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Boys Ballet Summer Intensive Celebrates 10 Years with “Beyond: The BBSI Experience”



Special Anniversary Gala to Feature International Ballet Stars

RALEIGH, N.C. - Boys Ballet Summer Intensive (BBSI) will celebrate its 10th anniversary with a special gala performance, *Beyond: The BBSI Experience*, bringing together alumni, current students, and professional dancers from around the world for an unforgettable evening honoring a decade of artistic excellence, mentorship, and community.

Since its founding, BBSI has become a distinctive training program dedicated to supporting and inspiring young male ballet dancers. Over the past 10 years, the intensive has welcomed students from across the globe, many of whom have gone on to successful professional careers with leading ballet companies. The anniversary gala will recognize those achievements while highlighting the program’s continued impact on the next generation of artists.

The performance will feature dancers from internationally acclaimed companies, including American Ballet Theatre, Bayerisches Staatsballett, Ballet West, and Stuttgart Ballet. By uniting current participants, alumni, and professional artists on one stage, the gala serves as both a celebration of the program’s history and an exciting look toward its future.

“The 10th Anniversary Gala represents everything that has made Boys Ballet Summer Intensive so special over the past decade,” said Patrick Frenette, BBSI Co-Founder and Soloist with American Ballet Theatre. “It’s an opportunity to celebrate the remarkable accomplishments of our students and alumni while bringing together a global community of artists who continue to inspire one another through dance.”

Among the evening’s most anticipated highlights is the opportunity for audiences to see dancers from multiple generations of the intensive perform together. The program will showcase exceptional talent and artistry from performers who have traveled from around the world to take part in this milestone celebration. The BBSI 2026 students and returning alumni will perform excerpts of the ballet, *Le Corsaire*.

The gala will feature works by renowned choreographers Alexei Ratmansky and Christopher Wheeldon, alongside world premiere works created especially for the anniversary celebration by ABT Principal Dancer James Whiteside and Patrick Frenette; the Gala will present additional choreography by Melvin Lawovi, and Mitchell Millhollin. Program highlights include the pas de deux from Alexei Ratmansky’s *Seven Sonatas*, Christopher Wheeldon’s *This Bitter Earth* pas de deux, and the *Don Quixote* Act 3 pas de deux. Spanning iconic masterworks, contemporary ballet, and newly created works, the program celebrates both the rich traditions of classical ballet and the continued evolution of the art form.

In addition to world-class performances, attendees will experience the camaraderie, mentorship, and sense of community that have defined the intensive since its inception. Alumni and professional dancers will share the stage with current students, creating a powerful reflection of the program’s lasting influence and commitment to inspiring future generations.

The BBSI 10th Anniversary Gala stands as a celebration of the international reach and enduring legacy of Boys Ballet Summer Intensive while continuing to strengthen and inspire the ballet community in Raleigh and *Beyond*.

About Boys Ballet Summer Intensive

Boys Ballet Summer Intensive (BBSI) is a recognized 501(c)(3) charitable organization (EIN: 86-1774694) focused on providing a pre-professional training program designed specifically for male ballet dancers. The program offers personalized instruction from internationally and nationally recognized teachers and professional dancers. Through limited class sizes, participants receive individualized attention and mentorship in a supportive and focused learning environment.

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**AN EVENING OF CLASSICAL
AND CONTEMPORARY DANCE**

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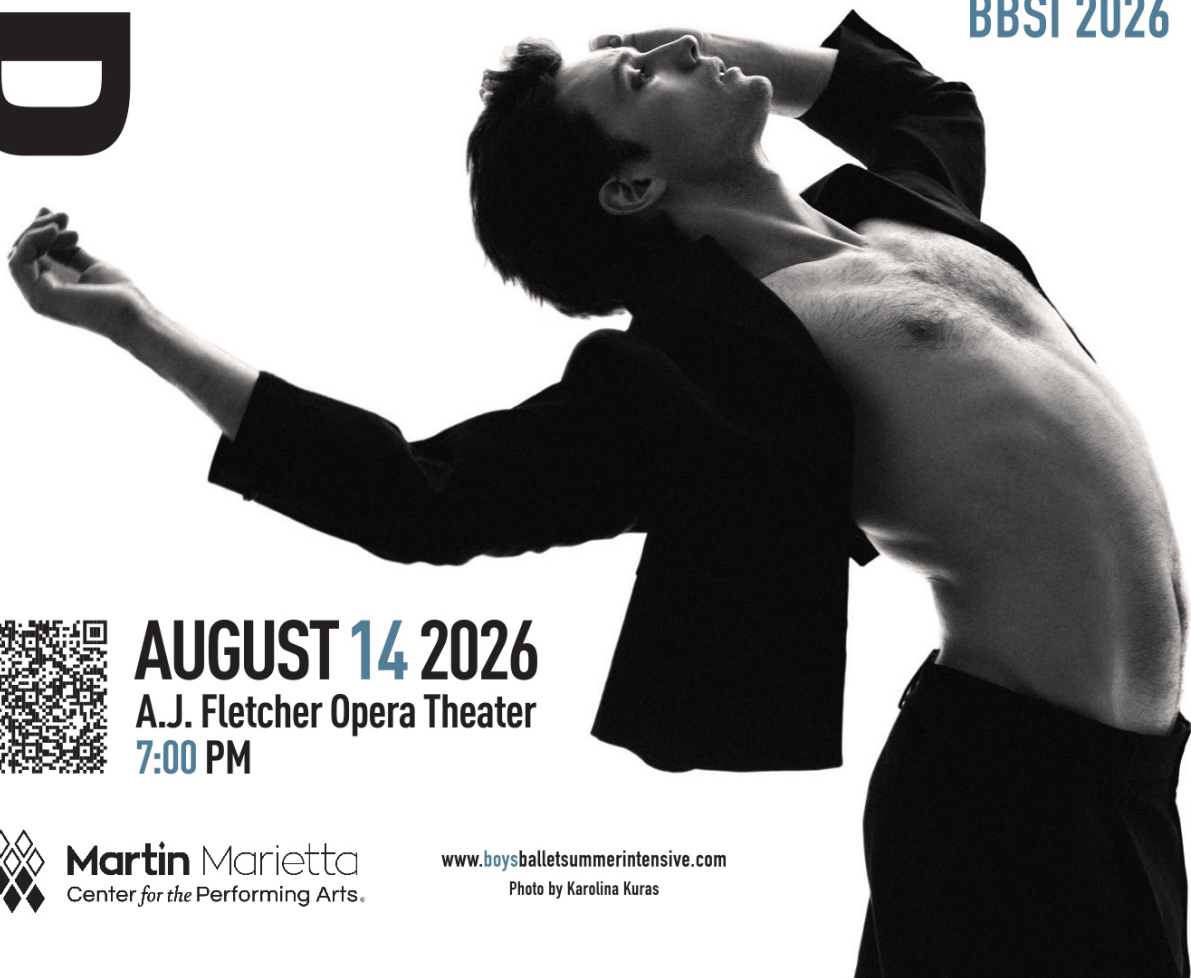


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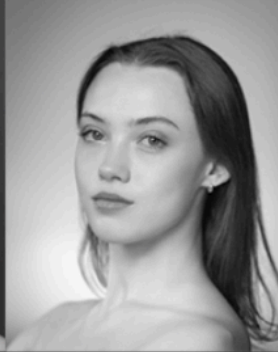
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