

BL Ballet Victoria

Peter Starr



Peter Starr is dancing in his first season with Ballet Victoria.

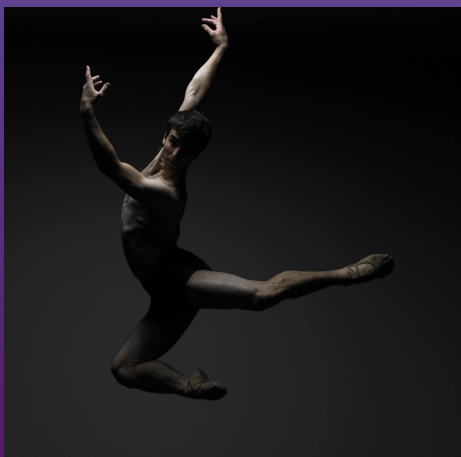
"My hometown is Nanaimo! I love living next to the forest and the sea, but not too far out of the way. I've been living in Israel for many years, so it is very nice to be back on the island and I can visit."



"I have a dog named Diana who comes from Israel. She is a

Canaan Dog and Saluki cross with very long and dancer-like legs.

She loves people and likes barking a little too much, but she's the sweetest girl who's always up for a belly rub."



"My favourite pastimes outside of dance include singing and playing the flute. I find the flute calms me after a long day of rehearsal because of the calming tones and focus on breath control. It's very meditative."

"My favourite place I've ever travelled to is Petra in Jordan. I love the ancient carved stone ruins and the size, colour, and scope of the landscape, not to mention it's my namesake!"

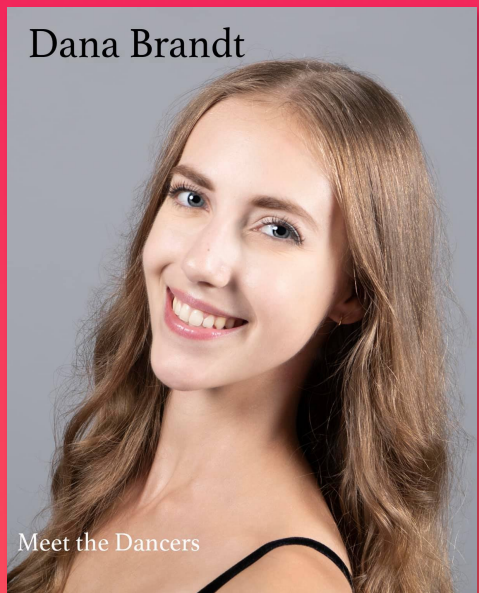
"For Romeo & Juliet, I'm really looking forward to playing a villain, and such a well known one at that! I never get to be the bad guy! It's really fascinating trying to find all of Tybalt's relatable layers, in spite of his villainous-ness."



Dana Brandt is dancing in her fifth season with Ballet Victoria.

“Living in Victoria is great; I love living on an island, being so close to the ocean and all the beaches.”

“My mom put me in ballet when I was 3 because I would walk around the house on demi pointe (my tippy toes). I remember at a very young age seeing a picture hanging in the studio of a girl in pointe shoes and thinking, ‘I want to be that, I’m gonna dance on my toes,’ and here I am!”

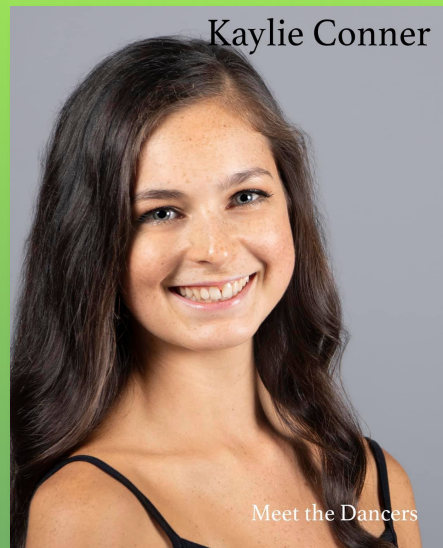


Dana Brandt

Meet the Dancers

“For go to pre-show snacks, Clif bars are my main staple! Protein shakes are pretty important and I also enjoy bananas and dried apricots for a quick pick me up during performances.”

“The music of Romeo and Juliet is just so beautiful. You can really lose yourself in the emotions of the music. It is a true treat being able to dance to such a wonderful score.”



Kaylie Conner

Meet the Dancers

Kaylie Conner is dancing in her third season with Ballet Victoria.

“One thing I really enjoy doing is heading down to the water to watch the sunset. Something about it feels so calming and I love being able to sit and reflect.”

“One of my all time favourite snacks is dark chocolate almonds! I love all types of desserts, so any type of treat brings me a little extra joy at the end of my day!”

“Red is my favourite colour, cheetah print is my favourite pattern, and 7 is my lucky number!”

“I am very excited for the upcoming performances of Romeo and Juliet because being able to do live shows again is so incredibly special to all of us and nothing compares to the feeling. The ballet is full of beauty, drama, and emotion and I can’t wait to share the experience!”



Isabelle Jutras



Meet the Dancers

Isabelle Jutras is dancing in her third season with Ballet Victoria.

“My dream role is Giselle; I love the romantic classical ballets and the beautiful music.”

“My favourite dance steps are definitely jumps. The bigger, the better!”

“Outside of dance, I love travelling, cooking, and spending time with friends and family.”

“I love Prokofiev’s score for

Romeo and Juliet. The music perfectly captures the personalities of the characters throughout the ballet. It was also one of the first ballets I saw performed as a young dancer so I am very excited to perform it this season with Ballet Victoria.”



Peter-Nicholas Taylor is dancing in his fourth season with Ballet Victoria.

“I was born in Colborne, ON where they have more pie than people. It’s a small town of 2,000, but it has sold over 2,000,000 apple pies!”

“I adopted my first pet when I lived in Winnipeg. He’s the most handsome little Russian Blue cat named Vince. I had to give him to my parents when I worked in China and I wish I could live with him again.”

“My favourite TV series by far is Ugly Betty. I think it is a must watch for everyone. It is so entertaining and it taught me so much

when I first started watching it. It has incredible rewatch value as well. I probably watch the whole series once every year.”

“I started dancing at the age of 3. My sister did it and I wanted to do it as well. My parents were adamant that if I did, I had to do it for the whole year, so I stuck it out for the year and I haven’t stopped since.”

“If I could choose a superpower, it would definitely be shapeshifting. I think it’s the obvious choice.”

“My favourite part of Romeo and Juliet is how powerful it can be. There have been so many different adaptations to the story but each one plays on different aspects of the characters, or story. Obviously they all end the same, but seeing how many different ways the story can play out is absolutely fascinating. No Romeo is like another, and same with Juliet.”

Peter-Nicholas Taylor



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Show tickets and info: <https://www.balletvictoria.ca/romeo-and-juliet-2021/>