

STAUNTON
ACADEMY OF

Ballet



Beauty &
the Beast



May 24, 2026, 2:00pm

John Lewis Auditorium
Staunton High School



THE MAIN CHARACTERS

Belle Lucia Cooke
 Beast/Prince Jonah Burton
 Maurice..... Alex Davis
 Gaston..... Courtney Brumbaugh



Act I, Scene 1

THE FOREST

Enchantress..... Aislynn Neal

Her Minions

Coercion..... Daphne Hansen
 Catastrophe..... Kara Gillespie
 Chaos Lucy Smith
 Calamity Pyper Johnson

Act 1, Scene 2

THE CASTLE BALLROOM

Courtiers Olivia Bellinger, Evalee Cole, Jessica Conner,
 Evie Fitzgerald, Noelle Grant, Abby Kahn,
 Jane Kittleberger, Isla McPhail, Victoria Temple, Elizabeth Yates

Lumiere..... Kara Gillespie



Mrs.Potts Daphne Hansen
 Chip Lucy Smith
 Madame Garderobe Pyper Johnson
 Cogsworth Arielle Boyette
 Silverware Queen Hailey Huffstetler
 Princess of the Plates Olivia Lowery
 The Enchanted Rose Madeline Kane

Act 1, Scene 3

THE VILLAGE

Silly Girls Clara Carney, Liliias Cole, Gabriella Danraj, Bella Stables
Flower Girl Julianna Miller
School Teacher Iris Lockhart
Tailor Maddy Griffin-Lott
Haberdashery Payton Miller
Bookseller Dodger Holmes
Baker Eva Stables
Egg Seller Jamilyn Serrett
Townfolk Kaylor Ann Lambert and Katie Moorer
Young Villagers Merritte Clawson, Selah Elmore, Isla Flood,
Reagan Hanger, Nina Harper, Idani Kittleberger,
Libby Knopp, Evelyn Marinelli,
Libby Mims, Clara Wang, Fiona Willams
School Children Saradel Barron, Amalia Baylor, Beatrice Bellinger,
Charlotte Brown, Catherine Cooke, Julia Dameron,
Abigail Davis, Sydney Didawick, Wren Kosmicki,
Claira McAllister, Ava Mims, Andi Robertson

Act 1, Scene 4

THE FOREST

Wolves Meriwether Annan, Clara Carney,
Liliias Cole, Gabriella Danraj,
Maddy Griffin-Lott, Olivia Lowery,
Aislynn Neal, Bella Stables

10 minute Intermission



Act II Scene 1...The Castle Ballroom

The Silverware Queen and the Silverware Everett Carney, Lorelai Cox, Josie Dodge,
Ella Kiracofe, Avery Luedtke, Henley Miller,
Petra Shepherd, Audrey Wise

The Princess of the Plates and her Plates Lilliana Campbell, April Castle,
Modesty Fitzgerald, Tillie Harlow, Ruth Kosmicki,
Elizabeth Moore, Ava Paquet, Korbyn Snyder,
Lamar Tahan, Faith Whitacre,
Lana Williams, Maria Zvengrowski

Mrs. Potts and her Teacups Margery Heathcote, Lennon Kanatzar,
Sadie Prabu, Josie Walls,
Ellie Wilson, Gloria Zahkung

Cupcakes Mary Charles Chenery, Thea Dawson, Josie Elmore,
Teegan Gardner, Annaliese Gerwitz, Lily Hanger,
Quinn O'Brien, Raegen McDaniel, Nina Shaw,
Ocean Snyder, Clara Vidal, Brianne Ward,
Aarika Will, Audrey Williams

The Greystuff..... Henry Humphries

Be Our Guest..... Lucia Cooke, Kara Gillespie, Daphne Hansen,
Pyper Johnson, Lucy Smith,

Hostesses Clara Carney, Lillas Cole, Payton Miller,
Aislynn Neal, Bella Stables, Eva Stables

Waitresses Olivia Bellinger, Evalee Cole, Jessica Conner,
Evie Fitzgerald, Abby Kahn, Jane Kittleberger,
Isla McPhail, Victoria Temple, Elizabeth Yates

Bakers..... Saradel Barron, Amalia Baylor, Beatrice Bellinger,
Charlotte Brown, Catherine Cooke, Abigail Davis,
Sydney Didawick, Wren Kosmicki, Clairra McAllister, Ava Mims

Silverware Everett Carney, Lorelai Cox, Josie Dodge,
Ella Kiracofe, Avery Luedtke, Henley Miller, Petra Shepherd

PlatesLilliana Campbell, Modesty Fitzgerald, Ruth Kosmicki,
Ava Paquet, Korbyn Snyder, Maria Zvengrowski

10 minute Intermission

Act II Scene 2 The Forest

Wolves, Belle, Beast

Act II Scene 3 The Castle

The Wardrobe Pyper Johnson

The Clock..... Arielle Boyette

Enchanted Hours Ella Barclay, Cleo Bellinger, Emmy Eusse,
Alice Finley, Sarah Kate Huson, Noah Kinsley James,
Chloe Jones, Mina McKibben, Amelia Prabhu

