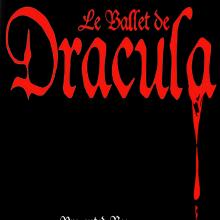
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#### FROM THE DIRECTOR...

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This is the 40th anniversary season of LakeCities Ballet Theatre, and I am honored to say that I was a dancer during the humble beginnings. I can honestly say the last 40 years have flown by, and I have been blessed to have met the most influential and wonderful people of my life through LBT! Looking back now, it is so clear that God brought (and continues to bring) together the right people to allow LBT to grow into the wonderful company it is today. There were many struggles, especially in the beginning, but I never felt alone because there were others who shared my same passion for dance and art. Together, we truly created our



opportunities that allowed us to bring classical ballet to our community and for our dancers. When we did not have costumes, we made them....when we did not have sets and props, we made them... when we wanted a new ballet, we choreographed it, and when we didn't have a theater, we performed in an old abandoned church!

I thought a fun way to celebrate the past 40 years would be to share a special memory with you at each performance this season. Let me start with the ballet in the old abandoned church.... You guessed it! It was our original ballet, Le Ballet de Dracula! Tom Rutherford and I enjoyed this collaboration immensely and while we were a little afraid deep down inside, we forged ahead with enthusiasm for this exciting new project and soon, we had many others who wanted to help make it a reality! People like Shanon Tate and Lindsay Coe, who assisted me with choreography when I was feeling overwhelmed. Nancy Loch and Heike Cullum took on the costume design and construction; Tom and a great group of volunteers made the sets and props; Kristin Langford was our original stage manager; and the list goes on! Our dedicated Board of Directors and so many volunteers made sure we had everything we needed! After 18 years, Our Le Ballet de Dracula has become more appreciated and enjoyed than we could have ever imagined. Amazing people continue to help us, like Alina Khoo from AK Dancewear who has created and constructed all new Bride costumes for us this year! With 18 years of wear and tear, our old costumes were definitely ready to be retired. Thank you so much, Alina! And thank you to EVERYONE who has given so much of themselves to create these wonderful opportunities for our dancers and our community! We have changed lives for the better, and that is really something to celebrate!

Have a Fang-tastic time! Kelly Lannin





#### KELLY LANNIN / ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Kelly Kilburn Lannin is celebrating her fortieth season with LakeCities Ballet Theatre! Originally from El Paso, Texas, Lannin received her classical training at Ballet El Paso from Director, Ingeborg Heuser. In 1983, she earned her bachelor's degree in dance from Texas Woman's University in Denton, Texas performing with Dance Repertory Theater, DRT Touring Ensemble, and other area companies. In 1984, she married Ken Lannin and moved to Lewisville. At that time, Lannin began her association with the LakeCities Ballet Theatre as a charter member, dancer, choreographer and teacher and was very excited

to share her passion, knowledge and experience with her new community. In 1989, she assumed the position of Artistic Director and her dedication, high standards and artistic integrity have allowed the company to emerge as one of the leading regional companies in the Metroplex. She successfully choreographed Lewisville's very own production of The Nutcracker, as well as directed LBT productions of The Sleeping Beauty, Giselle, Coppélia, Cinderella and others. Lannin has created over 50 original works for LBT to include Dracula, Carmina Burana, Chance Dance, No Boundaries, Valse, Caprice as well as ballets in collaboration with the Lewisville Lake Symphony including Peter and the Wolf, A Soldier's Tale, Creation of the World and A Night in Old Vienna. Her choreography of Lacrimosa performed by Steven Loch, was selected to be performed at the Youth America Grand Prix "Stars of Today Meet Stars of Tomorrow" Gala and the Miami International Ballet Festival, In 1990, Lannin founded the Ballet Conservatory along with Mary Neel and the school has become a highly respected institution noted for training and grooming dancers who are regularly accepted to prestigious ballet schools and universities in the United States, Canada and Europe, Lannin was commended in 1998 by the Honorable Bobby Mitchell for her dedication to the Arts Community, recognized by the Greater Lewisville Arts Alliance with an "Angel Award" (1994) and was the first recipient of their "Community Angel Award" (2002). She has been honored four times with the "Outstanding Teacher Award" by the Youth America Grand Prix organization, is an honorary board member of the Lewisville Lake Symphony, and completed a threeyear term on the board of the Dance Council of North Texas. She was honored to serve on the dance panel of Texas Commission on the Arts, Mrs. Lannin is most grateful for her supportive husband of 39 years, and her wonderful daughter, Kendall, son-in-law Kevin, who are such blessings to her!



