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THE DEGNAN BALLET CENTER AT THE  
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# CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS & SLEEPING BEAUTY ACT 3 2025

WITH GUEST ARTISTS:  
DARIUS CORBETT,  
KELLY GREVERA &  
KATHARINE MARIANAGGI



SATURDAY, JUNE 7 AT 7 PM

SUNDAY, JUNE 8 AT 2 PM

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# *CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS SLEEPING BEAUTY 2025 ACT 3*

*WITH GUEST PROFESSIONAL ARTISTS DARIUS CORBETT, KELLY GREVERA, KATHARINE MARIANACCI  
AND STUDENTS FROM THE DEGNAN BALLET CENTER AND WILKES UNIVERSITY*

## *ACT 1*

### *THE CARNIVAL OF THE ANIMALS*

Music Composition by ..... Camille Saint-Saens

Choreography and Staging by ..... Alison Carlsson, Sarah Polansky,  
Brianna Schunk and Adrienne Zulkoski  
after Kristin Degnan Boonin

## *CAST*

Lion	Brianna Schunk
Chicks & Rooster	Alaina Coolbaugh, Natalya Filak, June Hamill, Kristie Steve, Capria Susko, Lex Polansky
Swift Animals	Madison Orrson Rose Clark, Everest Dunham, Abigail Gialanella, Cali Jaques, Emily Mace, Layla Polansky, Adelle Zulkoski
Tortoises	Addyson Cardillo, Charlotte Carlsson, Sloane Dunham, Ayla Rowlands, Alexandra Selenski, Sophia Shovlin, Charlie Smith, Charlotte Smith, Alice Stark
Elephants	Ella Dunleavy Finley Augaitis, Sophia Tokar
Kangaroo	Madison Orrson
Aquarium	Emma Kane & Liana Winkler Ada Cannavale, Kalina Filak, Sophia Guesto, Della Lyons, Lennan Murray, Anais Runde, Nicholaus Zulkoski
Characters with Long Ears	Avery Berry, Sophia Danelutt, Stella Guesto, Abigail Mace, Ava Smith, Marina Susko
The Cuckoo in the Depths of the Woods	Alaina Coolbaugh, Natalya Filak, June Hamill, Kristie Steve, Capria Susko, Lex Polansky
Aviary	Lily Davis Abigail Gialanella, Cali Jaques, Layla Polansky
Pianists	Nina Dunleavy Rose Clark, Everest Dunham, Emily Mace, Adele Zulkoski
Fossils	Addyson Cardillo, Charlotte Carlsson, Sloane Dunham, Ayla Rowlands, Alexandra Selenski, Sophia Shovlin, Charlie Smith, Charlotte Smith, Alice Stark
The Swan	Katharine Marianacci

*15 MINUTE INTERMISSION*

## *ACT 2* *SLEEPING BEAUTY ACT 3*

Music Composition by	Pyotr Ilyich Tchaikovsky
Original Choreography by	Petipa
Adapted and restaged by	Karla Kovatch
Princess Aurora	Kelly Grevera
Prince Desire	Darius Corbett
Lilac Fairy	Nina Dunleavy
Cinderella	Madison Orrson
King	Stephen Youkoski
Queen	Morgan Rich
Blue Bird	Ella Dunleavy
Puss in Boots	Stella Guesto
White Cat	Marina Susko
Little Red	Sophia Danelutt
Wolf	Anna Ostaltsov
Pas De Quatre	Lily Davis, Emma Kane, Brianna Schunk, Liana Winkler

## *GARLAND WALTZ*

Corps I	Avery Berry, Krystal Clark, Abby Mace, Amelia Smicherko, Ava Smith, Rachel Whitenight
Corps II	Addyson Cardillo, Charlotte Carlsson, Sloane Dunham, Ayla Rowlands, Alexandra Selenski, Sophia Shovlin, Charlie Smith, Charlotte Smith, Alice Stark

## *DEGNAN BALLET CENTER'S GUEST ARTIST*

### *DARIUS CORBETT*



continues to grow his professional experience in both concert and theatrical work.

Darius Myles Corbett is a dance artist based in New York City, currently training on scholarship at The Ailey School. Originally from Baltimore, he received his early training at the Baltimore School for the Arts and continued studying through various pre-professional programs.

He has performed works by choreographers including Alvin Ailey, Harrison Guy, Amy Hall Garner, Norbert De La Cruz, and Cain Coleman, with appearances at Carnegie Hall, Hollins University, and with the Baltimore Symphony Orchestra as Cavalier. Darius toured Philadelphia, Baltimore, and New York performing Sleeping Beauty as a soloist, and served as Dance Captain for Voices of Carmen with Dance and Bmore. He

## *DEGNAN BALLET CENTER'S GUEST ARTIST*

### *KELLY GREVERA*

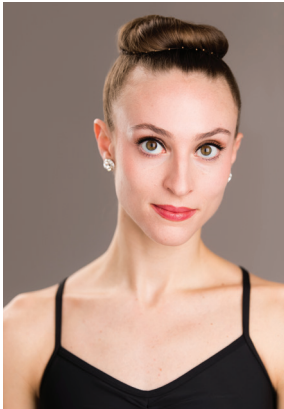


Kelly Grevera began her training at the David Blight School of Dance in ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, modern, hip hop, and contemporary. To expand her training, she joined the Wilkes Conservatory, where she danced principal roles in The Nutcracker, Cinderella and The Little Mermaid. As a pre-professional, she attended renowned programs such as the Joffrey Ballet School, Commercial Dance Intensive, Camera Theater Jazz, Pace University's Intensive, Complexions Contemporary Ballet, and currently assists at Bold Dance Project and Wyoming Seminary. She toured the East Coast with Artist Simply Human as a company member, where she learned and danced with professionals in the industry. Her most recent performance was opening for Gims at Madison Square Garden.

Now, she attends The Ailey School in New York City to receive her BFA in dance and a BA in digital design and media at Fordham University. She also works with top choreographers at Steps on Broadway and Broadway Dance Center. She is thrilled to come back to Wilkes to dance as a professional!

## DEGNAN BALLET CENTER'S GUEST ARTIST

### KATHARINE MARIANACCI



Katharine Marianacci grew up dancing at Degnan Ballet Center where she trained extensively in classical ballet.

Katharine is currently a professional dancer with the South Carolina Ballet. Previously, she danced for the US International Ballet where she had the opportunity to perform many soloist roles. Katharine also has extensive experience teaching ballet in a wide variety of settings across the country.

Outside of her accomplishments in ballet, Katharine earned her bachelor's degree in Psychology from Wilkes University and her master's degree in Counseling Psychology from Lehigh University.

Katharine attributes much of her success and passion for ballet to her training at Degnan Ballet Center. She is grateful to remain on the Degnan Ballet Center Faculty to teach in her off-season and she is thrilled to return and perform as a guest artist in this production!

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