

*The Academy of Movement & Music
presents . . .*

Cinderella

Saturday, June 6th, 2026, at 1:00 PM

at the Main Auditorium

Riverside Brookfield High School

160 Ridgewood Rd, Riverside, IL 60546



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We are celebrating the 50th year Anniversary of the Academy and our remarkable founder!

A Tribute to our Founder ~

Stephanie Clemens founded the Academy in 1971 in her Oak Park living room when she rolled up the rug and began giving dance instruction to neighborhood children. Since that time the Academy has grown into a real village Institution, home to hundreds of students in the A.R.T.S. early childhood program, dance and music classes. Stephanie was also a founder and the artistic director of MOMENTA from 1983 through 2019.



Stephanie's parents were both visual artists who took the advice of their neighbor Adolph Bolm, a member of the original Ballets Russes and partner of Pavlova – Bolm suggested early dance training at the Highland Playhouse in Hollywood with Lila Zali; later Stephanie studied dance with Maria Kedrina in Santa Barbara, California. At Juilliard, Stephanie studied with Anthony Tudor and Alfredo Corvino, Lucas Hoving, Martha Graham and members of her company. She eventually took a B.A. in Physical Anthropology at U.C.L.A. where she did research on the evolution of the human locomotor system.

Stephanie's three sons all danced at the Academy; JP Tenuta, her youngest son has taken on the mantle of owner and director of the Academy as well as being the ballet master. Her life partner Mike Dutka worked for almost 30 years at the Academy building sets, lighting the stage, taking and editing video and fixing whatever needs fixing. Stephanie is grateful to have lived and worked in Oak Park, a community that has supported her passion for her life's work – and grateful to her family for putting up with that passion. Stephanie and Mike are now retired and enjoying life in northern New Mexico.



Cinderella

Directed by **Tatiana Castañeda & Teresa Deziel**

Graphic Design and Projections: **Teresa Deziel**

Sound Editing: **Tatiana Castañeda**

Technical Supervisor: **Diane Fairchild**



Cinderella ~ **Paloma Najera**

Prince Charming ~ **Jasper Park**

Stepmother ~ **Lillette Teclaw**

Stepsisters ~ **Claire Hansen & Cece Miller**

Queen ~ **Megan Chrisman**

Fairy Godmother ~ **Annika Weekes**

Gentlemen of the Court ~ **Neo Scott & O'Connor Amey**

Ladies of the Court ~ **Fiona Amey, Penny Locke, Morrigan Simons,
Caroline Slade, Veronica Sowers, Isabella Velasco**

Overture

Farm

1. Chickens & a Rooster Start the Day

Music: Ernest Bucalossi

Choreography: Teresa Deziel



Intro 2 Ballet Saturday 9am

**Willa Bateman, Molly Blaha, Lila Blemur, Frankie Culberson, Elliot Duey,
Emma Fierro, Marcela Fierro, Mae Hunt, Lina Kisa, Delphi Kopelow,
Lila Kopelow, Meda Moldova, Eloise Pasquesi, Cecilia Rodrigues, Elora Ruan**
with **Morrigan Simons, Sophia Brody, Camille Sowers** as Mother Hens

2. Cinderella's Morning Dream

Music: John Cardon Debney

Choreography: Tatiana Castañeda

Paloma Najera

3. Piglets Play
Music: Sir Malcolm Arnold
Choreography: Tatiana Castañeda

Intro 1/2 Ballet Saturday 10am

**Annika Adams, Mikayla Batkins, Denver Bibbs,
Camila Garland, Axelle Henry de Frahan, Emily Janush,
Mila Mapa, Daphne Nolan, Evelyn Villegas, Zuri West**
with **Reva Parakkat & Maya Pesanti** as Mother Pigs

Manor House

4. Field Mice Run into the House
Music: Gabriel Currington
Choreography: Tatiana Castañeda



Intro 3 Ballet Monday 4pm

**Lilias Aranki, Arya Espinoza-Roberts, Sofia Gastala,
Remi Hearn, Lucca Schuster, Emmy Siegler, Millie Strozak**
with **Paloma Najera** (Cinderella) & **Claire Hansen** (Step-Sister)

5. The Step Family Begins their Day
Music: Patrick Doyle
Choreography: Teresa Deziel

Lillette Teclaw, Cece Miller, Claire Hansen, Paloma Najera

6. Maids Get to Work
Music: Jerry Livingston, Mack David & Al Hoffman
Choreography: Gina Sigismondi



Intro 3 Ballet Saturday 10am

**Madeline Olivia Aguilar Alvarado, Mila Batkins, Emerie Clayton,
Avery Giovagnoli, Coco McDonald, Coralyn Merle, Alisa Naaf,
Niamh Newton, Rose Nolan, Violet Nolan, Emilia Weir**
with **Lillette Teclaw** (Stepmother) and **Amelia Schulman** as a Scullery Maid