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#### NANCY LOCH / ARTISTIC ADVISOR

Nancy Loch has worked with LBT since 1992. She is originally from Philadelphia where she trained at the American Academy of Ballet, the Pennsylvania Academy of Ballet with John White, and was a principal dancer with the Devon Festival of Ballet. She also studied in New York with Finus Jhung and at ABT, attended the National Academy of Arts in Champagne, Illinois, and trained with Hubbard Street and Gus Giordano in Chicago. Following a severe back injury, Mrs. Loch graduated with honors from the University of South Florida in Tampa with a BA in Finance and a minor in Ballet. There she was a member of the University's Dance Foundation Board. Afterwards,

she was president of the Classical Ballet Society of Tampa for six years helping young dancers pursue their training at professional programs across the United States. She has taught ballet and jazz for more than forty years in Philadelphia, Chicago, Florida, and Texas and has been teaching at The Ballet Conservatory since it opened in 1990. Having served LBT in many capacities over the years, Mrs. Loch is currently the Assistant Director. She is also the company photographer and helps design and construct tutus. Mrs. Loch and her husband, Jeff, live in Corinth and are celebrating their thirty-sixth anniversary. They have three wonderful adult sons, Andrew, Steven, and Daniel. Their oldest son, Andrew, was married in October 2018 to Morgan Dill, which included Morgan's precious now nine-year-old daughter, Olivia! Their son Steven, is a Principal Dancer with Miami City Ballet. Youngest son, Daniel and wife Hannah, have 2 daughters: Lulu is a few months from being two, and they recently welcomed Bethany this past July! This is Mrs. Loch's 33rd year teaching at Ballet Conservatory, and 32nd working for LBT!



#### IANET WATERS / LBT ASSISTANT DIRECTOR

Janet Waters began her classical training in Lubbock at the Eugene Bandzevicius Ballet Center. During her studies in Lubbock, she had the opportunity to study with the well-known George Zoritch and performed many works he staged including Bluebird Pas de Deux, Aurora's Variation, Grisi in Pas de Quatre, and Soloist in Les Sylphides. Mrs. Waters then attended Texas Tech University majoring in dance. During this time, she also performed with the Conservatory of Classical Ballet Company. Mrs. Waters danced 16 seasons with LakeCities

Ballet Theatre and has enjoyed many roles including Snow Queen, Dew Drop, Bluebird Pas de Deux, Lilac Fairy, Cerrito in Pas de Quatre, Myrta in Giselle, Spring Waters and others. Mrs. Waters resides in Double Oak with her husband, Tim. Janet is celebrating her 32nd year at Ballet Conservatory where she teaches all levels of ballet and beginning Jazz to the younger students. They are proud of their three lovely adult children, Asia, Jacob, & Caleb. She is enjoying her 35th season with LBT!











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#### SARAH ROSENZWEIG / LBT2 ARTISTIC DIRECTOR

Sarah began dancing at Ballet Conservatory under the direction of Kelly Lannin and Janet Waters. She was privileged to dance with LakeCities Ballet Theatre from 2002-2007 and performed various roles in *The Nutcracker*, "Dawn" in *Coppélia*, and was "Aurelia" in LBT's first production of *Dracula*. Sarah received her BFA in Ballet Performance and Teaching from the University of Utah in 2011 and graduated on full scholarship as a member of the Ballet Program's Performing Company, "Utah Ballet". She was a member of the University's Character Dance Ensemble and performed in Tokyo, Japan and Athens.

Greece. Upon graduation, Sarah danced at Walt Disney World Resort in Orlando, FL as a Character Performer and Dancer, and appeared in many parades and shows. After leaving Disney World in 2012, she returned to Salt Lake, she was honored to dance in the Mormon Tabernacle Choir's Christmas Concert, whose guest performance artists included David Archuleta, Natalie Cole, Laura Osnes, and Rolando Villazon. She also taught Ballet, Pointe, Tap, and Jazz at various studios. She is thrilled to be back in Texas with her husband, Max and their beautiful children, Asher and Evelyn. Sarah retired from dancing with the company and has joined LBT as the Artistic Director of LBT2.

