



THE & SECRET GARDEN

RIVERPOINTE DANCE ACADEMY
— MAY 16, 2026 —

SATURDAY, MAY 16th AT 10AM
ARDIS T. WILLIAMS, SR. AUDITORIUM
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A Word from the Director

This year's recital, "The Secret Garden," is inspired by the beauty of new beginnings and the transforming love of God. Just like the garden that blossomed when love and hope were restored, we are reminded that God brings life to what feels forgotten and makes a way where there once was none. Our theme verse, Revelation 21:5—"Behold, I make all things new"—is a promise we can hold on to. In every season, God is at work, renewing our hearts, restoring our strength, and filling our lives with His light.

As you watch our dancers take the stage, we hope you'll be reminded of God's incredible power to renew and restore. May this performance encourage you to open your heart to His love and trust in the promise that He makes all things new.

THANK YOU for your continued love and support and for sharing your dancers with us. We are honored that you are part of the community that is the RiverPointe dance family.

Enjoy the show and we can't wait to see you back in the studio for another great season!

Bridgett

Thank You

Rebecca & Mark Antwine
Andy Arthur, Jack Cuthrell, and Shane
Arthur
Anna Kate McCain
Beth Fortner

Glenn Rhett
The Ivy Place
Blake Nasif & Vicksburg Specialty
Company
RiverPointe Teachers and Staff



Part of what makes RiverPointe special is the sense of care the dancers have for each other and the desire to give their time and talents to others. Each year, some of our more experienced and older dancers volunteer to assist in classes for the youngest of dancers. They serve as role models and leaders for the young dancers and work with teachers to provide a safe, nurturing environment to learn and grow. We would like to extend as special "Thank You" to all these special young leaders.

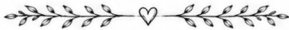
Abbi Allen
Hayden Bell
Julia Byrd
Alyssa Clemts
Julee Ann Guynes

Emma Hoemann
Laney Hunt
Allen Hunt
Emma Lum
Hazel Mason

Arianna Norwood
Isabella Perez
Caroline Ponder
Elaina Willbanks

Congratulations

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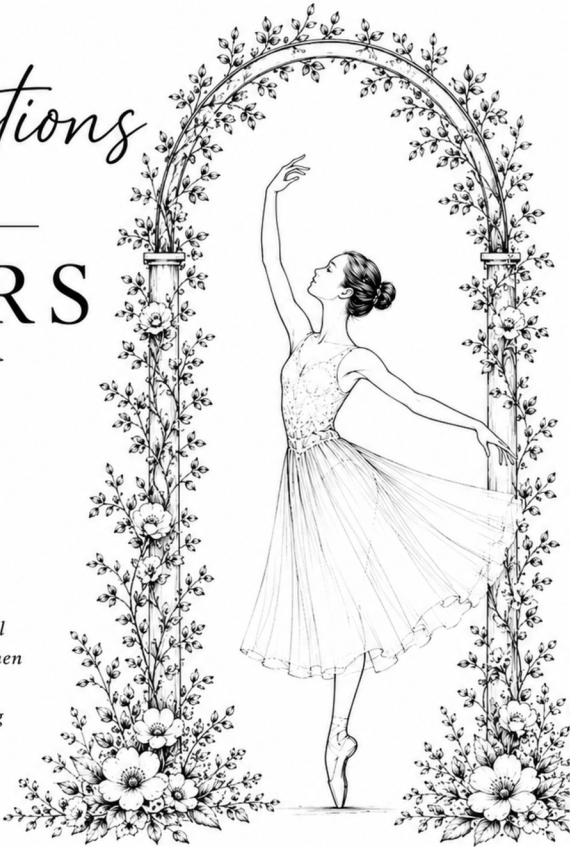


I can do all things
through *Christ* who
strengthens me.

PHILIPPIANS 4:13



*We are so proud of the beautiful
dancers and incredible young women
you are. Thank you for letting
your light shine and for growing
in grace, talent, and faith.*



Hayden Bell



Abby Mandarino



Kinsley Parker



Hayden Bell, a St. Aloysius graduate, will be attending Mississippi State University this fall. She has been dancing with RiverPointe for 16 years



Graduating for RCEC, Abby Mandarino will be attending University of Mississippi this fall. She has been dancing with RiverPointe for 15 years.



A graduate of Warren Central High School, Kinsley Parker has plans to attend University of Southern Mississippi in the fall. She has been dancing with RiverPointe for 14 years.

