

Queensland **Ballet**



Annual Report

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# Executive Director and Board Chair Report

In 2024, Queensland Ballet continued to rise—through change, challenge, and significant achievement. It was a year that tested our resilience but ultimately underscored the strength of our people, our programs, and our purpose.

Our commitment to artistic excellence and community impact remained steadfast, with more than 60,000 people engaging across performances, classes, education programs, and Dance Health initiatives. Importantly, we achieved a 13% increase in box office revenue, a powerful testament to the strength of our programming and the loyalty of our audiences.

This growth was mirrored in our regional expansion. In a significant step forward, we employed our first Regional Teaching Artists, extending our reach into Cairns and laying the groundwork for a broader state-wide footprint in years to come.

We also celebrated a major milestone with the launch of the Ballet Boys Project, addressing the urgent national decline in male participation in ballet. With free boys-only classes and wide-reaching media coverage, the program is helping reshape perceptions and support the next generation of male dancers.

Our work in community health advanced meaningfully with the support of new multi-year funding from Queensland Health. This enabled the appointment of our first dedicated Dance Health Teaching Artist, as well as the rollout of impactful new initiatives such as Dance Rehab at STARS Hospital, Ballet Serenade in aged care, and Dance for Veterans in partnership with RSL Queensland. These programs, alongside our ongoing Dance for Arthritis classes, are helping to position Queensland Ballet as a leader in dance-based health innovation.

At the heart of our operations, the Thomas Dixon Centre reached new heights. We became the first performing arts organisation in the world to achieve WELL Certification at the Platinum level, recognising our deep commitment to wellbeing. Further activating the site, we announced a new partnership with VenuesLive and celebrated chef Shane Delia, who will open a flagship restaurant in 2025—ushering in a bold new chapter for our home as a cultural and culinary destination.

This was also a year of leadership transition. We welcomed internationally acclaimed ballerina Leanne Benjamin OBE AM as our sixth Artistic Director. While her tenure concluded earlier than planned, we thank her for her time with us, and we will feel her

programming legacy in 2025 as we honour commitments made to creatives and choreographers. Leanne left us in August 2024.

Greg Horsman then stepped into the role of Acting Artistic Director, and under his steady guidance the Company remained artistically strong, our audiences engaged, and our vision intact.

We have continued our advocacy for arts funding parity and ongoing sustainability, and as we move into 2025, with Ivan Gil-Ortega as our Artistic Director, with renewed energy and a continued commitment to nurturing the next generation of artists, we remain conscious of the need for relevance and engagement.

With this in mind, we remain grateful to the Queensland and Australian Governments of their support of our not-for-profit arts organisation. We continue to take immense pride in aiming to leverage their support to inspire 81% of our income from our audiences, student and participation fees, commercial operations, corporate partnerships, philanthropy and increasingly, venue collaborations.



However, in 2024, we experienced a softening in our philanthropic giving, reflecting both the shift in leadership and the loss of some deeply cherished philanthropic champions, contributing to a statutory loss of \$9.45m compared to a loss of \$1.5m in the previous year. Despite these challenges, future pledges from our supporter family combined with a re-visioning of our operations aligned with a refreshed vision in 2025, already paint a bright future ahead.

In 2024, we are most proud of staying true to our artists, arts workers and wider arts sector. We prioritised job security and artistic output, maintaining an ensemble of 60 dancers and honouring wage commitments. Over \$19 million was invested in artists and arts workers, including \$4m directed towards independent creatives and ensembles through our Academy and Artistic programs.

Through all of this, our focus on relevance has never been more important. If we are relevant to our audiences, they will fill our theatres. If we are relevant to artists, they will choose to create and perform with us. And if we are relevant to our communities, they will support, participate, and belong.

As we look to 2025 and welcome incoming Artistic Director Ivan Gil-Ortega, we do so with renewed momentum and purpose. Our gratitude goes, once again, to the Queensland and Australian Governments, and to the donors, partners, and patrons who believe in our vision. Most of all, we thank the artists and arts workers whose passion powers everything we do, everyday, and who sit at the heart of our every decision.

Together, we continue to build a legacy—for our artform, for our state, and for future generations.



**Dilshani Weerasinghe**  
*Executive Director*



**Brett Clark AM**  
*Board Chair*





# Acting Artistic Director Report

In a year of change and growth, Queensland Ballet's commitment to producing a full complement of artistically vibrant productions and engaging brilliant creatives remained steadfast.

I would like to acknowledge Leanne Benjamin OBE AM for her impactful months at the company. Leanne introduced dynamic new creatives and talent to QB's artistic endeavours and it was important that we honour these commitments made to creatives during her leadership, which will be realised during the 2025 season.

Since joining the company in 2013 I have served as Assistant Artistic Director commencing 2023 and graciously accepted the role of Acting Artistic Director after Leanne's departure. It is my privilege to step into this position and I bring my years of knowledge and experience in working with our gifted dancers, artistic and business teams and of course continue my passion for choreography.

Our 2024 season saw the premiere of *gundirgan, wise woman*, choreographed by Wakka Wakka and Kombumerri artist Katina Olsen, featuring Queensland Ballet dancers and guest artist Tara Robertson.

The music was a significant highlight, performed and commissioned by Southern Cross Soloists (SXS) and the SXS Didgeridoo Commissioning Project, composed by Seán O'Boyle AM and featuring Chris Williams, Wakka Wakka didgeridoo soloist and SXS Artist in Residence.

As part of the creative process, our dancers visited Ban Ban Springs on Wakka Wakka Country to deepen their connection to First Nations culture and Country, reinforcing our commitment to artistic collaboration and cultural awareness. Our Education Team also developed two new First Nations In-School Workshops in collaboration with teachers and Elders, creating free resources for educators and professional development opportunities that empower teachers to inspire students' connections to place and cultural identity.

Another highlight in the 2024 artistic season was the sellout season *Coco Chanel: the Life of a Fashion Icon*, which surpassed target by \$285,000 and was touted as the 'must-see' show of the year. We were thrilled to present the Australian premiere of Annabelle Lopez Ochoa's co-production with Hong Kong Ballet and Atlanta Ballet. Brisbane audiences were captivated with the production's rich storytelling and evocative choreography.

We believe new works are essential to a vibrant and sustainable cultural landscape – they enable us to explore new ideas, share historical stories, engage emerging talent, and push the boundaries of dance as a vehicle for storytelling.

*Coco Chanel* was a controversial character, filled with ambition, creativity and complexity, and I must extend my gratitude once again to Annabelle for sharing this story with us.

Another outstanding result was family favourite, *The Nutcracker*, which broke box office records, exceeding the target by \$405,000.

We are proud of the role we continue to play in Queensland's creative economy and are deeply grateful to our audiences, donor, government and corporate partners who continue to advocate and support their state ballet company as we continue to forge ahead with creative purpose and optimism in 2025.

**Greg Horsman**  
*Acting Artistic Director*  
*August 2024 – February 2025*  
*Chief Ballet Master and Head of Artistic Operations*

# 2024 Company Highlights

Our 2024 season was a vibrant year of artistic collaborations, sell-out productions, and community outreach across Queensland.