#### SHANNON BEACHAM / LBT ARTISTIC STAFF AND ADULT MEMBER / PRINCIPAL DANCER - DRACULA

Shannon's training began under the tutelage of Brent & Judy Klopfenstein, Artistic Directors of the Dallas Ballet Center in Dallas, Texas. Shannon fell in love with classical ballet. After graduation, he was asked to guest with Fort Worth Dallas Ballet, now called Texas Ballet Theater, and shortly thereafter joined as a company member. While with the company, Shannon worked with world renowned choreographers and artistic staff including Bruce Marks of Boston Ballet, Bruce Simpson of Louisville Ballet, Stanton Welch of Houton Ballet,



and Ben Stevenson O.B.E., current Artistic Director of Texas Ballet Theater. Shannon has performed in many ballets including Balenchine's Four Temperaments, Serenade, and Slaughter on Tenth Avenue; Stanton Welch's Fingerprints, and Ben Stevenson's Peer Gynt, Dracula, and Coppélia. After his tenure with Texas Ballet Theater, he joined Bruce Wood Dance. Shannon is a principal guest artist and has other credits including South African Ballet Theatre, Pittsburgh Ballet Theater, and Ballet Metropolitan Classique. He is a company member with LBT and most enjoys performing the title role of Dracula. Critics noted: "...Beacham fully commits to his role as Dracula," and "...displays his strength by consistently lifting Johnson (his partner) over his head with ease." Shannon has been a part of LBT's artistic staff and Ballet Conservatory for 11 years. He has been involved in dance for more than 20 years, with over 17 years of teaching experience and an education from Texas Christian University. Shannon loves spending time with family including his children, Josiah, Hanniah, Epiphany, Marvel, and Octavius.

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#### ERIC GLENN / ARTISTIC STAFF

Eric Glenn was born and raised in Houston, Texas, which is where he first found his passion for dance. He started his training with Dina Vail and then went on to Houston Ballet Academy. Eric danced on full scholarship, where he had the opportunity to work with Ben Stevenson, Claudio Munoz, Priscilla Murphy, and Clara Cravey. He received training from Uptown Dance Centre, working under Beth Gulledge Brown and Keith Cross. Eric graduated in 2007 from the High School for the Performing and Visual Arts, where he trained with Luanne Carter and Janie Carothers. After high school,

Eric attended the University of Oklahoma with a Bachelors of Fine Arts. While at OU, Eric received training from the entire dance faculty with guest artists like Helen Star, Violette Verdy, Howard Sayette, and others. Eric has had the pleasure to perform in ballets choreographed by Bronislava Nijinska, Miguel Terekhov, Ben Stevenson, Bruce Wells, Mary Margaret Holt, Steve Brule, and Alun Jones. In addition, Eric was exposed to contemporary works choreographed by Robert Battle, Alvin Ailey, Darrel Grand Moultrie, Fritz Ludin, Derrick Minter, and Austin Hartel. After college Eric started his dance career with Nevada Ballet Theatre and then went off to dance with Idaho Dance Theatre. Eric has also danced for Oklahoma Festival Ballet, Contemporary Dance Oklahoma, Off Centre Dance, Ballet Idaho, Osage Ballet, Kingwood Dance Theatre, Uptown Dance Center, and The Dance Centre of Elizabethtown. Eric has also joined LakeCities Ballet Theatre as an adult member, and will be on stage and also dancing the Pas de Trois this weekend in *Dracula*.



#### KRISTIN LANGFORD / PRODUCTION MANAGER

Kristin Langford is thrilled to be back joining the production staff for LakeCities Ballet Theatre. She joined LakeCities Ballet Theatre as a charter member of the company. After high school graduation, she attended Texas Christian University where she graduated cum laude with degrees in ballet and math. She joined the Ballet Conservatory staff teaching ballet and modern after graduating from TCU and rejoined LakeCities Ballet Theatre. After Kristin retired from performing she joined the production staff as the stage

manager where she served backstage for 15 years. Kristin and her husband Jay live in Frisco, TX where they raised their three boys.



