



Pictured above: PPY 2 Cohort. Pedro Greig

Sydney Dance Company 10 Years of Pre-Professional Year

Sydney Dance Company are thrilled to celebrate the tenth anniversary of its acclaimed Pre-Professional Year program and introduce the new faces of 2023.

“Sydney Dance Company’s Pre-Professional Year has a growing number of graduates who are making their marks across the dance scene” **Dance Australia on PPY Revealed 2022**

Established by Head of Training Linda Gamblin in 2013, the Pre-Professional Year program fosters creatively astute and physically elite contemporary dancers and thinkers. The program has trained over 230 students since its inception, with an additional 60 aspiring professional dancers joining the course in 2023 – the largest cohort to date.

Designed with psychological and physiological considerations embedded in all areas of teaching and training, Sydney Dance Company’s Pre-Professional Year engenders a safe space to embody knowledge and skill. Training as an ensemble, Pre-Professional Year students work with over 40 choreographers, teachers and company affiliates each year, gaining exposure to a diverse range of practices and movement philosophies from across the world.

Pre-Professional Year alumni have worked with over 40 companies around the world, including Ballet National de Marseille, Dresden Frankfurt Dance Company, Bangarra Dance Theatre, Chunky Move, Force Majeure, Stephanie Lake Company and Sydney Dance Company’s professional ensemble.

Pre-Professional Year students complete a CUA51520 Diploma of Dance (Elite Performance) in their first year of training which is built upon in the second-year cohort that offers a CUA60120 Advanced Diploma of Professional Dance (Elite Performance) delivered through an auspice partnership with Australian Teachers of Dancing (RTO #31624).

Sydney Dance Company’s Head of training, Linda Gamblin, said, “The environment that we’ve fostered is a unique one in the dance space, characterised by training that is as generous as it is expert. Each year I am astounded by the young individuals in this program, who collaborate, create and embody complex and diverse ideas with great awareness. Just as I envisioned at the outset of this program, technique is just the beginning.”

Sydney Dance Company Artistic Director, Rafael Bonachela, said, “Every year, the tenacity, talent and good humour of our Pre-Professional Year students brightens the Studios. Watching their artistic, professional and personal development affirms the exciting future of contemporary dance in Australia and beyond.”



Pictured above: PPY 1 Cohort. *Pedro Greig.*

Sydney Dance Company's Pre-Professional year dancers of 2023 are:

PPY 1

Tilly	Backus	Newcastle, NSW
Santi	Barker	Portland, VIC
Vivienne	Clements-Lee	Wyoming, NSW
Julien	Cravero	Sydney, NSW
Lauren	Davidson	Perth, WA
Emma	Duffy	Sutherland Shire, NSW
Vincent	Garcia	Campbelltown, NSW
Joseph	Ipsaro-Passione	Perth, WA
Zoe	Jewell	Sydney, NSW
Arabella	Kiefer	Brisbane, QLD
Eva	Kolak	Bonner, ACT
Isobella	Laidlaw	Hamlyn Terrace, NSW
Ellie	Lovison	Ballarat, VIC
Alex	Lusty	Sydney, NSW
Charlie	MacArthur	Melbourne, VIC
Ella	Marshall	Perth, WA
Evie	Morwood	Sunshine Coast, QLD
Maya	Munro	Wollongong, NSW
Ayesha	Peerbaye	Adelaide, SA
Hannah	Roberts	Melbourne, VIC
Amelia	Russel	Sydney, NSW
Roxie	Syron	Collaroy, NSW
Oliva	Talevski	Melbourne, VIC
Maggie	Teasdale	Maitland, NSW
Jye	Thompson	Brisbane, QLD
Georgia	Vincent	Sydney, NSW
Chloe	Warwick-Smith	Melbourne, VIC
Eva	Wells	Bonny Hills, NSW
Ariana	Wolf	Melbourne, VIC

PPY 2

Jannah	Allen	Newcastle, NSW
Wareya	Anuyahong	Moruya, NSW
Paige	Carr	Newcastle, NSW
Lily	Cole	Bathurst, NSW
Alisha	Douglass	Elanora Heights, NSW
Thomas	Evans	Stanthorpe, QLD
Tayla	Gartner	Geelong, VIC
Mia	Hamilton	Sydney, NSW
Stephanie	Hedley	Brisbane, QLD
Luella	Hogan	Sydney, NSW
Hannah	Joseph	Coffs Harbour, NSW
Rebekah	Kennedy	Mentone, VIC
Annaliese	Macdonald	Sydney, NSW
Lucinda	Mann	Essendon, VIC
Layla	Meadows	Sydney, NSW
Maya	Miller	Townsville, QLD
Lou Lou	Mitsis	Sydney, NSW

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8 February 2023

Zoe	O'Bryan	Newcastle, NSW
Angus	Onley	Dubbo & Jindera, NSW
Samuel	Osborn	Sydney, NSW
Xanthe	Pheeneey	Meridan Plains, QLD
Eva	Puata	Sydney, NSW
Sabine	Roberts	Northern Beaches, NSW
Scout	Robinson	Byron Bay, NSW
Alani	Siswoyo	Mount Colah, NSW
Keisha	Sunderland	Lilydale, VIC
Laura	Taylor	Padstow Heights, NSW
Cameron	Turner	Leiden & Croydon Park, NSW
Arlie	Williams	Medowie, NSW
Ally	Young	Mildurah, NSW

ABOUT SYDNEY DANCE COMPANY

Sydney Dance Company is Australia's leading contemporary dance company, presenting new works in Sydney, around Australia and internationally, under the Artistic Direction of Rafael Bonachela. Since 1985 the Company has been resident in purpose-built and recently refurbished studios at Wharf 4/5 in Sydney's Walsh Bay Arts Precinct. Its studios house the largest public in-studio dance class program in Australia. A legendary force in contemporary dance in Australia, Sydney Dance Company celebrated its 50th year in 2019. More information, www.sydneydancecompany.com

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