

Now the Heart of Ballet is in Hampton Roads

After 11 years of offering elite ballet training to the Hampton Roads community, Ballet Virginia is proud to announce the debut of its very own professional ballet company. Get ready for exciting new repertoire this season, including “Diversity in Dance,” choreographed by Lydia Roberts Coco, former Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre Principal Dancer; “Masquerade,” a Halloween themed production; as well as your classic favorites like “The Nutcracker” and “Sleeping Beauty.”

Ballet Virginia didn’t take the road most traveled. Instead, they built a thriving ballet academy in the hands of dedicated teachers and allowed a professional company to grow from it, seed to flower. This matters because their students will be absolutely clear about what it takes to become a professional dancer, as they will live it every single day.

Not only will these ten full-time company members be bringing you great performances, but they will also be stepping in as teachers and choreographers as Ballet Virginia expands its academy to two locations.

“We’re excited to foster mentoring relationships between our students and our company members,” says Suzanna Lownsbury Co-Artistic Director. “Having these dancers living here in Hampton Roads will really give our students a window into the daily life of a professional dancer. And now our students will have a wonderful place to begin their professional careers when they are ready.”

Join Ballet Virginia as they leap to the next level! Now the heart of ballet is in Hampton Roads.

- Oct 25/26, 2019 “**Masquerade**” - University Theatre ODU
- Dec 18-22, 2019 “**The Nutcracker**” - Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, with live music by Symphonicity
- Feb 28/29, 2020 “**Diversity in Dance**” - Attucks Theatre
- April 4/5, 2020 “**Sleeping Beauty**” - Sandler Center for the Performing Arts, with live music by Symphonicity