60

dancers

\$19m

invested in artists and  
arts workers

134

performances

13%+

box office revenue  
(year on year)

184

staff



82,828

total attendance

\$7,638,000

total box office



Season 2024





Total attendance  
**4,830**

Performances  
**9**

“For those unused to ballet, a night of four short pieces like this can open a window on a diverse world of beauty and passion”

– Queensland Performing Arts Review

# Queensland Ballet on Tour

## Regional Tour

28 FEBRUARY – 27 MARCH 2024

GOONDIWINDI WAGGAMBA COMMUNITY CULTURAL CENTRE, 28 FEBRUARY  
THE EMPIRE THEATRE, TOOWOOMBA, 1 MARCH  
BROLGA THEATRE AND CONVENTION CENTRE, MARYBOROUGH, 6 MARCH  
MONGRIEFF ENTERTAINMENT CENTRE, BUNDABERG, 8 MARCH  
THE EVENTS CENTRE, CALOUNDRA, 15 MARCH  
THE WORLD THEATRE, CHARTERS TOWERS, 20 MARCH  
CAIRNS PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE, 22-23 MARCH  
PILBEAM THEATRE, ROCKHAMPTON, 27 MARCH

### Three Preludes

Choreographer Ben Stevenson OBE

Music Sergei Rachmaninoff Op.32 No.10, Op.23 No.1, Op.32 No.9

Lighting Designer Cameron Goerg

Music recording by Pianist – Vladimir Ashkenazy

### Tchaikovsky Mash

Choreographer Matthew Lawrence

Music Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Lighting Designer Cameron Goerg

Music recording by L'Orchestre Symphonique de Montreal, conducted by Charles Dutoit, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Nicolae Moldoveanu, and New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Patrick Flynn

### A Rhapsody in Motion

Choreographer Greg Horsman

Music Sergei Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Op.43

Costume Designer Zoe Griffiths

Lighting Designer Cameron Goerg

Music recording by Philadelphia Orchestra, conducted by Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Pianist – Daniil Trifinov

Bringing ballet to the regions is a beloved tradition of Queensland Ballet that goes back to 1960s, and in 2024 we were thrilled to tour across Queensland with our *Queensland Ballet on Tour* program – a replica of the Queensland Ballet at Home season. Audiences in towns including Maryborough, Rockhampton, and Cairns enjoyed the mixed bill featuring Ben Stevenson OBE's *Three Preludes*, Matthew Lawrence's *Tchaikovsky Mash*, Marius Petipa's *Le Corsaire Pas de Deux*, and Greg Horsman's *A Rhapsody in Motion* – 2nd and 3rd Movements, that, according to the Cairns Post, gave audiences a “taste of high quality ballet and left them wanting more.”



# Queensland Ballet at Home

21 – 24 FEBRUARY 2024

11 – 13 MARCH 2024

TALBOT THEATRE, THOMAS DIXON CENTRE

Four glittering works from the vault were presented in our first production of 2024, *Queensland Ballet at Home*, at the Talbot Theatre, Thomas Dixon Centre. Ben Stevenson OBE's sweeping *Three Preludes* took audiences on a journey of falling in love, told through graceful, synchronised movement with sublime music by Sergei Rachmaninoff. *Tchaikovsky Mash* by Matthew Lawrence evoked the classical era of dance with its compilation of works featuring music from Tchaikovsky's *Swan Lake* and *The Sleeping Beauty*. Marius Petipa's *Le Corsaire* pas de deux, one of the most famed excerpts in ballet history, transported audiences to exotic landscapes while showcasing technical brilliance and precise partnering. And after premiering in 2022 to audience and critical acclaim, Greg Horsman's beautiful *A Rhapsody in Motion* – 2nd and 3rd Movement once again explored the fascinating relationship between the dancer and the music of Rachmaninoff.

## Three Preludes

**Choreographer** Ben Stevenson OBE

**Music** Sergei Rachmaninoff Op.32 No.10, Op.23 No.1, Op.32 No.9

**Lighting Designer** Cameron Goerg

**Music recording by** Pianist – Vladimir Ashkenazy

## Tchaikovsky Mash

**Choreographer** Matthew Lawrence

**Music** Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky **Lighting Designer** Cameron Goerg **Music recording by** L'Orchestre Symphonique de Montreal, conducted by Charles Dutoit, Royal Philharmonic Orchestra, conducted by Nicolae Moldoveanu, and New Zealand Symphony Orchestra, conducted by Patrick Flynn

## Le Corsaire

**Choreographer** Marius Petipa

**Music** Riccardo Drigo 1846 – 1930 (arr. John Lanchbery) Pas de deux and Variations

**Costume Designer** Zoe Griffiths

**Lighting Designer** Cameron Goerg

**Music recording by** Orchestra of the London Festival Ballet, conducted by Terence Kern

## A Rhapsody in Motion

**Choreographer** Greg Horsman

**Music** Sergei Rachmaninoff's Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini, Op.43

**Costume Designer** Zoe Griffiths

**Lighting Designer** Cameron Goerg

**Music recording by** Philadelphia Orchestra, conducted by Yannick Nézet-Séguin, Pianist – Daniil Trifinov

Total box office income  
**\$115,542**

Total attendance  
**1,836**

Performances  
**10**



“This is a brilliant start to the new ballet season. The Thomas Dixon Centre at West End ushers us through a quartet of dance pieces to teach and to delight,”

– Queensland Performing Arts Review

A photograph of a stage production of A Midsummer Night's Dream. Two dancers, a man and a woman, are in a romantic pose. The woman is wearing a purple and white floral dress. They are in a forest setting with a large, gnarled tree trunk in the background. The lighting is blue and green, creating a magical atmosphere. The background is a dark forest with glowing blue and green lights, suggesting a magical or enchanted setting. The dancers are in a romantic pose, with the man supporting the woman. The woman's dress is elaborate, with many flowers and a full skirt. The man is shirtless, wearing a simple loincloth. The overall scene is dreamlike and ethereal.

# A Midsummer Night's Dream

12 – 27 APRIL 2024  
PLAYHOUSE, QPAC

**Choreographer** Liam Scarlett

**Stager** Laura Morera

**Music** Felix Mendelssohn

**Music Arranger and Conductor** Nigel Gaynor

**Costume and Set Designer** Tracy Grant Lord

**Lighting Designer** Kendall Smith

**Music Performed by** Camerata – Queensland's Chamber Orchestra

Performed over 12 nights to audience and critical acclaim, Liam Scarlett's much-loved rendition of this Shakespearian classic brought joy, laughter, and a touch of magic to many. Beautifully enhanced by Tracy Grant Lord's costumes and sets and Kendall Smith's lighting, which transformed the stage into a moonlit forest, the production captured the whimsical mayhem of the story. Dancers moved gracefully and expressively to Felix Mendelssohn's score, played live by Camerata – Queensland's Chamber Orchestra. A co-production with the Royal New Zealand Ballet, Scarlett's *A Midsummer Night's Dream* last charmed Australian audiences in our 2023 regional Queensland tour.

Total box office income

**\$1,289,839**

Total attendance

**12,148**

Performances

**17**

"There is a great deal of joy in Liam Scarlett's deliciously funny, sensual *A Midsummer Night's Dream*...Overall it is just what Shakespeare ordered: funny, sensual, touching and memorable,"

– Deborah Jones



# Coppélia

7 – 22 JUNE 2024  
PLAYHOUSE, QPAC

**Choreographer** Greg Horsman, after Arthur Saint-Léon & Marius Petipa  
**Music** Léo Delibes  
**Music Arranger and Conductor** Nigel Gaynor  
**Costume Designer** Noelene Hill  
**Set Designer** Hugh Colman  
**Lighting Designer** Jon Buswell  
**Music Performed by** Queensland Symphony Orchestra  
**Animation Produced by** PixelFrame:  
**Illustrated by** S.M. Olive  
**Directed by** Lucas Thyer  
**Edited by** Ryan Smith

It was the 10-year anniversary of the premiere of Greg Horsman's Australian-infused rendition of *Coppélia*, and by all accounts, time had not affected its charm. Set in the German settlement town of Hahndorf in South Australia, Horsman's comic family ballet was loved by audiences and critics alike; favourable reviews spoke of a 'well-crafted' and 'enchanted' ballet, a 'distinctly Australian flavour', and 'magnificent dancing'. Media attention was high during the rehearsal period, with the Brisbane Lions attending class to teach the dancers how to throw and catch an AFL football. A co-production with West Australian Ballet, Horsman's *Coppélia* was first performed in Brisbane in 2014.

Total box office income

**\$826,160**

Total attendance

**8,589**

Performances

**15**



“The storyline in this delightful production is so strong, so dominant and so well told that the ballet, score and orchestra all merged together in my mind. Where has Coppélia been for the past decade? This production should be widely shared...”

A wonderful night at the ballet. The hugest of congratulations to Greg Horsman on the creation of this mesmerising and unforgettable work. Well done to the entire creative team.”