Castle

7. Princely Pals
Music: Leroy Anderson
Choreography: Jp Tenuta

Boys Ballet Wednesday 4pm
Ian Aldape, Mikolaj Kafel, Benjamin Rudman
with **O'Connor Amey, Neo Scott, Jasper Park** (Prince)

8. The Queen Advises the Prince
Music: Patrick Doyle, Robert Ziegler, Tony Hymas, Jonathan Snowden, Robert Hill & Richard Morgan
Choreography: Teresa Deziel

Megan Chrisman & Jasper Park

9. The Queen's Ladies Write the Invitations
Music: Dmitri Shostakovich
Choreography: Teresa Deziel

Ballet Basics Monday 5pm
Kate Martinez, Isla Newhart, Harriet Snow, Iris Snow, Araya Tseng
with **Caroline Slade** as a Courtier

Village

10. Royal Messengers Deliver the Invitations
Music: Leroy Anderson
Choreography: Teresa Deziel



Ballet 2 Saturday 9:45am
Jesse Severiano Aguilar Alvarado, Mara Bartolomei, Alissa Burns, Sienna DeFranco, Agnes Hsing, Penelope Loster, Maura Powers, Arden Tetrick, Rosemary West
with **Megan Chrisman** (Queen) & **Veronica Sowers** as a Courtier

11. News of the Royal Ball Spreads!

Music: Dmitri Shostakovich

Choreography: Teresa Deziel

**Fiona Amey, Penny Locke, Morigan Simons,
Caroline Slade, Veronica Sowers, Isabella Velasco
Neo Scott & O'Connor Amey**

Lillette Teclaw, Claire Hansen, Cece Miller, Paloma Najera

12. Off to the Dress Makers

Music: Leroy Anderson

Choreography: Teresa Deziel

Ballet 1 Monday 4pm

**Maeve Elsen, Catherine Gibellina, Leilani Mukkada,
Eleanor Roskos, Isla Scare, Mila Wear, Rosalie York**

with Cece Miller



13. Getting Ready for the Ball

Music: Patrick Doyle

Choreography: Teresa Deziel

Lillette Teclaw, Claire Hansen, Cece Miller, Paloma Najera

Manor House Gardens

14. Cinderella Wishes to go to the Ball

Music: Patrick Doyle, Robert Ziegler, Tony Hymas, Jonathan Snowden, Robert Hill & Richard Morgan

Choreography: Tatiana Castañeda

Paloma Najera

15. Mourning Doves Answer Cinderella's Wish

Music: Magic Philharmonic Orchestra

Choreography: Tatiana Castañeda

Intro 3 Ballet Saturday 8:45am

**Renate Brink, Lucy DeFranco, Sophie Dulberger, Yujin Lee,
Mary-Jo Lehmann, Edie Lucas, Adrienne Riley, Ayla Robinson**

with Izzy Velasco & Sloan Materna as Turtle Doves



16. The Fairy Godmother Appears

Music: Saltonbria

Choreography: Teresa Deziel

Annika Weekes & Paloma Najera

17. Magic Turns Pumpkins into a Carriage

Music: Léo Délibes

Choreography: Gina Sigismondi



Intro 1 Ballet Saturday 9am

**Theodosia Berner, Mariana Escobar, Roa Kwak, Clara Norlander,
Hugo Robinson, Camille Van Arsdale, Adela Villagomez**

with **Annika Weekes** (Fairy Godmother) and **Talia Zuba** as a Squash Blossom

18. Cinderella Departs for the Ball

Music: Patrick Doyle

Choreography: Teresa Deziel

Paloma Najera and Annika Weekes

Castle Ballroom

19. Heralds Announce the Ball Guests

Music: Patrick Doyle

Choreography: Mei-Kuang Chen



Ballet 1 Saturday 10am

**Gemma Bohn, Easton Clayton,
Evelyn Gnilka, Audrey Grossman**

with **Fiona Amey** as a Courtier and **Linden Hanson-Taruc** as Head Herald

20. Courtiers Waltz at the Ball

Music: Rodgers & Hammerstein

Choreography: Tatiana Castañeda

**Megan Chrisman (Queen), Jasper Park (Prince)
Lillette Teclaw, Claire Hansen, Cece Miller (Step Family)
Penny Locke, Morrigan Simons, Caroline Slade, Izzy Velasco,
Veronica Sowers, Fiona Amey (Ladies)
O'Connor Amey, Neo Scott (Gentlemen)**