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Bridgett Hunt



.After graduating from Vicksburg High School in 2000, Bridgett attended the University of Southern Mississippi, where she studied technical dance and accounting. During her tenure in Hattiesburg, Bridgett was a member of the university's technical dance team, the Southern Misses, and upon completion of her undergraduate studies Bridgett assumed the role of the team's Head Coach, a position she held for five years before returning to her home town. Under her leadership, the Southern Misses achieved new levels of success including a first ever trip to UDA's national collegiate competition in 2008. In addition to her official role at Southern Miss, she also worked

as an instructor for On Your Toes in Petal, MS and choreographed numerous routines for teams and individuals throughout the state. Each year Bridgett continues her dance education by attending various conventions and workshops including Tremaine in New Orleans and Ballet Magnificat's summer teacher workshops..

Bridgett is honored and blessed to have the opportunity to share her faith through dance and loves helping dancers reach their technical goals while linking dance training to their growth as a child of God.

Since founding RiverPointe, Bridgett has choreographed and directed many variations and original productions for her students and is proud that part of this year's production showcases some student choreography.

She is happily married to her best friend and high school sweetheart, Richard Hunt II. The couple is blessed with three wonderful children, Richard III, Laney, and Allen.

Holly Claborn



Holly is a native of Vicksburg. She received her B.S. from the University of Southern Mississippi where she studied Interior Design and dance. During her time at Southern Miss, Holly was a three year member of the Southern Misses dance team, participated in numerous philanthropic dance events on campus and choreographed competition routines for multiple high school dance/cheer teams in the surrounding Hattiesburg area. Her dance experience has led her to credit such notable experiences as Miss Mississippi Pageant dancer, UDA's national collegiate competition, participation in the world famous Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York. City and attendance at Tremaine in New Orleans and Ballet Magnificat in Jackson,

MS. Holly became an instructor/choreographer at RiverPointe in 2011. Holly and her husband Gary have two children, Ethan and Everly.

Anna Kate McCain



Anna Kate began dancing at the age of eight. She trained in Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Tap, and Hip-Hop at RiverPointe for nine years. Anna Kate continued her dance training by studying at Oklahoma City University's Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Entertainment. She was a member of The Pointe for four years, through which she has furthered her training by attending Dance Revolution, V.I.P Dance, Access Broadway, and LADM dance conventions. She is a graduate of Mississippi College with a BSBA in Finance and recently earned her MBA. Anna Kate is our company choreographer and enjoyed teaching in various capacities.

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Susan Ramsey

After graduating from St. Aloysius High School, Susan graduated from the University of Alabama and went on to graduate work at The University of Memphis. Susan has worked on and off with gymnastics, cheer, and tumbling for 39 years, finishing 10th year as RP acrodance instructor & note Acrobatic Arts certifications in preschool, module 1 and back handsprings & aerials with 12 years of dance experience. Not only did Susan work with All-star Competitive Cheer, she also coached the St. Aloysius High School Varsity Football and Basketball cheer squads and 3rd/4th and 5th/6th grade St.

Francis cheer squads. Susan is married to Bradley Ramsey and has three children, Madison, Mary Reilly, and James.



Christie Lum

Christie is married to Justin, and they have three daughters who are RiverPointe dancers. Christie joined our staff in August 2019 as manager of Pointe & Motion and administrative assistant. She also began dance training at that time and over the summer of 2020 completed her AcroDance certification with Acrobatic Arts to teach two to five year old dancers. We are excited and proud to have Ms. Christie teaching our Wee Dancers and 3 Year Old combo classes this year. She has also quickly become our costume mistress, and we are thankful for her "behind-the-scenes" work.



Vera Ann Fedell

Vera Ann began dancing at the age of 4 and joined RiverPointe in 2011. She trained in ballet, jazz, contemporary, and hip-hop at RiverPointe for six years.

While at RiverPointe, she has been a part of other dance companies and productions such as The Vicksburg Performing Arts Company, St. Aloysius Flashettes and danced in Monroe, Louisiana with the Delta Ballet Performing Arts Company. While living in Vicksburg, Vera Ann also participated in local community theatre productions and school musicals. During her sophomore year at The University of Southern Mississippi, Vera Ann was part of the precision dance team known as "The Dixie Darlings." Also while at USM, Vera Ann was the choreographer for her sorority, Delta Gamma, and the Southern Miss Dance Marathon. In 2021, Vera Ann graduated from USM with a Bachelor's Degree in Criminal Justice and minor in History. She has returned to RiverPointe to teach and is excited to share her love for dance.