– Michele-Rose Boylan





# Cinderella

## My First Ballet

20 - 29 JUNE 2024

TALBOT THEATRE, THOMAS DIXON CENTRE

**Choreographer** Ben Stevenson OBE

**Adapted for My First Ballet** Matthew Lawrence

**Music** Sergei Prokofiev

**Costume Designer** Tracy Grant Lord

**Set Designer** Thomas Boyd

**Lighting Designer** Cameron Goerg

**Video Designer** Craig Wilkinson

**Sound Designer** Wil Hughes

**Narration** Sarah McIntosh

Part of our *My First Ballet* series aimed at our youngest audience members, this shortened version of *Cinderella* was adapted by choreographer Matthew Lawrence, with permission from Ben Stevenson OBE. At a family-friendly one-hour run time, it was a perfect fit for audiences of all ages and offered a delightful blend of love, magic, and breathtaking choreography. Sparkling costumes were by Tracy Grant Lord, with set designs by Thomas Boyd. Prokofiev's majestic score enhanced the production. Additional experiences to complement the outing were available for purchase at the Thomas Dixon Centre, including a Fairy Tea Party as a special pre-show treat for children and carers. Due to popular demand, we also added an extra show to the season, which was scheduled during the school holidays for optimum engagement.

Total box office income

**\$291,157**

Total attendance

**6,169**

Performances

**19**

"It would be a mistake to think that Cinderella is just for the very young. This tasteful and gorgeous adaptation truly captures the magic and power of storytelling. With something for everyone, Cinderella is a must-see inclusion in the 2024 Queensland Ballet season."

– Sarah Skubala, The Blurb

# Bespoke

gundirgan, wise woman

Birds of Paradise

Papillon

25 JULY – 3 AUGUST 2024

TALBOT THEATRE, THOMAS DIXON CENTRE

## **gundirgan, wise woman**

**Choreographer** Katina Olsen

**Music performed and commissioned by** Southern Cross Soloists (SXS) and the SXS Didgeridoo Commissioning Project, composed by Seán O'Boyle AM and Chris Williams, featuring Wakka Wakka didgeridoo soloist and SXS Artist in Residence, Chris Williams

**Cultural Consultants** Uncle Prof. Kevin Williams, Aunty Sue-Ann Williams, Aunty Patricia Lieschke and Chris Williams

**Costume Designer** Noelene Hill

**Lighting Designer** Ben Hughes

## **Birds of Paradise**

**Choreographer** Milena Sidorova

**Music** Lagrene Bireli, Schwandt W/Andre F/Kahn G, Dom la Nena, Le bars Hugues Yves, Presley E/Matson V, Schubert F/Mueller W, Django Reinhardt, Yorgui Loeffler

**Costume Design collaboration by** Milena Sidorova and Timothy Corne

**Lighting Designer** Ben Hughes

## **Papillon**

**Choreographer** Jack Lister

**Music** Louis Frere-Harvey

**Costume Design collaboration by** Jack Lister and Zoe Griffiths

**Lighting Designer** Ben Hughes

Bespoke returned for its seventh year in 2024, pushing the boundaries of dance with three daring and creative contemporary works by a mix of international and local talent. Making her Queensland Ballet debut, Wakka Wakka and Kombumerri choreographer, Katina Olsen collaborated with Southern Cross Soloists (SXS) commissioned composers Sean O'Boyle AM and Wakka Wakka composer and didgeridoo soloist Chris Williams along with SXS musicians to tell the powerful Queensland story of Aunty Maureen Williams in *gundirgan, wise woman*. Milena Sidorova, an award-winning Ukrainian-Dutch choreographer, and Young Creative Associate at the Dutch National Ballet, adds her own unique international flair to the line-up contributed the stunning *Birds of Paradise*, a comedic exploration of bird-like courtship. And Australian choreographer and Associate Artistic Director of Australasian Dance Collective Jack Lister collaborated with composer Louis Frere-Harvey to create *Papillon*, a new work featuring Queensland Ballet's Jette Parker Young Artists, which Fjord Review reviewer described as "quite simply, one of the best things (she had seen) in the last four years".

Total box office income

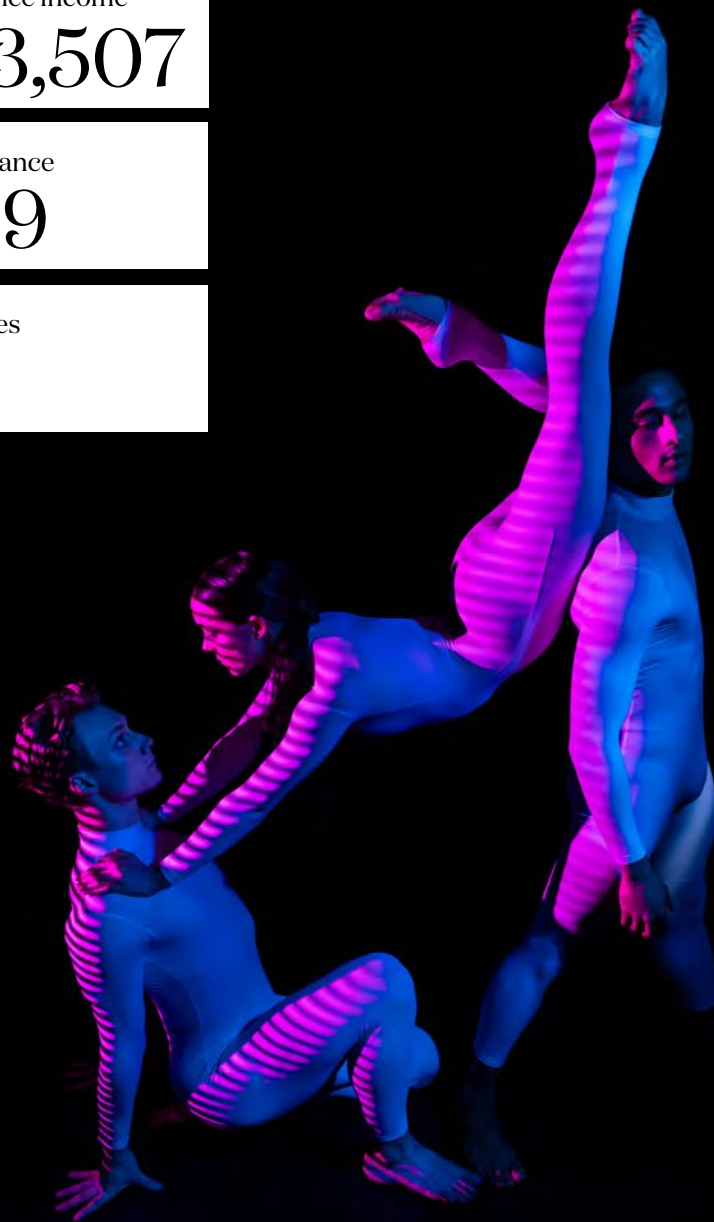
**\$223,507**

Total attendance

**3,589**

Performances

**12**



“There is definitely a hunger for more productions like these; works that experiment with structure and form, and provide the opportunity to support local and First Nations artists,”

– Fjord Review, Madelyn Coup





Total box office income

**\$75,099**

Total attendance

**1,364**

Performances

**4**

# Queensland Ballet Academy Gala

9 - 11 AUGUST 2024

TALBOT THEATRE, THOMAS DIXON CENTRE

## Donizetti Variations

Choreographer Paul Boyd  
Composer Gaetano Donizetti  
Costume Stylist Kathryn Lee  
Dancers Level 1 and 3

## Kin

Choreographer Louise Deleur  
Composer Peter John and Miguel Marin Pavon  
Dancers Contemporary Course

## Dance of the Rose Maidens

Excerpt from the ballet Gayane  
Choreographer Arranged by Veronika Sheremetieva  
after Nina Anisimova  
Composer Aram Khachaturian  
Dancers Level 2

## Release

Choreographer Louise Deleur  
Composer Adrian Berenguer and Frederico Albanese  
Dancers Level 1

## Antics

Choreographer Louise Deleur  
Composer John Adams  
Dancers Level 3

## Intimate Dialogues

Choreographer Contemporary Course's Self Creation  
Composer Khosh Ensembles  
Dancers Contemporary Course

## Above and Beyond

Choreographer Grant Aris  
Composer Pustopestski Ilan  
Costume Stylist Kathryn Lee  
Dancers Level 2

## Le Corsaire

Choreography Arranged by Claire Phipps-Males  
and Camilo Ramos after Marius Petipa  
Composer Adolphe Adam  
Dancers Pre-Professional Program

## Student Works

### Cheating Death

Choreographer Matthew Erlandson  
Composer Alexander Ewald  
Dancer Matthew Erlandson - Level 1

### Strum

Choreographer Erin Theone King  
Composer Paul George and Carey O'Sullivan  
Dancer Erin Theone King - Level 2

### La Silla

Choreographer Emanuel O'Kane  
Composer Milos Kardagalic  
Dancer Emanuel O'Kane - Level 1

### Mechanical Mechanism

Choreographer Mathilda Guerin  
Composer Travis Lake  
Dancer Mathilda Guerin - Level 2

## Academy Défilé

Choreographer Paul Boyd  
Composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky  
Dancers Level 6 - Pre-Professional Program

Lighting Design by Glenn Hughes.