Lumiere Kara Gillespie

Candle Light.....Harper Botkin, Laney Cash, Gabrielle DuVal,
Penelope Flood, Holly Luedtke, Madeline Thurston

Act II Scene 4 In Front of the Castle

A Mob of Villagers, Gaston, Silly Girls, Maurice

Act II Scene 5 the Castle

The RoseMadeleine Kane

Rose Petals..... Claire Elmore,
Emma Heathcote, Emma Mims,
Afton Skipp



Staunton Academy of Ballet Staff & Production Credits

Directors	Pamela McCray & Shanda Hansen
Assistant to Directors	Daphne Hansen
Instructors.....	Shanda Hansen, Anna Humphries, Kelsie Brunk, Corey Holmes, Julia Vessey, Faith Schmandt
Rehearsal Assistant Director.....	Gabriella Hansen
Classroom helpers.....	Arielle Boyette, Clara Carney, Everett Carney, Evalee Cole, Gabriella Danraj, Daphne Hansen, Catherine Cooke, Lucia Cooke, Juliana Miller, Aislynn Neal, Bella Stables
Technical Director/Stage Manager	Leland McCray
Audio	Daniel Hansen
Music Engineer	Faith Schmandt
Lighting Design.....	John Fregosi
Sound.....	Alejandro Rodriguez and Castiel Barton
Stage Crew	Scarlett Danraj, Anna Humphries, Todd Kiracofe, Peyton McCray, Brian Miller, DJ Stewart
Backstage Crew	Kelsie Brunk, Blakely Bryant, Corey Holmes, Kage LaBarbera, Lydia Hollowell
Costume Design	Marti McVey, Stephanie Tremel
Seamstresses and Costume Preparation	Becky Boyette, Callie Miller, Carrie White, Stephanie Tremel, Marti McVey
Attendance Registrar.....	Stephanie Neal
Publicity, Web, Social Media, Programs, & Posters	Stephanie McCray
Photography.....	Danielle Conner Allen, Danielle's Images
Videography.....	Andrew MacDanel, Studio Mac

We thank all of our parents and family members who have so graciously volunteered to help with this production. We can not put on a production without your help.

We appreciate you so much!



GUEST ARTIST
Jonah Burton

Jonah Burton, our Beast, is a Musical Theater major and Non-Profit studies minor at James Madison University. Jonah is a Senior at JMU where he has recently performed in *Big Fish*, *Sponge Bob and The Musical* and *Natasha, Pierre and The Great Comet of 1812*, *The Light in the Piazza*, and *Pippin*. Jonah has always loved to dance. While a young child he gave many performances in his living room for his mom and family. Jonah started formal dance training with Jazz and Tap class as a freshman in high school. He began studying Ballet and Contemporary Ballet at JMU as a freshman.

We dedicate our performance to the memory of Mrs. Sherry Pittman, whose unwavering support and generosity helped shape the early years of Staunton Academy of Ballet after Miss Pam opened the school in 1990.

Long before online ticketing, Miss Sherry devoted every December and May to organizing ticket sales for Shenandoah Civic Dance Company's *Nutcracker* and SAB's spring productions. With her poster board seating charts in hand, she personally spoke with every patron who purchased reserved seating, creating connections and making each person feel welcome and valued.

Miss Sherry's bright smile, warm personality, and dedication to our dance family touched so many lives. We will always hold her memory close to our hearts and remain deeply grateful for the kindness and joy she shared with our community.

In Memoriam



A Fond Farewell

We have four seniors that have graduated from High School this year. We have loved having them and their families be part of our Staunton Academy of Ballet family. We love them dearly and will enjoy watching the exciting things they accomplish in their future. We will really miss these lovely young ladies.

Courtney Brumbaugh (Gaston)

Courtney is a 2026 graduate of Wilson Memorial High School and Shenandoah Valley Governor's School. In addition to her Ballet classes, Courtney is a member of Wilson High School's Marching Band. She is also active in their drama department's musicals. Courtney started ballet at the age of four at Staunton Academy of Ballet. Next fall, Courtney will attend the College of William and Mary where she will major in Biology. This summer she will be a camp counselor at Camp Allegheny for Girls. Courtney attended this camp for five years as a youth camper. Last summer she was a first time counselor. Her favorite roles have been Gaston in *Beauty and the Beast*, Red Riding Hood in *The Sleeping Beauty*, a Card in *Alice in Wonderland* and a Flower in the Waltz of the Flowers in Shenandoah Civic Dance Company's *The Nutcracker*.





