

Central Midwest Ballet Academy Newsletter

March

Important Dates

- March 2<sup>nd</sup> Fairy Tale Brunch
- March 9<sup>th</sup> Dance Wisconsin Collaborations Performance
- March 9<sup>th</sup> Master Class with Carolyn Dorfman
- March 12<sup>th</sup> Restaurant Night at Zoup
- March 25<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup> Spring break

Ballet Company of the Month:

The Royal Ballet

**Founded:** 1931

**Location:** London, UK

**Number of Dancers:** 95

**What they are known for:** Recognized as one of the world's best ballet companies, they are known for full length classical ballet productions along with innovative new works by notable choreographers.



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CMBA began with only one level in the Standard Division. Four years later, the school is lucky enough to have three Standard Division levels, all catering to different ballet students at their different stages. Read what three students from the different levels think of ballet

**Kendra** Is a Standard 3 who has been dancing for 12 years and is the president of CMBA's NHSDA (National Honor Society for Dance Arts) chapter. While she finds a challenge in everything, she struggles the most with flexibility. Kendra's favorite part of ballet class is waltzing.

**Willow** is a Standard 2. While Willow loves all of ballet, she struggles the most with the quickness and clarity of petite allegro (small jumps). Her favorite part of class is the freeness and power of grande allegro (big jumps).

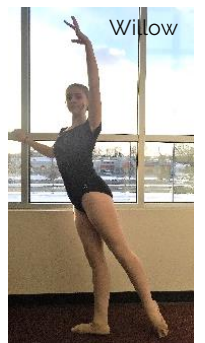
**Ava** dances in Standard 1. For her, the hardest part of ballet class is before she gets a correction and struggles through a hard step; however, once she gets a correction, it's a relief because the step becomes easier. That is why her favorite part of class is growing to be a better dancer by getting and applying corrections. So, while she loves the challenge of all ballet steps, her favorites are any jumps or turns.

Dance Wisconsin Collaborations Performance

CMBA will perform March 9<sup>th</sup> at the Mitby Theatre as a part of the Dance Wisconsin Collaborations Performance. CMBA students will dance alongside Dance Wisconsin dancers and members of Bray Ballet. CMBA will dance a newly choreographed piece by Miye Bishop. The show will also feature contemporary pieces and classical pieces brought by the other companies. It will be a great opportunity for CMBA dancers to share the stage with other dancers.



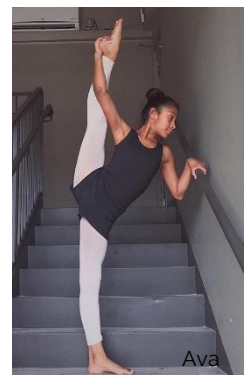
Kendra



Willow



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Ava

Know Your Pro

A monthly questionnaire with one of CMBA's faculty members.

Lexie Ehmann is a faculty member at CMBA and professional ballerina with Magnum Opus Ballet. If she could tell every ballet student one bit of advice, she would say, "Don't compare yourself to anybody else and enjoy each moment."

About the Editor

Lilly is a sophomore at Waunakee High School and dances in the pre-professional division.

