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ARTISTIC HIGHLIGHTS      2023 - 2024 SEASON



I can wholeheartedly say that my years with Mid-Columbia Ballet, starting in the Junior Company and then six years in the Senior Company, provided me with the education, skill sets, opportunities, and experience to make it as a professional in the dance world. Not only did I receive excellent dance training, but I learned what life in a company would be like. I was prepared for company life - the daily hard work it would require, navigating interactions with directors, choreographers, and fellow dancers, and how to be a professional in class, rehearsals, performances, and in my community. Looking back, I feel extremely grateful to have had this opportunity and dance family in my home town.

- Kelly Moeller Rabe  
MCB Alumnus



AUGUST  
DECEMBER

- The 2022-2023 **Garden Party**
- **Nutcracker 2023**
- Seattle-based choreographer **Eva Stone** visited MCB to set a work on the senior company dancers, originally created at the North Carolina School of Arts.

JANUARY

- Alumni **Kelly Moeller Rabe** and her husband **Ben Rabe**, both dancers with Newport Contemporary Ballet, were in residence for three weeks. Kelly taught classes and Ben created a new work for the Senior Company.

FEBRUARY

- Festival Artistic Director **Donald Dadey** evaluated MCB for annual membership in The Ballet Alliance. Donald chose Ben's work, **Articulate Deconstruction** to be performed at Festival in May. Senior company dancer **Sana Shiffern**'s student work was also chosen to be performed.

MARCH

- Performed along with our fellow Mid Columbia Arts organizations at **MCAF**

APRIL

- Showcased our entire company at our Spring performance, where we featured the **2nd Act of Giselle**.

MAY

- Attended **The Ballet Alliance 2025 Festival** in Spokane.
- Sana's Shiffern's emerging work **A Brief Paradigm** was acclaimed as the best student work at Festival.
- MCB dancers received \$7,500 in scholarships - more than any other member company at Festival.
- **Rebecca Rogo** presented our **INCLUDE** program to all Artistic Directors at Festival and trained all 400 dancers to become Dance Partners. With the Education and materials they received, all 19 companies in the Ballet Alliance are able to offer their own INCLUDE programs in their home communities.
- Partnered with **LIGO** for **Science and Art Day**.

FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY

is a cornerstone of MCB strategic planning, resulting in MCB's capacity for consistency in performance and outreach programs year after year. As reported in June 2023 by the Washington Secretary of State Charities Program, 73% of MCB's total expenses are devoted to Program Services.