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#### RACHAEL POOLE CLARK / STAGE MANAGER

Rachael Clark began dancing at The Ballet Conservatory at the age of eight years old where she studied ballet, tap, jazz, modern and pointe, as well as attending a summer intensive in New York City at the Broadway Young Dancers Program. After high school graduation, she attended the University of North Texas and was a member of the North Texas Dancers for three years. While at North Texas, Mrs. Clark competed in several collegiate competitions including ADTS Nationals, winning the title of National Champions in the Division I Open Category in 2004. After graduating

from the University of North Texas with a B.S. in Merchandising and Business, Mrs. Clark continued to dance and perform for the Dallas Stars Ice Girls for five NHL seasons in 2007-2011. She enjoys sharing her passion with her students and as Director of Intensity Dance Company (IDC). She has won many awards for her choreography in the seven years she has worked with IDC. Mrs. Clark and her husband, Graham, are the proud parents of two precious little boys, Fisher and Ferris! She has been our Stage Manager for *Nutcracker*, *Nutty Nutcracker*, *Cinderella*, and added *Le Ballet de Dracula* to the list a few years ago! Backstage is in great hands this weekend!



#### KENDALL LANNIN THIE / PROPERTY MANAGER

Kendall Lannin was a student at Ballet Conservatory for fourteen years. At age ten, she discovered her love of musical theatre and became involved in local children's theater and continued into high school at Grapevine Faith Christian School where she received a Betty Buckley Award for her role in Godspell. Kendall went on to attend Oklahoma City University on full scholarship where she graduated cum laude with a degree in Voice from the Wanda Bass School of Music. Kendall teaches Tap and Musical Theater at Ballet Conservatory, Voice and Musical Theater at Lewisville Arts Conservatory and has choreographed and taught Musical Theatre Dance for Coppell High School. In

addition to performing onstage in LBT's *The Nutcracker*, she enjoys directing the LBT Snow Choir and has been stage manager for LBT and Ballet Conservatory productions. Kendall and her husband, Kevin Thie, recently celebrated their 1st anniversary by loading out at the warehouse for *Dracula* this year! Kevin has obviously already become an invaluable member of our LakeCities Ballet Theatre family helping in each production where needed.

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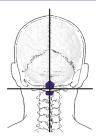
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The evolution of LakeCities Ballet Theatre, a not-for-profit organization, has had many significant milestones during the past 39 years. First chartered as the Lewisville Dance Ensemble in 1984, the company's purpose was to provide a performing outlet for local dancers and dance students. During the 1989-90 season, charter member Kelly Kilburn Lannin assumed the position of Artistic Director and dedicated herself to taking the company to a professional level that would, in turn, bring recognition to the community through the arts. To celebrate the growth of the organization from a small ensemble to a ballet company, the company name was changed to LakeCities Ballet Theatre and now encompasses dancers and audiences from Lewisville, Flower Mound, Highland Village, Lake Dallas, Denton, Coppell, and the surrounding areas. In 1991, LakeCities Ballet Theatre introduced its first major production of The Nutcracker, choreographed by Mrs. Lannin, and supported by an enthusiastic Board of Directors dedicated to bringing this new production to the stage. LBT's production of The Nutcracker was quickly recognized as a star in the local arts community by the Greater Lewisville Arts Alliance and the City of Lewisville. In 1992, Mrs. Lannin collaborated with Maestro Adron Ming to incorporate the Lewisville Lake Symphony, making LBT's production the first regional company in the metroplex to boast a live, professional orchestra! Mrs. Lannin was also instrumental in bringing world-class guest artists to Lewisville. Before long, this small company, made primarily of student dancers, began to attract favorable notice from not only area dance critics, but also from international guest artists such as Damian Woetzel, Wendy Whelan, Jennifer Ringer, Daniel Ulbricht and Miranda Weese from New York City Ballet, and Julie Kent, José Manuel Carreño, Paloma Herrera, Marcelo Gomes, Sascha Radetsky, and Sarah Lane from American Ballet Theatre. Soon to follow were other performances by the company including The Sleeping Beauty, A Soldier's Tale, Cinderella, Coppélia, Giselle, Swan Lake, Peter and the Wolf, and beginning in 2006 an original production of Le Ballet de Dracula. Mrs. Lannin also encouraged the Board of Directors to bring master teachers and guest choreographers to enhance the training of LBT dancers. LBT dancers have gone on to dance professionally and to receive major accolades and awards because of the training and performing experience they received as members of LakeCities Ballet Theatre. The company has grown in both reputation and stature in the North Texas area and continues to develop today due to the commitment of our dancers and parents, the devotion of our Artistic Staff, the hard work of our Board of Directors, the support of both our Guild and the City of Lewisville, and the persistence and vision of our Artistic Director, Kelly Kilburn Lannin.