# Coco Chanel:

## The Life of a Fashion Icon

4 - 19 OCTOBER 2024  
PLAYHOUSE, QPAC

**Choreographer** Annabelle Lopez Ochoa  
**Artistic Collaborator** Nancy Meckler  
**Stager** Luis Torres  
**Composer** Peter Salem  
**Costume and Set Designer** Jérôme Kaplan  
**Costume Assistant to the Designer** Mark A. Zappone  
**Revival Lighting Designer** Jon Buswell, after Billy Chan  
**Sound Designer** Roy Cheung  
**Conductor** Nigel Gaynor  
**Music performed by** Camerata – Queensland's Chamber Orchestra

With all 17 performances sold out before the season had begun, *Coco Chanel: the Life of a Fashion Icon* was a ballet Brisbane had been waiting eagerly for. Created by Belgian-Columbian choreographer Annabelle Lopez Ochoa, the full-length narrative work unravelled the captivating and controversial life of the iconic French designer Gabrielle 'Coco' Chanel. Audiences were treated to elegant Chanel-inspired costumes and sets by Jérôme Kaplan, and a sublime score by Peter Salem – resulting in the biggest orchestra ever fitted into QPAC's Playhouse. A celebration of high fashion and dynamic dance, this co-production with Hong Kong Ballet and Atlanta Ballet was rightfully declared by The Australian as a 'never-ending feast for the eyes'.

A co-production of Queensland Ballet, Hong Kong Ballet and Atlanta Ballet, first performed in Hong Kong, China, on 24 March 2023.

“The movement, reflecting Chanel's vision for simplicity of design, is minimalist but eclectic, drawing from the classical and contemporary canons, with the odd nod to the expressive jazz dynamic. Featuring a plethora of arabesques of all heights, especially penchés, spinning chaînés, needle-sharp pointe work and angled arms, it is crisp, coherent and eloquent.”

– Dance Australia Denise Richardson

Total box office income

**\$1,681,840**

Total attendance

**13,269**

Performances

**17**



# The Nutcracker

13 – 21 DECEMBER 2024

LYRIC THEATRE, QPAC

Choreographer Ben Stevenson OBE

Composer Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

Music Arranger and Conductor Nigel Gaynor

Costume Designer Desmond Heeley

Associate Costume Designer Noeline Hill

Set Designer Thomas Boyd

Lighting Designer David Walters

Revival Lighting Designer Cameron Goerg

Music performed by Queensland Symphony Orchestra

The twelfth season of our much-adored festive season delighted audiences once again with its enchanting mix of storytelling, whimsical characters, expressive choreography, and a familiar, delightful score. Audiences of all ages were captivated over the 12-performance season and story of Clara and the Nutcracker Prince with the box office result the highest in the history of Queensland Ballet, surpassing the previous record held by *The Sleeping Beauty* in 2021. 2024 statistics show that more than 185,000 people had seen it since we began performing it annually in 2013.

Total box office income

**\$2,482,660**

Total attendance

**22,297**

Performances

**12**

“The Queensland Ballet’s twelfth season of this perennial classic is not merely a ballet; it has become, for many people, part of the fabric of Christmas itself.”

– John Andrew

Queensland Ballet presents

Derek Deane's

# The Lady of the Camellias

Performed by Shanghai Ballet

4 – 8 DECEMBER 2024

LYRIC THEATRE, QPAC

**Choreographer** Derek Deane OBE

**Composer** Carl Davis

**Scenery and Costume Designer** Adam Nee

**Lighting Designer** Friðbjófur Þorsteinsson

**Assistant to the Choreographer** Ivan Gil-Ortega

In December, we presented Derek Deane OBE's *The Lady of the Camellias* by Shanghai Ballet, in a season exclusive to Brisbane. A sister company to Queensland Ballet, the performances were in response to a signed Memorandum of Understanding, and an incredible four-city China tour that we completed in 2018. It was our pleasure to welcome Shanghai Ballet and reiterate our appreciation and commitment to cultural diplomacy, and experience some Shanghai magic in 2024. Based on the landmark 1848 novel by French author Alexandre Dumas fils, Deane's *The Lady of the Camellias* featured sumptuous choreography, exquisite set designs and elegant costumes. Also joining us for the stunning season was international star Ivan Gil-Ortega in his first return to the stage since retiring 16 years prior.

Total box office income

**\$449,087**

Total attendance

**3,904**

Performances

**5**



"It is an elegant looking company, the dancers uniformly very accomplished....  
I hope it is not another seven years before they return,"

– Denise Richardson, Dance Australia





# Academy Director Report

It was another busy year for Queensland Ballet Academy, with classwork and academic work, six performance seasons, and multiple performance opportunities with Queensland Ballet and across southeast Queensland.

I had the pleasure of attending the prestigious Prix de Lausanne competition in Switzerland in February, where two Academy Pre-Professional Program (PPP) dancers were the only finalists and prize winners from Australia. Jenson Blight was honoured with the Bourse Astarte Scholarship Award, and Ruby Day received the Rudolph Nureyev Foundation's Best Young Talent Award. Another student, Sienna Baensch, participated in the 2024 Partner School choreographic project. After this success, Jenson accepted a position with the Dutch National Ballet's Junior Company, while Ruby accepted a Company position with Queensland Ballet, which commenced in November 2024. I couldn't be prouder of their success, and their achievements marked their dedication and passion for the art form under the mentorship of our Academy team, underscoring our Academy's commitment to nurturing world-class talent.

In March, we presented *Tchaikovsky Suite* with Queensland Youth Orchestra. Following successful collaborations in the past, it was wonderful to join forces together at the Talbot Theatre, Thomas Dixon Centre for two performances, and the two art forms of music and dance were enjoyed by many.

The PPP dancers performed in *Aspire '24* in May, a program of contemporary and classical works including, for the first time, excerpts of Ben Stevenson OBE's *The Nutcracker*. The purpose of this annual season is to celebrate our graduating students and provide them with a platform for professional performance; this opportunity is vital to their development and their preparations for future careers in the dance industry.

*Aspire '24* was followed by a successful Lower School Mid-Year Demonstration in June, as well as our Upper School Open Assessments, which were open to the public for the very first time in our Academy theatre at Kelvin Grove.

The following day was the opening night of our annual Academy Gala, part of the Queensland Ballet season, which was performed to a sold-out theatre for all four performances, with ticket sales extended to our Final Dress Rehearsal, due to the high popularity of the season. From beloved pieces in the Classical Ballet canon including the famous *Le Corsaire Pas de Trois*, to works that pushed the boundaries of neo-classical and contemporary dance, the program featured a diverse range of repertoire and showcased all levels of our Academy. Highlighting our commitment to fostering new creative voices, a selection of vibrant student choreographed works were a standout feature of the program.

Following a successful *End of Year Demonstration*, we presented our fourth season of *Soirée* at the Talbot Theatre, in collaboration with Philip Bacon Galleries, and accompanied by sublime live music by Camerata – Queensland's Chamber Orchestra. This year we had the privilege of working with the artworks of William Robinson AO, considered one of Australia's greatest living artists.

Our gratitude goes to Philip Bacon AO for his support of this unique artistic collaboration, to William Robinson AO for sharing his wonderful works with us, and to Camerata for the joy of live music.