21. Cinderella and the Prince Dance until Midnight
Music: George Fenton/Stephen Sondheim
Choreography: Tatiana Castañeda

Paloma Najera, Jasper Park

**Megan Chrisman, Lilette Teclaw, Claire Hansen, Cece Miller
Penny Locke, Morrigan Simons, Caroline Slade, Izzy Velasco,
Veronica Sowers, Fiona Amey, O'Connor Amey, Neo Scott**



22. The Castle Guards Search for Cinderella
Music: Rodgers & Hammerstein
Choreography: Gina Sigismondi

Ballet 1 Wednesday 4pm

**Kayla Bach, Hannah Braun, Margot Brown, Julieta Fierro,
Olympia Gallafent, Evelyn-Sue Lange, Eve Ryan, Celeste Vranderic**
with **Penny Locke** as a Courtier and **Olive Morton** as the Head Guard

Village Square

23. Does the Shoe Fit?
Music: Stephen Sondheim
Choreography: Teresa Deziel



Prince, Courtiers, Step Family, Cinderella

24. Cinderella and the Prince are Reunited!
Music: Jerry Livingston, Mack David & Al Hoffman
Choreography: Tatiana Castañeda

Paloma Najera & Jasper Park

25. The Villagers Celebrate a Happily Ever After
Music: Edward White
Choreography: Gina Sigismondi

Ballet 2 Wednesday 5:45pm

**Liv Artalejo-Huijgens, Beatrice Beazley, Edith Danstrom,
Evelyn Hartigan, Misk Hermes, Saige Kinyon, Evvy Lawrence,
Finley Lockwood, Alexandra Petersmarck, Ellie Pirc, Clara Schulman**
with **Athina Blesoff-Ganacias** as a Village



Bows

Music: Marc Reift & Prague Festival Orchestra



Well Wisher Ads Cinderella



*Annika Adams ~
We love watching you dance!
Love, Mormor & Morfar*



*Mikayla Batkins ~
Sweet little piglet twirling with magic and
giggles, stealing hearts and the show ~
Auntie Ash loves you endlessly, little star!*



*Mila & Mikayla Batkins ~
Mommy & Daddy are so
very proud of you girls!
We love you both forever and always!
Congratulations!*



*Mila & Mikayla Batkins ~
We're sorry we can't be there
But you'll do great!
Love Busha & Papa Furley*



*Mila & Mikayla Batkins ~
Kissy Pops is so proud of you two!
XOXO*



*Mila & Mikayla Batkins ~
We are so proud of you!
Love, Aunt LaVerne & Uncle Moses*



*Mikayla Batkins ~
We are so proud of you!
Love, Nana and Papa*



*Mikayla Batkins ~
Congratulations, dear Granddaughter!
We are so proud of you, little star!
Love, YaYa & Judge Scott*



*Mila Batkins ~
Congratulations, dear Granddaughter!
We are so proud of you, little star!
Love, YaYa & Judge Scott*



*Mila Batkins ~
Nana and Papa are so
proud of you! Love you!*



*Mila Batkins ~
Shining bright on stage, my beautiful
little maid! Aunt Ash loves you, proud of
you! Keep dancing and blooming big!*



*Hannah Braun ~
We are so proud of you Hannah!
You are a beautiful dancer.
Love, Mom, Dad, and Anden!*



*Mariana Escobar ~
Good luck on your 1st recital.
We love you!
Mommy & Daddy*



Edie Lucas ~

*Dance your heart out, Edie!
Love, Mom, Dad, Khloe, Wilson,
Maamo & Big Pop*



Mila Mapa ~

*Mila, we are so proud of you
and your first recital! Good luck!
Love, Mommy, Daddy,
Maddy and Beckett*



Ellie Pirc ~

*We are so proud of all of the hard work
that you put in to the ballet.
Break a leg!
Love, Mom, Dad, Lily, and Ernie*



Daphne Nolan ~

*Daphne, congratulations
on your first recital!
We love you, Mom and Dad – oink! Oink!*



Rose Nolan ~

*Rose, we can't wait to see you dance,
and we're so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad*



Violet Nolan ~

*Violet, we love watching you dance,
and we are so proud of you!
Love, Mom and Dad*



Emmy Siegler ~

*We love you Emmy!!
Great job dancing!
Love, Harry, Lucy, Mommy & Daddy*



Harry Siegler ~

*Happy 5th Birthday Harry!
Thanks for coming to my show
on your birthday!
Love, Emmy*





Recital Behind The Scenes



Academy Director.....JP Tenuta
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Cinderella Graphic Design & Projections Teresa Deziel
Cinderella Sound Editing Tatiana Castañeda
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