Isabelle Jimenez

Isabelle Jimenez began her dancing journey at the young age of two. Her love for dance grew from a once a week mommy and me dance class to a full time practice. She has trained under multiple schools and beloved teachers all across northern New Jersey but "The Ballet Barre" was her true home studio. She studied ballet, contemporary, jazz, modern, and tap. In the beginning of her Senior year of high school, Isabelle moved from New Jersey all the way to Madison Mississippi to continue her dance journey with Ballet Magnificat's trainee program. Her childhood dream of dancing around the world is starting to become a wonderful reality! Isabelle was promoted from trainee to Ballet Magnificat's professional company in the 2024-2025 season.

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Hayley Steele



Hayley began her dance journey at the age of two, and her love for the art form has only grown since then. She has trained in ballet, contemporary, and jazz at multiple studios around the US, as well as attending summer intensives with San Diego Ballet, ABT, and most recently, Ballet Magnificat. In the fall of 2023, she moved to Mississippi to join Ballet Magnificat's trainee program. This year has been full of new and exciting opportunities for her, including getting to teach at River Pointe! She is so thankful for the chance to teach and share her love of worshipping the Lord through dance.

Janie Pendleton-Brackett



Janie has been dancing for as long as she can remember, but began official dance training at the age of 2 at "Margo Dean School of Ballet" in her hometown of Fort Worth, TX. She always loved ballet the most, but studied other styles of dance as well, including jazz, contemporary, and Spanish dance/flamenco until graduating in 2021. She began teaching dance at her home studio from 2020 until 2022, then she travelled to Mississippi to join Ballet Magnificat's pre-professional trainee program. Last year, she was promoted from trainee to the professional company and is so excited to have the opportunity to fulfill her dream of sharing the gospel with others through dance!

Laney Hunt



Laney fell in love with ballet at a very young age and began her training at 15 months old as a Wee dancer at RiverPointe. She has pursued training in tap, jazz, contemporary, acrobatics, and a bit of Latin in addition to her ballet training. Laney has also begun teaching foundations level classes at RiverPointe and has loved every minute! Although dance is her first love, whenever she is not in the studio, Laney loves to be in the kitchen cooking or baking for her family. This summer, Laney plans to attend Ballet Magnificat's Summer Dance Intensive for the month of July.

Jade Dong



Jade has been dancing for 11 years and recently moved from Washington State to pursue a career in ballet. She is currently a trainee in Ballet Magnificat! and will be returning in the fall. In addition to training, she has collaboratively choreographed and directed 3 Christmas ballet performances, which not only deepened her passion for performance but also for leadership and creative expression through dance. She loves using the gift of dance as a form of worship and strives for excellence in it for God's glory. Her hope is to inspire and teach young dancers, encouraging them to pursue both technical excellence and a heart of worship through their art.

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Anna Brady

As a recent Belhaven graduate, Anna is finishing up her first year teaching at RiverPointe. This role feels full circle for her as she also trained and danced at RiverPointe for 10 years before graduating from high-school. She is currently continuing her education in pursuit of a master's degree, which she plans to complete next summer.



Jacqueline Dugan

Jacqueline is joining us from San Carlos, California where she started her dance training at age 6 with the Academy of American dance. During her time there, she studied classical ballet, pilates, modern, tap and jazz and cultivated a love for dance outreach as she performed across the bay area at churches, family shelters, veterans' hospitals, and street life ministries. Upon graduation from high school, she moved to Tulsa Oklahoma to dance as a trainee with the Tulsa Ballet and teach at their Center for Dance Education. In 2024, she moved to Mississippi to be a trainee with Ballet Magnificat! and teach at their school of arts. She is now in their Events company and has loved her first year of teaching at RiverPointe.



Amanda Hanes

Amanda Hanes is a USA Cheer—certified cheer and tumble instructor with experience across gymnastics, cheer and dance. Starting gymnastics and dance at age 4, She trained in competitive gymnastics under T Martin at Gym Sports for over 10 years and later cheered co-ed for 5 years earning leadership roles as captain and co captain. She also competed as an All star cheerleader. She loves helping athletes grow in confidence while mastering strong fundamentals and advancing skills safely. She brings a strong technical background and passion for building confident, well-trained cheer and tumble athletes.