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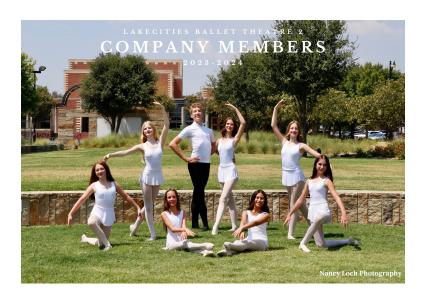
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#### The History of Lake Cilies Ballet Theatre 2

In 2002, LBT2 was formed as a younger branch of LakeCities Ballet Theatre for the sole purpose of extending the same wonderful performance and training opportunities to a younger, serious group of dancers. The success of LBT2's formative years is attributed to its founding Director and LBT Alumna, Lindsay Coe, who set a high standard for these younger artists. Shanon Tate took over as Director in 2007 and was instrumental in maintaining the cohesiveness and high artistic standards during the past fifteen years. The tradition of excellence in preparing younger ballet students to excel in the art continues this year with Mrs. Sarah Solomon Rosenzweig. Dance education and performance opportunities are abundant in LBT2 as the company performs in LakeCities Ballet Theatre's three largest productions each season including Dracula, The Nutcracker and in their annual spring concert. LBT2 also competes in the Youth America Grand Prix competition and at local events, such The City of Lewisville's Western Days and in Dallas' Dance Planet Festivals. In 2004, 2009, 2012 and 2020 LBT2 was invited to perform in the International Finals of the Youth America Grand Prix competition and in 2010 and 2019 helped LBT receive the thirdplace ensemble award also at the Youth America Grand Prix competition. LBT2 continually strives to enhance our dancers' education while inspiring their passion and artistry. LBT2 is very proud to begin their 21st season with a renewed passion and strength led by Ms. Rose!





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#### SHANNON BEACHAM/Artistic Staff - Dracula

Shannon spent many evenings watching a boy's creative movement class while his sister took ballet. He moved from spectator to participant at the age of ten, into the world of dance. His training began under the tutelage of Brent & Judy Klopfenstein, Artistic Directors of the Dallas Ballet Center in Dallas, Texas. Shannon fell in love with classical ballet. After graduation, he was asked to guest with the then named Fort Worth Dallas Ballet, now called Texas Ballet Theater, and shortly thereafter joined as a company member. While with the company, Shannon worked with many world renowned choreographers and artistic staff



including Bruce Marks of Boston Ballet, Bruce Simpson of Louisville Ballet, Staton Welch of Houston Ballet, and Ben Stevenson O.B.E., current Artistic Director of Texas Ballet Theater. During Shannon's professional career he has performed in many ballets including Balenchine's Four Temperaments, Serenade, and Slaughter on Tenth Avenue; Stanton Welch's Fingerprints, and Ben Stevenson's Peer Gynt, Dracula, and Coppélia. After his tenure with Texas Ballet Theater, Shannon joined the famed neoclassical modern ballet troupe, Bruce Wood Dance, and toured in various cities across America. Shannon is a principal guest artist and has several other credits which include South African Ballet Theatre, Pittsburgh Ballet Theater, and Ballet Metropolitan Classique. He is a full-time company member with LakeCities Ballet Theatre and most enjoys performing the title role of Dracula. Critics noted: "...Beacham fully commits to his role as Dracula," and "...displays his strength by consistently lifting Johnson (his partner) over his head with ease." Shannon is also very excited about his appointment ten years ago as a member of the artistic staff at LakeCities Ballet Theatre and at the Ballet Conservatory. Shannon has been involved in dance for more than twenty years, with over 17 years of teaching experience and an education from Texas Christian University. Shannon loves spending time with family including his children, Josiah, Hanniah, Epiphany, Marvel, and Octavius.





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#### **IACOB SEBASTIAN - Marius**

Jacob received his training at Margo Dean's School of Ballet and is currently a company member of Ballet Concerto, under the direction of Margo and Webster Dean. He also trained with the Joffrey Ballet School in New York City, the Orlando Ballet School, and Texas Ballet Theater. He has performed with Ballet Austin and has appeared as a guest artist in various performances around the DFW area. He is eternally grateful to Mrs. Lannin for the opportunity, and Mr. Beacham for the recommendation. Jacob is elated to be reprising his role performing as Marius in *Dracula's* 18th production and is honored to be a part of this wonderful tradition in the



Lewisville arts community. He is extremely impressed with the professionalism and dedication of the staff and students alike here at LakeCities Ballet Theater. We are so proud to welcome Jacob back to the theatre this weekend as Marius.





