



AC Ballet August 2025

From The Board

At the July board meeting the Atlantic City Ballet Board of Trustees elected new officers and welcomed new board members.

Dennis Furgione - President	Claire Collins -Vice President
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Welcoming Our New Board President

We are excited to introduce, Dennis Furgione, our newly appointed, President of the Atlantic City Ballet Board of Directors. With a passion for the arts and a strong commitment to our mission, Dennis brings a wealth of experience and leadership to our organization.



Dennis J. Furgione is a seasoned higher education and business professional with extensive experience in institutional research, regulatory reporting, and organizational analytics. He recently concluded his tenure at Rutgers University in New Brunswick, New Jersey, where served as Director of the Office of Institutional Research. In this capacity, Mr. Furgione oversaw the university's internal and external data reporting, ensuring compliance with federal and state mandates and supporting data-informed decision-making across the institution.

Prior to his role at Rutgers, Mr. Furgione held a similar leadership position at Stockton University, where he contributed to institutional planning and assessment initiatives. His career also includes nearly 18 years in the casino industry, during which he managed accounting and analytics departments, bringing a strong foundation in operational efficiency and strategic data analysis.

Mr Furgione earned a Master's degree from Northwestern University and a Bachelor's degree from Boston University. His commitment to public service and the arts is reflected in his prior board memberships, including the Bay Atlantic Symphoney and the Ventnor City Planning Board.

Mr Furgione brings to the board a breadth of expertise across sectors and a deep commitment to governance, strategic oversight, and mission alignment.

Update to the AC Ballet's Performance Schedule

Please note a few updates to our performance schedule: The Nutcracker will now be performed at the Levoy Theater on December 6, and Sleeping Beauty has been moved to April 16 at Caesars.

Caesars Circus Maximus Theater
Atlantic City

9/24 CARMINA BURANA	10/30 DRACULA
12/4 IT'S A SHORE HOLIDAY	12/14 NUTCRACKER
3/26 CARMEN	4/16 SLEEPING BEAUTY

Touring

OCEAN CITY MUSIC PIER-OCEAN CITY, NJ

9/13 CARMINA BURANA
with Ocean City Pops and South Jersey Chorus

12/31 NUTCRACKER ACT II

STAC-MANAHAWKIN, NJ

11/30 IT'S A SHORE HOLIDAY

SCOTTISH RITE AUDITORIUM-COLLINGSWOOD, NJ

11/29 NUTCRACKER

LEVOY THEATER- MILLVILLE, NJ

12/6 NUTCRACKER

STOCKTON-GALLOWAY, NJ

12/12 & 12/13 NUTCRACKER

STRAND THEATER-LAKEWOOD, NJ

12/20 NUTCRACKER

Company News: Welcoming New Dancers and Celebrating Promotions

We are *thrilled* to welcome an exceptional group of new dancers to the Atlantic City Ballet family this season:

Ellody Peters, Ladislav Etzol, Brenton Taft, Taylor Garcez, Mai Motooka, Isabella Huyer, Yuna Nakamura, Yuzuka Ogata, and Carolina Lisboa. Their talent and passion will bring fresh energy to our stage, and we can't wait for you to see them perform.

We also extend our congratulations to **Haruna Watanabe**, who has been promoted from Apprentice to Company Member — a well-earned recognition of her dedication and artistry.

Company Members and Apprentices

We're proud to introduce our 2025 ensemble of Company Members and Apprentices:

Thales Gea, Tiziano Villani, Federica Sestili, Caitlin McElroy, Jari Pignataro, Claudio Cirrone, Promise Smith, Kirra Matthews, Ionut Zaharia, and Andrea Vanderwielen, along with apprentices **Sami Sinopoli, Atsuha Tanikawa, and Sawako Machida.**

As we begin the season, we look forward to showcasing the incredible talent of this diverse and dynamic group of artists.



Auditions

Announcing Nutcracker children's auditions



OPEN CALL

CHILDREN'S *Nutcracker* AUDITIONS
SATURDAY, AUGUST 16, 2025
ATLANTIC CITY BALLET STUDIO
BOARDWALK HALL 2301 BOARDWALK
ATLANTIC CITY, NEW JERSEY 08401

WELCOMING DANCERS FROM ALL STUDIOS

Atlantic City Ballet is proud to host the Nutcracker! Children from all over South Jersey have auditioned for placement in this show year after year. It is a magical experience for children old and young. Some dancers return every year to try for a new part and engage in a community event that will leave memories that last a lifetime.

AUDITIONS ARE SATURDAY, AUGUST 16
SCHEDULE AS FOLLOWS
BOYS AND GIRLS OF ALL AGES AND LEVELS OF DANCE WELCOME
ACTING ROLES AVAILABLE FOR BOYS 7-12 YEARS

9:45AM ARRIVAL | Children under 10 (NON-POINTE)
10:45AM ARRIVAL | Children 10 and over (ON-POINTE)

Please text Mia at 609-234-6197 or email
Ballet Office for additional information | ballerina@acballet.org

\$40 Registration Fee.
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