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2023-2024
Season

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Photography: Haley Sigler | Rockbridge Ballerina: Emma Woody

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2023-2024 SEASON

Photography: Haley Sigler | Rockbridge Ballerina: Madison Paulsen

En Pointe Alumni Fund

The En Pointe Alumni Fund was founded by Lesley Smith Maggard '05 in December 2015 to address the ever increasing need for scholarship funding. The En Pointe Alumni Fund is a legacy fund designed for alumni to aid talented, dedicated, but financially strained dancers who have successfully passed their audition into The Rockbridge Ballet.

Leah Beagan	Aera Cunningham	Nancy Johnston	Emelyn McCain
Caithn Babin	Maeva Dick	Brooke Kieby	Lily Monochi
Mary Bloch	Betsy Dowling	Deena Ludtke	Marian Poussee
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Celebrating 15 Years of Exceptional Leadership

Our 2023-2024 season marks our 15th year under the leadership of Artistic Director Jessica Pyatt Martin. Throughout her tenure, the organization has grown tremendously due to her innovative and fresh ideas, her commitment to the arts, her intentionality in securing qualified and dedicated staff, and her unwavering devotion to her students. Jessica successfully navigated our organization through the global pandemic, and continues to keep the company vibrant and healthy by creating premier productions, securing additional performance opportunities and funding, and providing the best dance education possible. The Rockbridge Ballet family is confident that we will continue to flourish under Jessica's very capable leadership.



Dancing Across THE STAGES OF LIFE

In 2023, The Rockbridge Ballet graduated six impressive dancers, many of whom have danced with the Ballet since preschool. They progressed from standing in first position to earning their pointe shoes and became leaders to our younger dancers and to our community. The Rockbridge Ballet provides a challenging and collaborative environment where dancers learn together and therefore succeed together. TheStudio is often referred to as a second home where they are encouraged to grow into accomplished, disciplined, and dedicated dancers, who can then translate and utilize these qualities in their next stages of life.



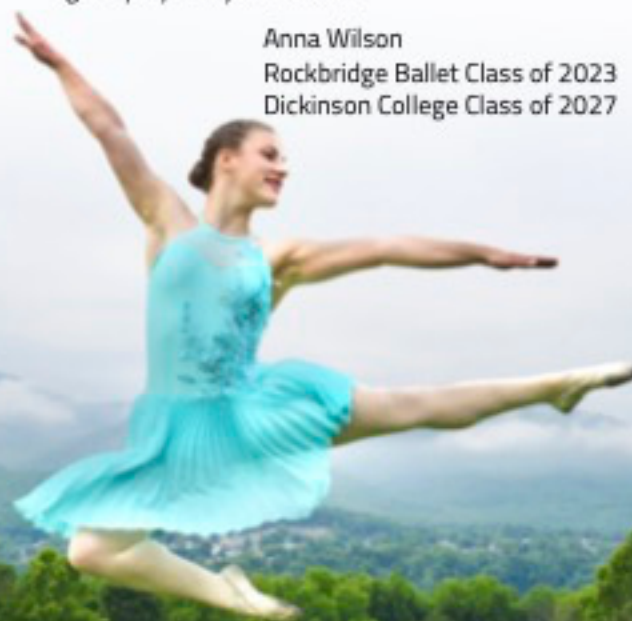
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2022-2023 Rockbridge Ballet Senior Company Dancers

"Dance has always been a safe space for me, and the Rockbridge Ballet has always been home. The people here have been a crucial part of shaping me into who I am today. I have met some of my best friends and the most amazing people through the studio. I would not trade these relationships for the world. The Rockbridge Ballet is my family; I am forever grateful for my time here."

Anna Wilson
Rockbridge Ballet Class of 2023
Dickinson College Class of 2027



Photography: Haley Sigler
Rockbridge Ballerina: Anna Wilson

**2023-24
Company
Dancers:**

Catherine Balkey
Sydney Boucher
Grace Fleshman
Lena Greer
Madison Poulsen
Ella Schmidt
Hannah Stephens
Emma Woody
Corinna Allen
Ella Cate Brown
Jylian Grace Hayes
Summer Hull
Libby Pearson
Annalee Penny
Ava Perdew
Claire Sigler
Katie Ambrogi
Estella Crocker
Shanta Dates
Bethany Hickman
Bella Poulsen
Reagan Coleman
Maya Dates
Morgan Kelly
Atleigh Mason
Margaret Shester
Alice Sigler
Emma Stinnett
Avery Woody
Lilly Wunder

The Night Before Christmas



Photography: Haley Sigler
Rockbridge Ballerina: Sydney Boucher

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December 15, 6:30
December 16, 2:00 & 6:30
December 17, 2:00
The Lenfest Center for the Arts
Washington & Lee University

Visions of holiday magic will dance in your head as we bring the heart-warming classic poem to life. This new production will celebrate the season with St. Nicholas, his reindeer, toys, moonlight on the snow, and the Sugar Plum Fairy. Holiday-inspired choreography will complete the second half of this cheerful winter performance.

HANS CHRISTIAN ANDERSEN'S
The Little Mermaid



March 8, 6:30
March 9, 2:00 & 6:30
March 10, 2:00
The Leslie J. Gillis Theater
Virginia Military Institute

Journey to a mystical kingdom under the sea as we make a splash with the beloved, fish-out-of-water tale. Stunning costumes, enchanting new choreography, and dazzling visuals will transport the audience to the mysterious fathoms below on an unbelievable adventure. Join us for a premier performance where the worlds of land and sea collide.

Photography: Haley Sigler
Rockbridge Ballerina: Catherine Balkey

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