Ashley Mason

Ashley has served as RiverPointe's administrator for the last 4 years but has been a proud member of the RiverPointe family for 12 years. She graduated from Belhaven College with a degree in Business and has homeschooled her two children, one of whom is now in college, for the last 12 years. When she is not at the studio, she enjoys traveling, running and spending time with her family. She is married to Eric and together they have 2 children, Adler and Hazel.

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Rebecca Hunt



Rebecca is blessed to be a part-time administrator with the RiverPointe team and a full-time Granny. She has dedicated her life to serving and caring for others, married 45+ years, mother to 8, granny of 14. When she isn't greeting the RiverPointe family, she enjoys moments of solitude spending time in prayer, walking, creating handmade items, enjoying nature, and tending her yard. Rebecca and her husband, Richard, are members of First Presbyterian Church in Vicksburg. They take joy in being parents and grandparents to children spread across Mississippi, Florida, and Missouri.

Abi Blue



Abi is a current Mississippi College student, where she is on the dance team and an upcoming senior as a business administration major. She has been dancing since she was 8 years old, training and competing in ballet, jazz, hip hop, tap, and acrobatics and transitioning to more jazz, hip hop, and pom styles since starting her collegiate dance career at Copiah-Lincoln Community College in 2023. She loves sharing her love and knowledge of dance to kids and is so thankful for the opportunity to teach this year.



A Dancer's Prayer

Heavenly Father, we thank you for the abundance you have placed upon us. For the family we have made, for the circle of friendship you have brought within RiverPointe. We thank you for the love that surrounds us and the ability and desire to worship you with movement. We ask that you keep our feet light and our bodies strong as we praise you through dance. In Jesus' name, Amen.



ACT 1



Rise and Shine (Steps & Sounds)

Adelynn Brewer, Everly Claborn, Avery Dixon, Ann Harris, Karlisle Herrington, Olivia Hesselberg, Maren Klaus, Mylo Parmegiani, Brynlee Rees, Catherine Riddick, Layla Grace Whitfield, Reni Wigley, Nohra Williams

This is My Father's World (Tendu & Tap)

Adelaide Adams, Isabelle Cullen, Emery Gain, Addie Lea Hodges, Sadie Stanton, Savannah Stanton, Liza True Wood

Bunny Ballet (Wee)

Caroline Frey, McKenna Guider, Charlotte Langford, Madelyn Rabalais

Indescribable (Ballet Foundations)

Luna Louisa Arambula, Emersyn Barnes, Ryleigh Chester, Callie Jean Ferguson, Kynlee Herrington, Bella Rose Johnson, Olive Mathes, Kimberly Nippes, Scarlett Rowland, May Strickland

Beautiful Day (Jete & Jazz)

Madison Brown, Brynleigh Ford, Em Hicks, Lennon Johnston, Evie Lawrence, Nellie Malone, Kennedy Mitchell, Julia Pettway, Emersyn Rachal, Kyndal Ross, Haven Ruth, Grace Terrell

Spring Sings (Jete & Jazz)

Faith Banks, Liza Bonelli, Adeline Henry, Marleigh Hughes, Caroline Kidder, Rileigh Minor, Audrey Rhett, Lynley Riddick, Audrey Turcotte, Ery'Honor Wilson

He Loves Us (Tendu & Tap)

Anna Anderson, Charlotte Brewer, June Cooksey, Magnolia Guizerix, Lorena Joy Hughes, Eloise Mooney, Hadley Morgan, Addison Kate Muirhead, Jordyn Palmer, Riley Whittington, Katherine Wilbanks, Avery Wilson

Joyful Noise (Jazz Foundations)

Ella Jane Beane, Harper McAlpin, Emery Temple

Blackbird (Rhythm & Releve)

Mary Brown, Rosemary Edney, Maddie Claire Lick, Maeve Marshall,
Emma Grace Parrish, Farris Richardson, Maude Thornell

Peace Like a River (Steps & Sounds)

Callan Braswell, BB Britt, Amelia Cadigan, Everleigh Guevara, Lydia
McGovern, Salem Retherford, Harper Rowland, MaryMartin Stanley

Tend (Contemporary Foundations)

Kennedy Mitchell, Emersyn Rachal, Emery Temple

Child of Nature (Rhythm & Releve)

Emmy Barnes, Elizabeth Cummins, Anna Claire Hearn, Davis Jarabica,
Della June Ruth, Layla Stegall, Emma Thornton, Lauren Warner