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#### **SCARLETT KEITH - Aurelia**

Scarlett Keith is the 17-year-old daughter of Lucy and Jim Keith, is in her 13th year of dance at Ballet Conservatory where she trains in ballet, modern/contemporary, and jazz. She is a senior student at Flower Mound High School. Scarlett has attended summer intensive at The Ballet Conservatory for seven years and was accepted into Miami City Ballet's summer intensive in 2020. In the following summers Scarlett attended Boston Ballet's intensive in 2021 and again in 2023, as well as Ellison Ballet's summer intensive in 2022. Scarlett competed the classical solos Awakening of Flora and Giselle in the Youth America Grand Prix Competitions in 2022 and 2023, and she was

honored to place Top 24 both years. She most recently competed her contemporary solo, Lost in the Youth America Grand Prix Competition and placed in the Top 12, receiving an invitation to attend The Rock School of Ballet's summer intensive. She has performed numerous ballets with LakeCities Ballet Theatre including roles as a Winter Fairy Attendant and The Fall Fairy in *Cinderella*; a Village Child in *Giselle*; and Scottish Doll and Mazurka in *Coppélia*. In the 2023 Spring Shows, Scarlett performed in *La Bayadère* and *Swan Lake*. This weekend, Scarlett is thrilled to be reprising her role as Aurelia in *Le Ballet de Dracula*.



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Voted Best of Denton County 13 Years! Jillian Captain is the daughter of Craig and Tracy Captain. She is 17 years old and is currently a senior at Flower Mound High School where she has been active in honors classes, American Sign Language honor society, Young Life, circle of friends and Student Council. Jillian has been dancing for 15 years at The Ballet Conservatory beginning at age 2. Over the years she has studied classical ballet, modern, jazz, tap, hip hop, and contemporary. She was a member of Intensity Dance Company (IDC) for 3 years where she competed as a soloist in both jazz and contemporary. She was a member of LBT2 for one year and has been a member of LakeCities Ballet Theatre (LBT) for 5



years. This past summer she studied at Boston Ballet as part of their 2023 summer dance program and has also studied at Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet (CPYB) in Carlisle, Pennsylvania as part of their 2022 summer intensives. She has also been accepted and was invited to attend summer intensives for Colorado Ballet and Ballet Austin. Jillian has competed in several classical ballet variations and contemporary solos as well as ensembles at Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) and Universal Ballet Competition (UBC). She has performed in several other ballets with LakeCities Ballet Theatre including her past performances as: Spring Fairy Attendant, Guest of the Ball and Midnight Waltz in *Cinderella*, Festival of The Bell Attendant in *Coppélia*, Kingdom of the Shades from *La Bayadère* and as a swan in Act 2 of *Swan Lake*. Jillian's past roles in *Le Ballet De Dracula* have included Weola, Romanian, Gypsy, friend of Aurelia and Bride. This year, she is thrilled to perform as a gypsy, Marcela (Friday evening) and as a Bride in Saturday's matinee and evening performances.



Jillian Captain as "Marcela"

Scarlett Keith as "Aurelia"

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LILYANA CATELLIER- Marcela - Saturday Performances

Lilyana is the daughter of Aaron and Dominique Catellier. Lilyana is 16 years old, homeschooled, and in 11th grade. She has been dancing for fourteen years. This is her ninth year at Ballet Conservatory where she studies ballet, jazz, and modern. Lilyana has competed at Youth America Grand Prix in ensembles, classical solos, and contemporary solos. She was awarded Top 24 of the Junior Classical Division for 2 years in a row, and has received invitations by YAGP judges to attend Colorado Ballet Academy and Ballet West for summer intensives. Lilyana attended Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet for their 5-week summer intensive this past summer. Lilvana has been in LakeCities



Ballet Theatre's *Coppélia, Cinderella, Swan Lake*, and *Nutcracker* performances. In *Le Ballet de Dracula*, Lilyana has had the pleasure of being a Weola, Romanian, Friend of Aurelia, and Bride. Lilyana will be dancing the role of Marcela in Saturday's performance of LakeCities Ballet Theatre's *Dracula*.