In addition to our 2024 season performances, Academy dancers took part in various events across Brisbane, including the World Science Festival, and a standout performance opportunity was Stephanie Lake's *Colossus* at the Brisbane Powerhouse.

Offstage, one of the year's biggest events was the launch of the Ballet Boys Project – an initiative to address the shortage in boys and men in dance. Since 2020, the Academy has seen a 36 per cent decline in male enrolments, a trend I've observed across the professional training industry globally. From July, the Company began offering free weekly classes to boys aged 11 to 14. The initiative, providing fully subsidising classes, with no uniform or audition requirements, saw boys attend from as far as Coffs Harbour, the Gold and Sunshine Coasts, and even Yeppoon. We look forward to continuing this initiative throughout 2025.

# The Ballet Boys Project

By the end of 2024, I was pleased to see five PPP dancers become Queensland Ballet Jette Parker Young Artists, and others securing industry employment across the globe. It is always a true joy to watch the dancers grow, not only into skilled and assured artists but also into confident young people. The year undoubtedly brought its challenges, yet the young dancers met each one with resilience, dedication, and hard work.

I would like to warmly thank the entire Academy faculty, as each single member of the team played a key role in the dancers' development and successes.

My gratitude goes to the wider teams across the Academy and Company from each department – artistic, health, production, costume, facilities and the teams in business, who ensure each season we do runs smoothly and professionally.

I would also like to acknowledge our Academic partner, Kelvin Grove State College, and the Department of Education for their continuous support.

Thank you of course to our donors and supporters who enable the dreams and ambitions of the next generation of artists, and for supporting all that we do.



**Christian Tatchev**  
*Director of Queensland Ballet Academy*

"The opportunity for boys to have a class together with a male teacher. Josh is the only boy in all of his dance classes, so this is a remarkable opportunity."





# 2024 Queensland Ballet Academy Highlights

**22** performance  
works

**270** students enrolled  
in Academy programs

**50%** alumni part of  
Queensland Ballet ensemble







Total box office income  
**\$19,750**

Total attendance  
**613**

Performances  
**2**

# Tchaikovsky Suite

16 MARCH 2024  
TALBOT THEATRE, THOMAS DIXON CENTRE

## Act I

Queensland Youth Orchestra 2

**Gabrieli**  
Sonata Pian e Forte CH. 175  
**Beethoven**  
Egmont Overture  
**Bruch**  
Violin Concerto No. 1, Movt. 1, soloist Liam Beak

## Act II

Queensland Ballet Academy's Pre-Professional Program Dancers and Queensland Youth Orchestra 2

**Tchaikovsky**  
The Seasons, Op.37b, *February, Carnival*  
The Seasons, Op.37b, *November, Troika* The Seasons, Op.37b, *July, Song of the Reaper*  
Valse-Scherzo in C Major, Op.34  
The Seasons, Op.37b, *June, Barcarolle*  
The Seasons, Op.37b, *December, Christmas*  
6 Morceaux, Op.19, *Nocturne in C-Sharp Minor*  
The Seasons, Op.37b, *September, The Hunt*

## Queensland Ballet Academy

**Choreographer** Paul Boyd  
**Costume Designer** Kathryn Lee

**Pre-Professional Program Dancers**  
Asher Flynn-Kann      Jorja Signitzer  
Brooke Tarry      Mia Pakse  
Eli Southurst      Moeki Kojima  
Grace Ye      Rubi Hawkins  
James Willis      Ruby Day  
Jazmin Townsend      Saya Hibino  
Jeannie Mok      Taya Barnard  
Jenson Blight      Telia Townsend  
Jessica McAll      Yasmin Ibrahim  
Lucia Minju-Song      Zara Ibrahim

Following successful collaborations with Queensland Youth Orchestras at the Old Museum Concert Hall in previous years, we were thrilled to present *Tchaikovsky Suite* together in 2024. Performed by our Pre-Professional Program dancers, it was such a pleasure to see the talent from both our Academy and QYO come together for this stunning season, enjoyed by lovers of dance and live music at the Talbot Theatre, Thomas Dixon Centre.

# Aspire '24

24 – 25 MAY 2024

TALBOT THEATRE, THOMAS DIXON CENTRE

## The Nutcracker\*

**Choreographer** Ben Stevenson OBE

**Music** Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

**Music Arranger** Nigel Gaynor

**Costume Designer** Noelene Hill

**Lighting Designer** Cameron Goerg

### \*Excerpts

Waltz of the Flowers

Pas de trois - Mirlitons

Arabian Pas de deux

Spanish Pas de deux

Russian - Gopak solo

Grand Pas de deux

Finale

## For my Friend

**Choreographer** Louise Deleur

**Music** MK & Dom Dolla and Zbigniew Preisner

**Lighting Designer** Cameron Goerg

**Costume Designer** Kathryn Lee

*Aspire '24* showcased the technical and artistic talent of our Pre-Professional Program dancers in a program encompassing contemporary and classical works and, for the first time, excerpts from Ben Stevenson OBE's *The Nutcracker*. Presented over two days at the Talbot Theatre, Thomas Dixon Centre, the purpose of *Aspire '24* is to celebrate the graduating students and provide them with a platform for professional performance.

## Bolero...912 seconds

**Choreographer** Paul Boyd

**Music** Maurice Ravel

**Lighting Designer** Cameron Goerg

**Costume Designer** Kathryn Lee

**Visual Specialist** Angharad Gladding

## Student Works

Each performance featured two works by the following dancers, alternating per performance:

Jenson Blight, Jazmin and Telia Townsend,  
Rubi Hawkins and James Willis, Maeve Rooney and  
Jorja Signitzer

Total box office income

**\$27,182**

Total attendance

**741**

Performances

**3**







Total box office income  
**\$44,004**

Total attendance  
**892**

Performances  
**4**

# Soirée

24 - 25 MAY 2024

TALBOT THEATRE, THOMAS DIXON CENTRE

## Drift

**Choreographer** Louise Deleur

**Composers** Ezio Bosso and Brendan

Joyce **Performed by** Contemporary Course

**Costume Designer collaboration by** Kathryn Lee  
and Louise Deleur

**Artwork by** William Robinson AO

*Creation Landscape - Earth and Sea*

*Dark tide Boganar*

*Starry night*

*Study for Creation Landscape, Darkness and Light*

## Aventures d'une sieste l'après-midi (Adventures of an Afternoon Nap)

**Choreographer** Paul Boyd

**Composers** Maurice Ravel

**Assistant to the Choreographer** Claire Phipps-Males

**Costume Stylist** Kathryn Lee

**Performed by** Level 1 Ballet Course\*

**Artwork by** William Robinson AO

*Feeding the birds*

*Unanimous self portrait*

*Bastille*

*Pont des Arts*

*Le Louvre*

## The Dome of Space and Time

**Choreographer** Natalie Weir

**Composers** Franz Schubert, Johann Sebastian  
Bach, Sergei Rachmaninoff, Ludwig van Beethoven,  
Alexander Scriabin and Nigel Gaynor

**Costume Designer** Kathryn Lee

**Performed by** Pre-Professional Program\* (\*Also  
featuring Level 1 and Level 3)

**Artwork by** William Robinson AO

*Creation Landscape - Dome of Space and Time*

*Farmyard 21 (Heading off)*

*Out of the dawn*

*Veranda after Piero*

*Shaded garden & morning coffee*

*Self portrait with goosefeathers*

*Creation Landscape - The Ancient Trees*

*Self Portrait with panama and Shells*

## Catharsis

**Choreographed and performed by** Jeannie Mok  
(Pre-Professional Program)

**Composers** Johann Sebastian Bach

**Artwork by** William Robinson AO

*Passing Storm*

*late afternoon*

*Beechmont ('mountain' series)*

## 水鏡 (suikyō)

**Choreographed and performed by** Saya Hibino and  
Moeki Kojima (Pre-Professional Program)

**Composers** Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky

**Artwork by** William Robinson AO

*Creation Night*

*Beechmont (study)*

**Lighting Design by** Glenn Hughes.



# Community, Education and Health Highlights

**52,322**  
total participants

**7,985**  
dance health participants

**97%**  
satisfaction rating

**40**  
regional locations





# Community Health Institute

## Community, Education, Dance and Performance Health

- In late 2023, Queensland Ballet was granted \$750,000 in funding from Queensland Health to sustain the delivery of a range of Dance Health programs over three years, including:
  - Dance for Parkinsons
  - Ballet for Brain Injury
  - Dance for Arthritis
  - Dance Rehab (modified in hospital classes)
  - Ballet Serene (modified classes in aged care)
- Community, Education and Dance Health Regional Touring programs reached 6,615 participants across 40 regional and remote communities.
- In 2024, we had the pleasure of working and collaborating with elite sports organisations, including Diving Australia and Queensland Academy of Sport, to tailor ballet programs that assist their athletes' training and performance.



