
- Premiered The Sleeping Beauty – traditional Russian version
- Premiered the Nutcracker – traditional Russian version
- Begin inviting international guest teachers and performers to productions and summer workshops (bringing in an average of fifteen professionals each year)
- 2003** • Produce Nutcracker in Kingsport and Greeneville
- Director Valeria Sinyavskaya honored by the Arts Council of Greater Kingsport for excellence in the field
- 2004** • Premiere full length Swan Lake
- Launch DANCE CO outreach program
- Students begin attending Kirov Academy summer programs in addition to KB's



20TH ANNIVERSARY

- 2006** • Premiere full length Giselle
- Budget grows past the \$200,000 mark
- Receive NEA grant for DANCE CO outreach
- 2007** • Original choreography created by Ms. Sinyavskaya for Waltz performance with Symphony of the Mountains
- Artist in residence Rostislav Dzubraev is brought from St. Petersburg, Russia and begins teaching and performing with KB
- 2008** • Director Valeria Sinyavskaya is honored by the Tennessee Arts Commission with the Individual Artist Fellowship Award for excellence in choreography
- Premiere Les Sylphides with Symphony of the Mountains
- School features two full-time salaried positions, nine professional teachers, two regular support staff and one full time administrator
- Celebrating 20 years of presenting quality dance to the East Tennessee region!
- 2009** • Platinum Celebration

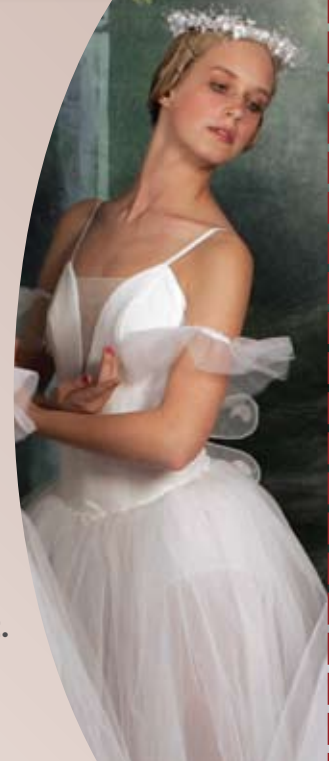


SEASON AT A GLANCE

- **The Nutcracker**
December 4th-6th, 2008 Niswonger Performing Arts Center. Performance sponsor: Niswonger Foundation.
- **Clara's Tea Party**
December 6th, 2008, 5:00 p.m.
Tickets purchased seperately through box office.
- **Platinum Celebration - An Anniversary Performance Featuring Acts from Ballet Favorites Swan Lake, Sleeping Beauty and Paquita**
April 24th-26th, 2009
Eastman Auditorium

- **Spring Concert Showcase**
May 29th, 2009
- **Summer Workshop Intensive Featuring guest master teachers Irina Ushakova and Vladimir Angelov**
June 15th-July 3, 2009

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