

# Education & Outreach Program Newsletter

## WELCOME BACK



### A Warm Welcome From Our Artistic Director Ms. Vera Altunina

Dear IBA Family,

I am overjoyed to welcome you to our 23rd Season of Dance and creativity!

We have been spoiled with a beautiful summer, and I hope you all took advantage of it! Our summer months were filled with dancing, and we can't wait to continue our artistic pursuits in the new year.

For the International Ballet Academy, every year is a unique experience of incredible events and distinguished activities. And this upcoming year is no different!

The beautiful colors of fall are quickly approaching, and we patiently wait for our dancers to return to school and our studios. There, we will see old friends who all got a little bit taller, meet new friends, and begin a new chapter in learning, moving forward, getting stronger, and establishing new perspectives.

For winter, we eagerly anticipate our biggest celebration of the year with our traditional production of The Nutcracker. Yet, for spring, we will see our youngest dancers take the stage for the IBT For Children production of The Jungle Book!

Before you know it, we'll be dancing away the summer months once again.

Every dancer and patron of IBA is a special part of our artistic family. With our established faculty and curriculum, our Academy is here to help our dancers explore and nurture their passion and talent.

We all look forward to seeing you on September 5th, 2023, for our first day of school as we return to exploring the beauty of dance.

Warmly,

Vera Altunina

### IBT's Education & Outreach Program 2023-2024



#### IBT visits your school

School Presentation K-8th Grade

#### Celebrating our International Multicultural Heritage

Open to ALL: IBA Families, Dancers & Community –

Throughout the year

Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration October 14th (5:00-6:00

p.m.)

#### Dance for All

Week November 6th-11th IBA/IBT Classes 12:30 - 2:00 p.m.

Details to come soon

#### Learning Together

Use our educational materials in your classroom

#### Be our VIP backstage

& Learn everything before/during productions (8-12th grade)

Let's build connections.  
Please scan the QR code to connect



**SEPTEMBER EVENTS**

**Hispanic Heritage Month Celebration**

**Save the Dates**

**October 14th (5:00-6:00 p.m.)-**

Open Class Flamenco

for ALL with Ms Jackie MacLin

Families, dancers, community invited

**Outreach Week**

**November 6th-11th IBA/IBT**

Classes 12:30 - 2:00 p.m. Details to come soon

**Dear Educators, families & community**

I am excited to reach out to you and start planning for our upcoming school academic year. Last year we had great success visiting students from pre-K to 5th grade and we are looking forward to connect with K-12 students from our community as new opportunities are planned for this exciting year.

Let's work together to connect with students and all in our community.

If you would like to have our amazing dancers visiting your classroom or school, please contact me to start planning.

Dates will be announced soon.



*Eliana Dotson*

EDUCATION AND OUTREACH VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR

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There is no power for change greater than a community discovering what it cares about."  
Margaret Weathley



**Thank You Dancers**

**NUTCRACKER - VOLUNTEER DANCERS**

<b>Sofiya Monastyrskya</b> Ballerina Doll	<b>Georgia Bildeau</b> Spanish	<b>Addison Barnard</b> Snow Queen	<b>Faith Delamarter</b> Mirliton	<b>Anita Peng</b> Columbine	<b>Natan Lubow</b> Chinese, Mouse King, Spanish Dancer
<b>Vivian Anderson</b> Waltz of Flowers	<b>Eva Kloetzl</b> Clara	<b>Kareli Dotson</b> (Polichinelle)	<b>Alice Graf</b> (Polichinelle)	<b>Kaylee Holm</b> Dragonfly	<b>Madeline Ollis</b> Dragonfly

**International Ballet Academy Volunteer Dancers – Cedar Crest**



Faith Delamarter  
Emily Wei  
Nate Jake  
Kareli Dotson  
Angela Kim  
Mary Epstein  
Polina Kucher  
Rainia Masters  
Eva Kloetzl  
Kaylee Holm  
Madeline Ollis  
Payton  
Aimee Ni

Thank you to all the dancers, families and caregivers who helped us during the Outreach Program in 2023-2024.

Thank you for your joy and engagement, continue blooming.

# Celebrating Who We Are, Our Heritage & Culture



The International Ballet Academy and Theater wants to celebrate our international, diverse and multicultural community of dancers and their families. Knowing is Caring, Knowing is Understanding, let's learn from each other to help building a more empathetic world that celebrates everyone!

<b>September</b>	<b>October</b>	<b>November</b>	<b>February</b>	<b>March</b>	<b>April</b>	<b>May</b>
Hispanic Heritage	Global Diversity Filipino H. German H.M. Italian H.M.	National American Indian & Alaska Native Heritage Month	African American History Month	Irish American Heritage Women's History month	Eastern European Arab American Heritage	Asian Pacific American H.M. Jewish American Heritage Month

## CELEBRATING OUR DANCERS & IBA/IBT FAMILIES



Celebrating the histories, cultures and contributions of American citizens whose ancestors came from **Spain, Mexico, the Caribbean and Central and South America.**

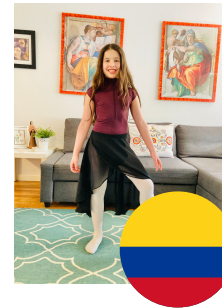
Please share with us the culture and heritage you celebrate so we can celebrate **YOU!**



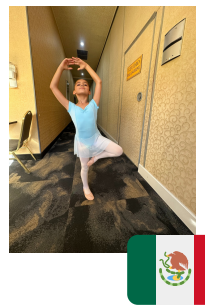
## Hispanic Heritage Featured Staff & Dancers-



Staff Mrs. Jackie Villegas-MacLin  
Mexican Folk and Spanish Flamenco Instructor



Kareli Dotson  
Ballet III  
IBA Student since 2017.



Eva Ramirez - Cheng  
Ballet



## Natalia Skvortsova September 24th



**Happy Birthday to you Mrs Natalia!**

We wish that every day you feel the love and gratitude all our students and IBA family have for you thanks to your gentle teaching and caring personality.  
Happy Birthday!