- Our highly successful online Dance for Arthritis class program (in partnership with Arthritis Queensland) continued, with approximately 180 participants joining weekly classes online from their own homes around Queensland. A new research project in partnership with the University of Queensland commenced in late 2024, which will examine participants outcome measures across mobility and function, pain levels, confidence and wellbeing, during and after the Dance for Arthritis program.
- Our Education Team developed two new First Nations In-School Workshops in collaboration with incredible Teachers and Elders. This work enabled the development of free resources available to teachers, as well as professional development offering that empowers teachers with accessible and engaging strategies to spark students' connections to place and cultural identity.



- Our Performance Health team enabled peak performance of our 60 Company dancers and Academy Upper Level and Pre-Professional Program students, on stage and off, as well as treating and managing injuries to rehab dancers back to the stage.





# Accessibility

Across all Queensland Ballet productions at QPAC and the Thomas Dixon Centre in 2024, a total of 285 Companion Card seats were booked. This provision is for Companion Card holders to receive a complimentary ticket at no cost, where attending patrons have a need for attendant care support.

In 2024, Queensland Ballet offered audio-described performances for our seasons of *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *Coppélia*, and *The Nutcracker*, and we were pleased to welcome vision-impaired audiences to these special performances. Whilst awareness of this offering is low, the impact this inclusive offering has with patrons is profound.

*"Last Saturday, I had the wonderful experience of going to a Ballet at QPAC. It was the first time since my vision deteriorated badly.*

*Arranging QPAC's audio description availability by phone beforehand, a QPAC member fitted me out and showed me how to operate the system. I spoke with one of the audio describers, I was seen to my seat, and they made sure it was working well.*

*I have some vision still and could see shapes of blue moving on the stage. The audio description brought these shapes to life and informatively spoke of the story. I was blown away by the excitement in the describers voice; the scenery, props, gestures and costumes were described in detail. I was caught up in the performance.*

*The two audio describers - Jane and Joanne were volunteers from Vision Australia and I thank them so much for making the ballet so enjoyable. I will definitely go again."*

These insights continue to shape Queensland Ballet's audience engagement strategies, ensuring a dynamic and inclusive approach to growing and sustaining its community of ballet lovers.





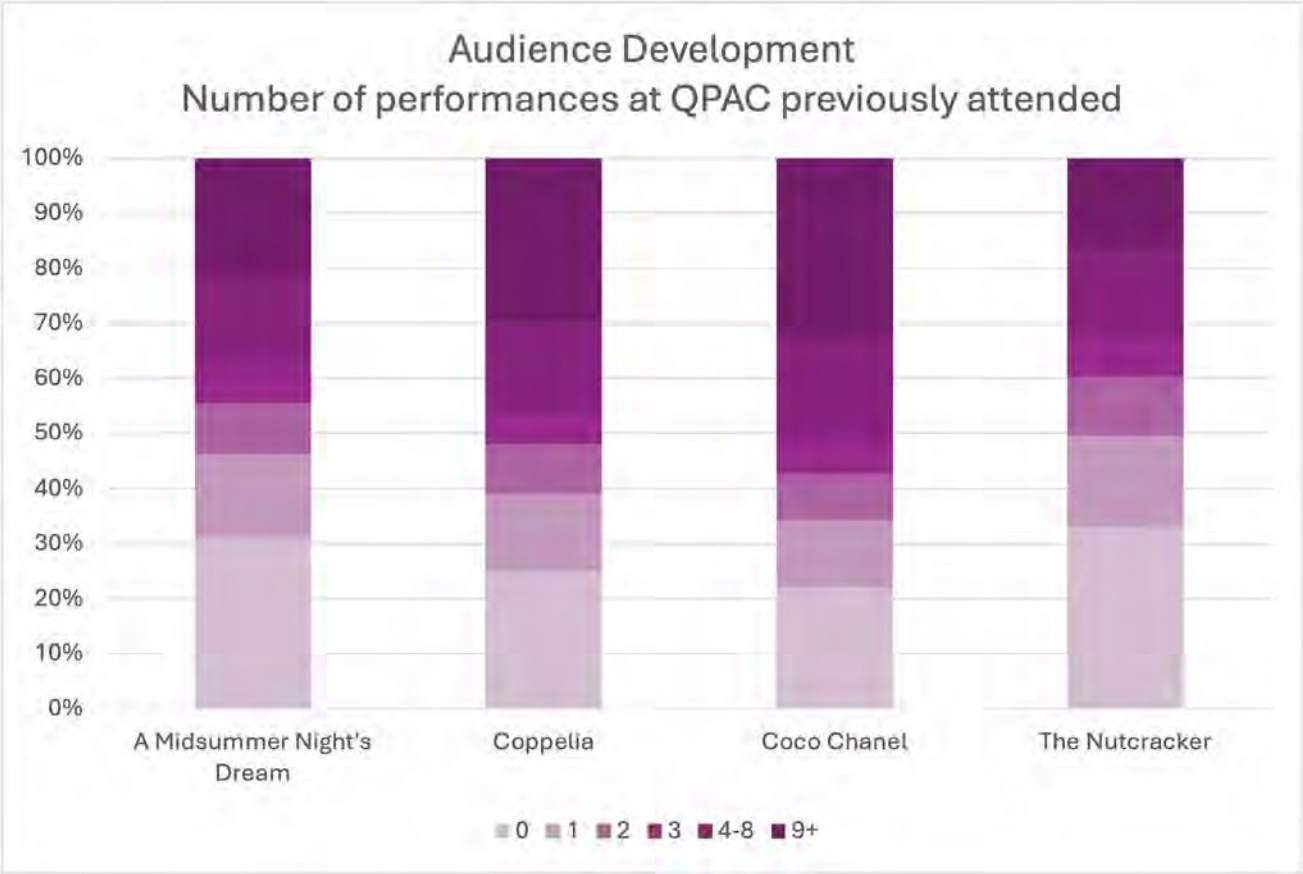
# Audience Insights

## Audience Development

Queensland Ballet's 2024 Season presented a diverse program that resonated with both new and returning audiences. Across all QPAC-venued productions, the company successfully attracted first-time attendees while deepening engagement with loyal patrons.

The season opened with *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, a production that proved highly popular, drawing a 31% new audience. *The Nutcracker* remained a festive favourite, welcoming 33% new attendees, reinforcing its role as an entry point for new audiences.

Queensland Ballet audiences are typically culturally active, with a strong representation from the Expression culture segment (Morris Hargreaves McIntyre). Expressions are enthusiastic 'yes' people, drawn to a wide range of cultural experiences that reflect their interests in learning, community, and nature. They value inclusivity and see culture as a means to connect with others and broaden their horizons.



From a socio-demographic perspective, audiences for each production shared common traits, with strong representation from four key Mosaic profiles:

**A First-Class Life** – Affluent, experience-driven individuals with a passion for arts and culture.

**Family Fringes** – Suburban families balancing cultural engagement with family life.

**Traditional Pursuits** – Older audiences who appreciate heritage, tradition, and high-quality cultural experiences.

**Mature Freedom** – Active retirees who enjoy travel, leisure, and lifelong learning.

# Digital Marketing Engagement

## QUEENSLAND BALLET

	Facebook	Instagram	LinkedIn	YouTube
2023	93,394	55,704	5,635	7,523
2024	94,181	63,341	6,767	8,273
+/-%	+0.84%	+13.71%	+20.09%	+9.97%

## QUEENSLAND BALLET ACADEMY

	Facebook	Instagram
2023	5,955	8,827
2024	6,627	9,993
+/-%	+11.28%	+13.21%

## THOMAS DIXON CENTRE

	Facebook	Instagram	LinkedIn
2023	743	1,555	851
2024	985	2,441	1,144
+/-%	+32.57%	+56.98%	+34.43%

# Publicity

In 2024, Queensland Ballet continued to strengthen its media presence and public profile, achieving steady growth across key communications metrics. Between 1 January and 17 December, Queensland Ballet was mentioned in 4,280 media stories, representing a 5% increase from the previous year. The total potential news reach expanded to 1.4 billion, a 25% increase, reflecting strong national and international visibility for the Company's activities and initiatives.

