



Pictured above: PPY 1 Cohort. *Pedro Greig*

Sydney Dance Company Pre-Professional Year 2024

Sydney Dance Company is thrilled to announce the new cohort of aspiring dancers selected to take part in the celebrated Pre-Professional Year program for 2024.

“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

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Established by Head of Training Linda Gamblin, the Pre-Professional Year (PPY) program has been at the forefront of contemporary dance training for over a decade, fostering inquisitive minds and sophisticated movement. The program has trained over 250 students since its inception, with 60 aspiring professional dancers from across Australia and New Zealand enrolled in 2024.

Training as an ensemble at Sydney Dance Company’s iconic Walsh Bay studios, PPY 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.

A unique force in contemporary dance training, the impact of PPY resonates globally. Training alongside an internationally renowned professional ensemble, graduates are equipped with a profound sense of personal agency and the ability to collaborate seamlessly with established industry professionals.

Recognised nationally and internationally for the quality of its graduates, PPY provides the most comprehensive contemporary dance training in Australia with world-class staff and state-of-the-art performance and teaching facilities on Sydney Harbour.

PPY alumni have worked with over 40 companies around the world, including Ballet National de Marseille, Dresden Frankfurt Dance Company, Opera Ballet Vlaanderen, Göteborg Opera, Bangarra Dance Theatre, Chunky Move, Force Majeure, Stephanie Lake Company as well as with Sydney Dance Company’s professional ensemble.

Designed with psychological and physiological considerations integrated in all aspects of the program, PPY cultivates a safe environment for learning, experimentation, and self-discovery. By challenging industry norms and pushing artistic boundaries, PPY students are poised to shape the ever-changing landscape of contemporary dance.

Sydney Dance Company’s PPY 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). Sydney Dance Company is a registered training organisation (#45863).

Sydney Dance Company’s Head of Training, Linda Gamblin, said, “Each year I am inspired by the individuals in this program, who undergo immense technical, artistic and personal growth. Now in its 11th year, Pre-Professional Year alumni are working across Australia and the globe – each with their own artistic identity.”

Sydney Dance Company Artistic Director, Rafael Bonachela, said, “Sydney Dance Company offers total immersion for the aspiring professional dancer and witnessing the next generation of contemporary dance talent walk through the doors each year is so incredibly heartening.”



Pictured above: PPY 2 Cohort. *Pedro Greig.*

Sydney Dance Company's Pre-Professional year dancers of 2024 are:

PPY 1

Mahalia	Adamson	Red Head, NSW
Shoshana	Auerbach	Sydney, NSW
Izzi	Becvarik	Canberra, ACT
Aleisha	Brown	Whangaparāoa, NZ
Edie	Burgess	Nerrigundah, NSW
Astrid	Cahill	White Rock, QLD
Alice	Collins	Sydney, NSW
Meg	Connolly	Perth, WA
Nala	Davies	Sydney, NSW
Lily	Dowley	Sydney, NSW
Zoe	Frazer	Dunedin, NZ
Grace	Fuz	Miranda, NSW
Rose	Giunta	Umina Beach, NSW
Michiko	Kogawa	Killara, NSW
Lucinda	Miller	Cleland, SA
Soraya	Moncelet	Bucketty, NSW
Sofia	Montano	Sydney, NSW
Poppy	Nowlan	Southern Lamington, QLD
Ines	Omodiagbe	Sydney, NSW
Amalia	Scherf	Wellington, NZ
Lucy	Sheffield	Balgowlah, NSW
James	Snashall	Dapto, NSW
Daniella	Sywak	Sydney, NSW
Emma	Taoho	Lake Macquarie, NSW
Eloise	Watts	Gerringong, NSW
Charlotte	Whelan	Sydney, NSW
Jera	Wynyard-Byrnes	Killingworth, NSW

PPY 2

Matilda	Backus	Newcastle, NSW
Phoebe	Bayley	Paraparamu, NZ
Santi	Barker	Portland, VIC
Vivienne	Clements-Lee	Wyoming, NSW
Julien	Cravero	Sydney, NSW
Lauren	Davidson	Perth, WA
Vincent	Garcia	Campbelltown, NSW
Jessi	Hough	Terranora, NSW
Joseph	Ipsaro-Passione	Perth, WA
Zoe	Jewell	Sydney, NSW
Arabella	Kiefer	Brisbane, QLD
Olivia	Kirkman	Ravensdale, NSW
Isobella	Laidlaw	Hamlyn Terrace, NSW
Ellie	Lovison	Ballarat, VIC

Media release
For immediate release
7 February 2024

Alex
Charlie
Evie
Ayesha
Hannah
Amelia
Roxie
Maggie
Mekaila
Georgia
Ariana

Lusty
MacArthur
Morwood
Peerbaye
Roberts
Russel
Syron
Teasdale
Trippis
Vincent
Wolf

Sydney, NSW
Melbourne, VIC
Sunshine Coast, QLD
Adelaide, SA
Melbourne, VIC
Sydney, NSW
Collaroy, NSW
Maitland, NSW
Belrose, NSW
Sydney, NSW
Melbourne, VIC

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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