Lucia Cooke (Belle)

Lucia started dancing at Staunton Academy of Ballet at the age of four. Lucia also loves baking, drawing and chickens. She especially loves drawing chickens in ballet costumes. In addition to master classes and workshops at SAB, she has attended intensive summer ballet programs at the Richmond School of Ballet, The Washington School of Ballet and the University of North Carolina School of the Arts. This summer she will study at the Washington Ballet School's summer intensive. Lucia hopes to continue dancing as a trainee at the Washington School of Ballet in the fall. Lucia plans to study fine arts at a university. Lucia's favorite roles with Staunton Academy of Ballet and Shenandoah Civic Dance Company have been The Dew Drop and Sugar Plum Fairy in *The Nutcracker*, Lilac Fairy in *the Sleeping Beauty*, and of course, she loves the role of Belle.



Kara Gillespie (Lumiere)

Kara is a 2026 Graduate of Stuarts Draft High School. Kara loves the stage and in addition to all of her performances with Staunton Academy of Ballet and Shenandoah Civic Dance Company, she has been an active member of the SDHS theater productions all four years of her high school career. Starting in June, Kara will be attending the University of Florida, Saint Petersburg. She plans to major in Marine Biology. Kara has been very busy in the summers attending Richmond Ballet School's summer intensive program in 2023, 2024, and 2025. Kara's favorite roles at SAB have been Tweedle Dee in *Alice in Wonderland* and Clara and Snow Queen in Shenandoah Civic Dance Company's *The Nutcracker*.



Madeliene Kane (The Rose)

Madeliene has been dancing at Staunton Academy of Ballet since the age of four and a half. She is homeschooled but in the last two years has also attended Blue Ridge Community College. Next fall Madeliene will be attending Colby College in Maine where she plans to major in neuroscience and minor in dance and theater. This summer she will be attending a Christian Seminar and a Medical Workshop at the National Youth Leadership Forum. Madeliene loves drawing, gardening and entomology. In addition to the Rose in *Beauty and the Beast*, Madeliene's favorite roles have been the Turtle (*Alice in Wonderland*) and Marzipan (*The Nutcracker*). She remembers fondly her time as a mouse in *The Nutcracker* in 2017.

Summer Ballet

2026



Our fun and engaging Classical Ballet Summer Camps are designed especially for young dancers. Each session brings imagination to life through movement, music, and creativity in a nurturing environment. Each mini day camp concludes with a short but adorable parent visitation "performance" on the last day of the session.



Little Princess Mini Day Camps Ages 3-6

A magical ballet experience for our youngest dancers!

June 15-18 (Monday - Thursday) 10am-Noon \$100

July 6-9 (Monday - Thursday) 10am-Noon \$100

What to Expect

- Introductory classical ballet technique with creative movement and storytelling
- Fun princess-themed activities for confidence-building and social

Cinderella Mini Day Camp Ages 5-10

A magical journey in to the enchanting world of *Cinderella*



Camp Highlights:

- Ballet technique class each day with dances inspired by *Cinderella*
- Creative acting, storytelling, fun crafts and themed activities



Nutcracker in July Camp Ages 8-10

Celebrate a bit of the holiday season in the middle of summer with this ballet favorite!

Camp Highlights:

- Daily ballet technique class and learning dances from *The Nutcracker*
- Acting and character development along with creative crafts and festive fun

K-Pop Ballet Pop-up

Ages 6-10

Join us for a fun and energetic K-Pop Ballet Pop-Up where classical ballet meets the exciting world of K-pop music and movement.



What to Expect:

- Ballet technique class set to upbeat K-pop music
- K-pop inspired choreography and a high-energy, welcoming environment
- A unique blend of classical training and modern style

No Experience Needed! Whether your dancer is brand new or has previous training, everyone is welcome.
Important:



Giselle Ballet Camp Ages 11 & Up

Explore the beauty and drama of the timeless ballet *Giselle*.

July 20-23 10:00am-2:00pm, \$150

Camp Highlights:

- Daily ballet technique class and variations from *Giselle*
- Acting, expressive storytelling, and creative craft activities

Please Note: Dancers should bring a lunch each day.

Ballet Intensive Ages 13 & UP

Week 1: June 8-11, 10:00am -1:00pm, \$125

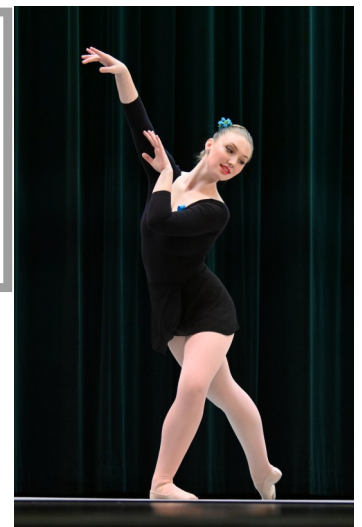
Week 2: June 15-18, 1:00pm -4:00pm, \$125

Join us for a two-week classical ballet intensive designed for dancers ages 13 and up at Diamond levels. Each week offers focused training to help refine technique, build strength, and enhance artistry.



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**To register,
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Come dance with us in 2026-2027!



**K-12 classes begin
Monday, August 10**

Preschool Classes begin

Tuesday, September 8