Media sentiment remained largely positive, with 84% of coverage classified as positive in tone, underscoring continued audience and media support. Queensland Ballet's strongest media coverage aligned with key productions and announcements, with June and October emerging as high engagement periods.

Coverage spanned a wide range of platforms, including broadcast, print, online, and social media. Top-tier media outlets such as ABC Brisbane, The Courier-Mail, Nine Brisbane, and Dance Australia featured Queensland Ballet throughout the year. In terms of reach, significant amplification came from ABC Online, MSN.com, The Sydney Morning Herald, and Daily Mail, contributing to strong national and global editorial exposure.

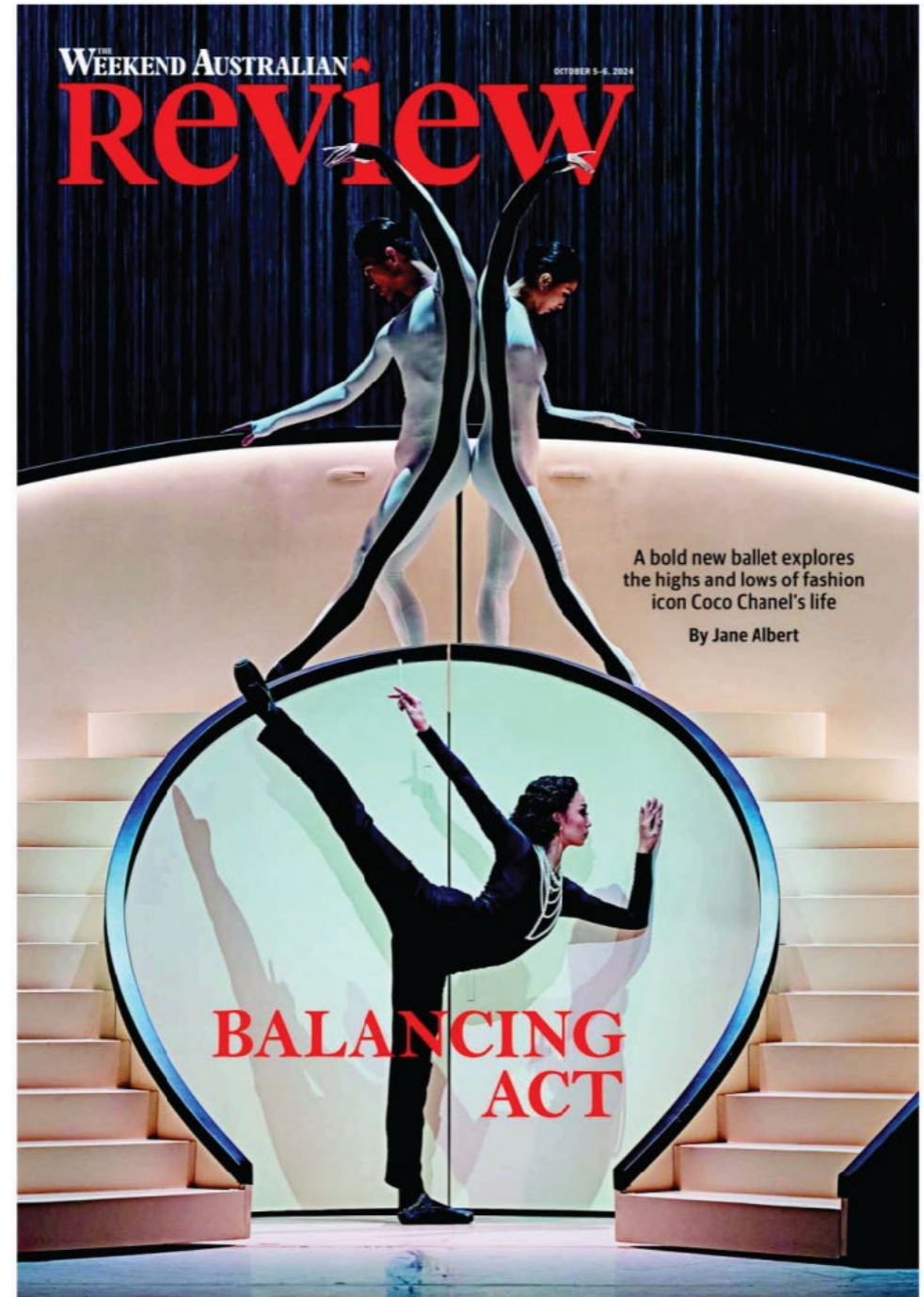
Queensland Ballet Academy also featured prominently in earned media coverage across all formats, reinforcing the Academy's strategic role in nurturing the next generation of dance talent and its growing profile within the education and cultural sectors.

The Company was frequently mentioned alongside major national organisations such as the Brisbane Lions, Qantas, and Cricket Australia, positioning Queensland Ballet within broader cultural and social conversations.

The estimated advertising value equivalent (AVE) of Queensland Ballet's earned media was USD \$13.2 million, with online and print media comprising the majority of this value. This outcome reflects the cost-effective impact of the Company's media strategy in delivering high-quality exposure.

Platform-level analysis showed that traditional media and social channels continued to serve as effective communication tools, with news media, Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, and broadcast media accounting for the largest share of coverage.

Queensland Ballet's media and communications activity in 2024 supported broader organisational goals, including audience development, community engagement, and brand leadership. Through strategic storytelling and targeted media engagement, the Company reinforced its position as a leading cultural institution in Queensland and a respected voice within the Australian arts landscape.





# Thomas Dixon Centre Highlights

- In 2024 we saw 18% growth in unique external hirers, compared to 2023.
- Thanks to the TDC Access Program, generously supported by Arts Queensland, we have enabled 14 Queensland based arts companies subsidised venue hire.
- Queensland Ballet has become the first arts company in the world to achieve the highest, Platinum level certification awarded by the International WELL Building Institute for the Thomas Dixon Centre.
- We continued supporting the local community group, Kurilpa Futures, in their finalisation of the Montague Road Project. The project is a community- led vision for the Montague Road, informing the BCC Montague Transport study and supporting the development of the suburb in collaboration with the community.
- We installed a kids' corner in the public foyer of the Thomas Dixon Centre, providing a safe and engaging play space for our youngest visitors.
- We launched regular Auslan guided tours.
- Thomas Dixon Centre has become a southside hub for the Brisbane Open House Festival, during which we collaborated with a local artist group, Brisbane Urban Sketchers (enabling a public exhibition of their works) and John Paul College (enabling their ensembles performances).