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## Welcome to Le Ballet De Dracula SHANNON BEACHAM AS "DRACULA"



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#### HISTORY

Dracula had been in the hearts and minds of Kelly Kilburn Lannin and Tom Rutherford for many years, and in 2006 with the support of the LBT Board of Directors and the generous financial support of LBT's sponsors, their vision for a new, full-length ballet became a reality. With Tom's imaginative tale and his wonderful creative art genius, coupled with Kelly's spectacular choreography and dramatic musical selections, we know you will enjoy the 18th production of...

Le Ballet de Dracula

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#### SYNOPSIS

Long before Bram Stoker, there were tales of evil doings in the Castle Dracula. This is one of those tales...

Dracula was not always a vampire. As a young man, he was a prince who fell madly in love with Marcela, a princess from a nearby kingdom. Before long they decided to marry, but as the month of their wedding approached, Dracula was sent by his father to inspect the military forces in nearby Transylvania. That was the last anyone saw or heard from the Prince Dracula.

Years later, Dracula reappeared at the front gates of his father's castle and word spread quickly of his return. After seeing him, Marcela soon realized that he was not the same man who had left. He had become cold and cruel. Heartbroken, she returned home the following day. That night, Marcela awoke to see Dracula standing in the doorway of her bedroom. Without a word he sat by Marcela, placed his hands on her face and tilted her head back. Marcela felt the life flowing slowly from her body. Frightened, but still deeply in love, she allowed Dracula to drain her blood, making her a vampire. From that night forward they reigned with terror on those unfortunate souls who stepped inside the gates of Castle Dracula. Blood lust and evil had overtaken them. As time passed, they began to realize something deep inside them was missing, something forgotten. Out of a desire to fill this loneliness in his heart, Dracula lured young women to his castle. They were to be his brides.

Marcela, clinging to her own memory of Dracula, hated these women and the attention he gave them. The brides could not understand why they were rejected after sharing their lives and their blood with Dracula. They sensed the deep bond between Dracula and Marcela and thought that if she were gone, they could replace her and gain the master's favor.

So it went for hundreds of years... that is, until one night when Dracula returned to the castle with yet another beautiful bride, and everything changed....

## Le Ballet de Dracula A Ballet in Two Acts

#### Story by Tom Rutherford Choreography by Kelly Kilburn Lannin

Choreographed by Shanon Tate & Staged by Sarah Rosenzweig (Weolas & Dark Pas de Deux) Choreographed by Shannon Beacham (Pas de Trois) Music by Béla Bartók, George Enesco, Feeney, Nevi Jarvi, Kilar, Nordmann, Radulovick, Dimitri Shostakovich, Sibelius, Johann Strauss

#### Act I: A Small Transylvanian Village

Count Dracula: SHANNON BEACHAM

Aurelia: SCARLETT KEITH Marius: JACOB SEBASTIAN Ratcliff: Lauren Popple

Father of Aurelia: Rubén Gerding Mother of Aurelia: Janet Waters

Pas de Trois: Ava Couturiaux, Kellyn Sutton, Eric Glenn

Friends of Aurelia: Breah Catellier, Lilyana Catellier, Ava Couturiaux,

Olivia Davis, Josphine Keith, Kellyn Sutton Gypsy Matriarch, Sybella: Denise Clarkston

Gypsies: Isabel Bennight, Jillian Captain, Sabrina Santos

Romanian Dancers: Lucy Clark, Connelly Dunn, Rachel Gaven,

Marla Kaefer, Adeline Steinbach, Addison White

Villagers: Harper Drake, Elise Hasten, Penelope Keith, Olivia Morrison

Village Men: Eric Glenn, Coen Gruenloh

**Weolas for ACT I**: Willow Brickler, Elise Hasten, Allie Holt, Camille Humphreys, Penelope Keith, Ava Lynn Maldonado

#### Act II: Interior of Dracula's Castle

**Count Dracula: SHANNON BEACHAM** 

Marcela: JILLIAN CAPTAIN (10/13), LILYANA CATELLIER (10/14) The Brides of Dracula: Isabel Bennight, Iillian Captain (10/14),

Breah Catellier, Lilyana Catellier (10/13), Lucy Clark, Ava Couturiaux, Olivia Davis, Connelly Dunn, Rachel Gaven, Allie Holt, Marla Kaefer, Josephine Keith, Sabrina Santos, Adeline Steinbach, Kellyn Sutton,