Celebration (Junior Company)

Everly Claborn, Lorena Joy Hughes, Nellie Malone, Kennedy Mitchell,
Catherine Riddick, Lynley Riddick

INTERMISSION

ACT 2

This is My Father's World (Wee)

Chloe Hayes, Charleigh Massey, Kinsley Tankesly, MyKenna Watkins

You're Nature (Contemporary Foundations)

Madison Brown, Brynleigh Ford, Kynlee Herrington, Bella Rose Johnson,
Caroline Kidder, Nellie Malone, Julia Pettway, Scarlett Rowland, May
Strickland, Audrey Turcotte

Fairy Wings (Rhythm & Releve)

Emery Anderson, Kennedy Brock, Stella Brokaw, Elliott Harper, Eva
Jaymes Harper, Oakleigh Smith

Joyful Noise (Tendu & Tap)

Adelaide Adams, Isabelle Cullen, Emery Gain, Addie Lea Hodges, Sadie
Stanton, Savannah Stanton, Liza True Wood

Waltz of the Flowers (Ballet Foundations)

McKenna Anderson, Ella Jane Beane, Ellie Claire Kajdan, Harper
McAlpin, HadleyKate Parrish, Emily Payne, Helen Stanley, Emery
Temple

I Need Your Love (Tendu & Tap)

Anna Anderson, Charlotte Brewer, June Cooksey, Magnolia Guizerix, Lorena Joy Hughes, Eloise Mooney, Hadley Morgan, Addison Kate Muirhead, Jordyn Palmer, Riley Whittington, Katherine Wilbanks, Avery Wilson

Greater (Mercy Me) (Jete & Jazz)

Faith Banks, Liza Bonelli, Adeline Henry, Marleigh Hughes, Caroline Kidder, Rileigh Minor, Audrey Rhett, Lynley Riddick, Audrey Turcotte, Ery'Honor Wilson

Hydrangeas (Jete & Jazz)

Madison Brown, Brynleigh Ford, Em Hicks, Lennon Johnston, Evie Lawrence, Nellie Malone, Kennedy Mitchell, Julia Pettway, Emersyn Rachal, Kyndal Ross, Havel Ruth, Grace Terrell

Mighty God (Steps & Sounds)

Adelynn Brewer, Everly Claborn, Avery Dixon, Ann Harris, Karlisle Herrington, Olivia Hesselberg, Maren Klaus, Mylo Parmegiani, Brynlee Rees, Catherine Riddick, Layla Grace Whitfield, Renni Wigley, Norhra Williams

Butterflies (Rhythm & Releve)

Ollie Hayes, Libby Mattei, Hadley Rees, Avery Ricketts, Hadley Strickland, Teddi Temple, Lori Grace Wilbanks

Always (Tap Foundations)

Bella Rose Johnson, Emily Payne, May Strickland

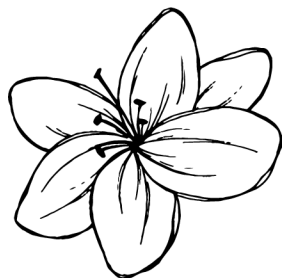
Go Now in Peace (Steps & Sounds)

Callan Braswell, BB Britt, Amelia Cadigan, Everleigh Guevara, Lydia McGovern, Salem Retherford, Harper Rowland, MaryMartin Stanley

*And He that sat upon the throne
said, **Behold, I make all things new.***

*And He said unto me, Write: for
these words are true and faithful.*

Revelation 21:5



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PBT / Leaps & Turns
(Level 1B or Ages 12+)
- 7:00 – 8:30 PM
Ballet/Pointe
(Level 1B or Ages 12+)

Miss Laney

- 4:30 – 5:30 PM
6–10 Combo
(Ballet & Contemporary/Jazz)

Ms. Amanda

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Tumble & Tone
- 6:00 – 7:00 PM
Beginner
Tumble & Tone

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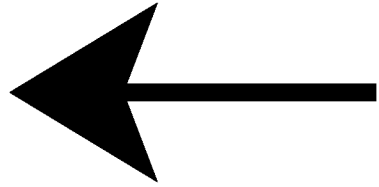
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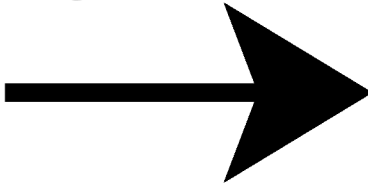
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