## 2024 Snapshot

Ticketed guests

36,477

Dance class participants

40,442

Children's workshop participants

492

Dance sector venue bookers

38

TOTAL VISITORS

71,694



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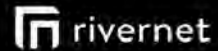
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Darcy Boyd  
David Power  
James Barton (since September)  
Jillian Vanstone  
Laura Hidalgo Andia  
Lillian Condon  
Mary Li  
Matthew Lawrence  
Nathaniel Griffiths (May to October)  
Nigel Gaynor  
Roger Longjie Cui  
Yuko Yoshioka (since April)

## BALLET ARTISTS

Alexander Idaszak  
Alfie Shacklock (since December)  
Alisa Pukkinen  
Alison McWhinney (since July)  
Amber Mitchell-Knight  
Ari Thompson  
Briana McAllen  
Bronte Kielly-Coleman  
Brooke Ray  
Callum Mackie  
Chiara Gonzalez  
Clayton Forsyth  
D'Arcy Brazier  
Dylan Lackey  
Edison Manuel  
Eliza Wenham  
Frederick Montgomery  
Georgia Swan  
Heidi Freeman  
Indi Drew (August to December)  
Ines Hargreaves  
Isabella Swietlicki  
Ivan Surodeev  
Jessica Stratton-Smith  
Joel Woellner (to June)  
Joshua Ostermann  
Kaho Kato  
Kayla Van Den Bogert  
Kohei Iwamoto  
Laura Tosar Romero  
Leisel Rose  
Lewis Formby

Liam Geck (to April)  
Libby-Rose Niederer  
Lina Kim-Wheatstone  
Luca Armstrong  
Lucy Green  
Luke DiMattina  
Mehmet Comlekci  
Neneka Yoshida  
Paige Rochester  
Patricio Revé  
Renee Freeman  
Rian Thompson  
Ruby Day (since November)  
Sean Ferenczi (since December)  
Shaun Curtis  
Sophie Scicluna  
Tara Robertson (April to August)  
Vanessa Morelli  
Vito Bernasconi  
Yanela Piñera

## 2024 JETTE PARKER YOUNG

### ARTISTS

Alyssa Park  
Annabelle McCoy  
Asher Flynn-Kann (June)  
Ashlee Basford  
Corina Poh  
Ethan Rmacovski  
Gina Lee  
Jack Jones  
James Willis (June)  
Jenson Blight (June to August)  
Joseph Moss  
Joshua Douglas  
Milana Gould  
Seth Marshall  
Taron Geyl

## COSTUME

Lauryn Jackson  
Aeron Malbasias (since November)  
Ai Shaw  
Amanda Newman  
Ana Draca Hilan  
Anna Ilic

Bethany Cordwell  
Chiahui Tseng  
Ella Lollback  
Elsbeth Cameron  
Erin Krosch  
Frances Pyper  
Isabelle Lacombe  
Katherine Lionheart  
Kathryn Lee  
Lieve Mulder (since June)  
Michael Green  
Noelene Hill  
Rebecca Firkins  
Sarah Parker  
Tim Corne (to May)  
Vicki Martin  
Zoe Griffiths

## ARTISTIC AND VENUE

### PRODUCING

Craig Cathcart  
Julia Lebiocka  
Mikaela Hollonds (to August)  
Rinae Bussell (since October)  
Zoe Joiner (since October)

## COMMUNITY AND

### EDUCATION

Zara Gomes  
Alexandra Champion (since August)  
Kath Cadd  
Laura Bailey (March to August)  
Lauren Sherlock  
Lily Spencer  
Mimi Van Buuren

## FACILITIES

Lucas Gilroy  
Kun Zhou  
Luke Rosso  
Megumi Peet  
Riley van der Werf  
Sheilagh Gaddes  
Stephen Grenfell  
William Wallace

## FINANCE AND OPERATIONS

Geoff Walshaw (to July)  
Paula Perkins (since October)  
Joanne Eager (to May)  
Marijke Linda Van Klinken (since September)  
Matthew Jeffrey (since November)  
Shwe McManus (March to July)  
Valentina Romero Silva (since July)  
Youcun Yan (to August)

## EXECUTIVE

Dilshani Weerasinghe  
Leanne Benjamin (to August)  
Gregory Horsman  
Angela Shadbolt  
Elise Azar  
Genevieve Ketabchi

## DEVELOPMENT

Rachael Walsh  
Adam Sleeman  
Amber Miller-Greenman (since April)  
Bridget O'Shannessy  
Catherine Leckenby  
Elizabeth Bowden  
Joseph Chapman (to April)  
Kate Usher (since September) Melissa  
Godwin (since July)  
Rose Gamble  
Tonia Looker  
Victoria Cella (since September)

## PEOPLE & CULTURE

Beverly Rehbock  
Jonathan Butler-White (to October)  
Madeleine Soroka  
Robert Wilson (since April)  
Sandra Deans (since November)

## BUSINESS SYSTEMS &

### TECHNOLOGY

Simon Rylance  
Marcin Kucfir

# Our People

## PERFORMANCE HEALTH

Catherine Neal  
Grace Williams (to September)  
Isabelle Kelly (since December)  
Melissa Tattam  
Michelle Istria (since July)  
Michelle White  
Olivia Quinn (since October)  
Renee Meffan  
Tony Lewis

## MARKETING & COMMUNICATIONS

Lisa Summer-Hayes  
Abbi Ryan (since November)  
Angharad Gladding  
Ashley Dunn  
Cassandra Houghton  
Cassia Duncan  
Hannah Muir  
Jakob Perrett  
Jessica Davies  
Marlo Grover  
Meryn Cooper  
Miranda Cass

## PRODUCTION

Shaun O'Rourke  
Benjamin Marcolin  
Cameron Goerg  
Donald Mackenzie  
Heather O'Rourke  
Matthew Allan  
Nicole Alexander (to November)  
Riley Silk  
Samuel Packer (since March)  
Scott Chiverton  
Shannon Tilley (since February)

## VISITOR EXPERIENCE

Danielle Turner  
Donna Fields-Brown  
Ishwor Gahatraj  
Jacqueline Douglas  
Kira Harris  
Pryce Pincott

## CASUAL TEACHING ARTISTS & DANCE HEALTH PIANISTS

Alisha Matthews  
Brooke Cassar  
Erica Jeffrey  
Feodora Zu Hohenlohe  
George Bokaris  
Hannah Hughes  
Heidi Craig  
Indika Williams  
Jamie Delmonte  
Joseph Stewart  
Leane Ungerer  
Maeve Rooney  
Meg Burstow  
Morgan Wanless  
Myra Turner  
Olivia Rooney  
Rubi Hawkins  
Sabine Zavari  
Sheriden Newman  
Sophie Kerr  
Tamara Zurvas  
Timothy Brown  
Tracey Carrodus  
Wing Cheung  
Zara Ibrahim

## SEASONAL STAFF AND COSTUME & PRODUCTION CASUALS

Aislynn Maczyszyn  
Andy Pudmenzky  
Ashleigh Bradfield  
Barbara Kerr  
Bella Wilkinson  
Ben Mills  
Blair Marks  
Brianna Stanton  
Byron Jackson  
Caleb Bartlett  
Cate Petersen  
Claire Browning  
Clay Mackenzie  
David Walters  
Declan Bell  
Douglas Carr  
Emma Richards  
Gabriel Richter  
Georgia Pitt  
Hasen Degebrodt  
Hayley Woodward  
Jack Menzies  
James See  
Jason McCabe  
Jason Paige  
Karen Blinco  
Karina Parks  
Kate Monroe  
Katrina Hearn  
Kevin Stallan  
Kristen Matthews  
Lauren Sallaway  
Matthew Milne  
Matthew Skerman  
Michelle Potts  
Milan Draca  
Nathaniel Knight  
Rebecca Hubbard  
Rebekah Ellis  
Rhiannon Booth  
Ryan Vardy  
Sam Gehrke  
Serena Fisher

Simon Hardy  
Stella Harris  
Steven Francis  
Timothy Gawne  
Ting Yan Hau  
Tobias Trstenjak  
Wilson Hodges  
Winter Chapman  
Yasmin Rich

## VISITOR EXPERIENCE CASUALS

Amy Schultz  
Courtney Adams  
Darcy Jackson  
David O'Neill  
Ella Gamble  
Emma Summerton  
Imogen Millhouse  
Jane Ristuccia-Mason  
Jennifer Williams  
Jenny Stanton  
Jordan Lennon  
Leonie Simpson  
Liam Johnson  
Luke Grenfell  
Meghan Shannon  
Molly Waters  
Sabrina Kucfir  
Samantha Turk  
Samuel Piper  
Tallulah Bennetton  
Tess Passmore  
Virginia Gray



# Photography Credits

- 01** Senior Soloist Chiara Gonzalez. Photo by David Kelly.
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- 14** Queensland Ballet Academy Gala. Photo by David Kelly.
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- 16** Company Artist Ines Hargreaves. Photo by David Kelly.
- 17** Shanghai Ballet dancers performing Derek Deane's The Lady of the Camellias.
- 18** Queensland Ballet Academy Artistic Director Christian Tatchev. Photo by Jakob Perrett.
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- 25** Community Workshop. Photo by Angharad Gladding.
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