Addison White

**Weolas for ACT II**: Harper Drake, Elise Hasten, Penelope Keith, Ava Lynn Maldonado, Olivia Morrison

### LakeCities Ballet Theatre Company Members 2023 - 2024 Season



Shannon Beacham



Isabel Bennight



Jillian Captain



Breah Catellier



Lilyana Catellier



Ava Couturiaux



Eric Glenn



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Marla Kaefer

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Rachel Gaven

Adeline Steinbach

Addison White

#### Houck Family Scholarship - Honoring Outstanding Volunteers in the Arts

At every LakeCities Ballet Theatre production, LBT uses local area high school students as part of the technical crew. By including these young people working side by side with professional Lighting Designers and Art Directors, students gain an experience that greatly enhances not only their daily learning of the theatre, but future endeavors in theatre arts as well.

In our 2007-2008 season, LBT instituted a LakeCities Ballet Theatre Student Scholars award for deserving high school/college students who have worked with LBT and displayed commitment, a strong work ethic, and an attitude that is expected from all members of the company.

In 2013, LBT renamed this scholarship The Houck Family Scholarship in honor of one of LBT's treasured volunteers, Mike Houck, who passed away in 2011. The Houck Family Scholarship continues LBT's vision by helping LBT partner with area high schools and colleges bringing their young thespians into our full-length productions and giving these talented, non-dancing actors the opportunity to work in a professional environment.



#### A Word About The Houck Family

The Houck Family has been involved in LBT since its founding in 1984. Mike & Dorothy Houck supported their daughter Kristin's love of dance in many ways. Kristin joined the company as an eleven year old in LBT's charter season. Mike and Dorothy helped in many capacities in over thirty seasons of LBT. They enjoyed working behind the scenes in roles like ticket sales chair, backstage and costuming. Even after their daughter, Kristin, retired from performing with the company, the Houcks continued supporting LBT. Mike faithfully bought ads and supported the company and Dorothy still attends performances to encourage her many current and former Marcus High School students who are in the company. They have also been instrumental in Kristin being able to come back to the company as Stage Manager for many LBT productions for the past twenty years. And, we are honored this year to have Kristin on the board of LakeCities Ballet Theatre as she steps into the role of Production Manager.

#### Former LakeCities Ballet Theatre Student Scholar Recipients

- 2011-2012 Jacob Birch, Backstage/Onstage Productions (three years) Lake Dallas High School
- 2012-2013 Chris Denton, Sound Engineer for LakeCities Ballet Theatre (four years), Stage Manager for LBT, University of North Texas-Music Major Graduate
- 2013-2014 Tyler Gammon, Backstage/batten system, wiring DMX, programming (two years)
   Marcus High School, Flower Mound
- 2016-2017 Kendall Lannin, Sound Engineer/backstage, Stage Manager for LBT, Snow Choir Director. Oklahoma City University - Voice Major Graduate
- 2017-2018 Preston Greene, Backstage Productions for LakeCities Ballet Theatre (four years) Hampton University
- 2018-2019 Taylor McMillian, Backstage Productions for LBT; University of North Texas student studying psychology and criminal justice
- 2019-2020 Lauren Popple, Onstage performances with LakeCities Ballet Theatre; University of North Texas; University of Arkansas
- 2020-2021 Ian Harrup, Backstage Productions for LBT in Dracula and Nutcracker Performances; Texas A&M University

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Dracula Rehearsal Assistants: Shannon Beacham, Faith Jones,

Sarah Solomon Rosenzweig, Shanon Tate, Janet Waters

Company Faculty: Shannon Beacham, Rachael Poole Clark, Eric Glenn, Kelly Kilburn Lannin, Nancy Loch, Sarah Solomon Rosenzweig, Janet Waters

Technical Director/Lighting Design: Pavel Perebello

Production Manager: Kristin Langford Stage Manager: Rachael Poole Clark Production Coordinator: Tracy White Scenic Design: Tom Rutherford Property Master: Kendall Lannin Thie Sound Operator: Kendall Lannin Thie

Music Editing: Kendall Lannin Thie, Chris Denton

Lead Backstage Tech: Jim Keith

Stage Technicians: Craig Captain, Joel Clark, Clay Couturiaux,

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Shanon Tate

LBT Costume Mistress: Carla Mowery

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