

PEORIA **B** BALLET

Summer Intensives | June 5—23, 2023 Professional Guest Instructors

Nicole Corea— Week #1



Nicole Corea is a professional dancer, teacher and choreographer. In the last 20 years of her professional career, she has performed on some of the world's most renowned stages including the Metropolitan Opera House and Joyce Theater in New York City, The Kennedy Center in Washington D.C., Teatro Romano in Spoleto, Italy and the Stanislavsky Theater in Moscow. She has been a company member of many reputable dance companies as a soloist and principal dancer including Ballet Hispanico of NY (00'-02'), Elisa Monte Dance (02'-04'), Ballet Memphis (07'-09'), Lar Lubovitch Dance Company (10'-present), and the Metropolitan Opera Ballet (04-present). As a teaching artist, Nicole has taught master classes for all affiliated companies and has traveled the U.S and abroad as a guest teacher for master classes, workshops, and lectures. Ms. Corea attended the prestigious Juilliard School, graduating with a BFA in 2000, and has been featured in The NY Times, Dance Magazine, and Dance Spirit Magazine. We are looking forward to welcoming Ms. Corea back to Peoria!

Kelsey Van Tine— Week #2



Kelsey Van Tine trained at the Naples Dance Conservatory, and in 2009, joined Kentucky Ballet Theatre as an apprentice and was promoted to company dancer within her first season. At the end of the 2012-13 season, she was promoted to principal dancer. During her time at Kentucky Ballet Theatre, Ms. Van Tine performed the entire Kentucky Ballet Theatre repertoire plus a wide range of roles in many classical, neoclassical and contemporary works. Ms. Van Tine joined Atlanta Ballet in 2021 and is currently completing her second season with the company. In 2017, by invitation, she traveled to Cancun, Mexico to perform at the 7th Annual International Encounter of Dance Festival. Also in 2017, Ms. Van Tine traveled to Camaguey, Cuba for Ballet de Camaguey's 50th Anniversary Gala and has since returned to Cuba annually to perform with Ballet de Camaguey as a principal guest artist.

Richard Villaverde — Week #3



Richard Villaverde began dancing privately coached by Maria Eugenia Lorenzo, graduated from New World School of the Arts High School, and received his B.F.A from University of the Arts in Philadelphia, PA. He was a part of Arsenale della Danza 2012 at La Biennale de Venezia under the direction of Ismael Ivo, and then joined BalletX from 2012-2021. He has performed at the Vail International Dance Festival, Ballet Sun Valley, Belgrade Dance Festival and Jacob's Pillow. Richard is currently completing his second season with the Martha Graham Dance Company, which includes an international tour this summer. He was also featured in Hofesh Shechter's "CAVE" choreographed for the Martha Graham Dance Company and performed with Twyla Tharp in the revival of two of her most iconic works "In the Upper Room" and "Nine Sinatra Songs" at New York City Center. Mr. Villaverde is thrilled to be back in Peoria this summer after performing as the Cavalier in Peoria Ballet's *The Nutcracker* this past December!