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Western Arkansas Ballet was founded July 23, 1979, as the Fort Smith Civic Ballet and reorganized in August 1985 under the present logo and code of ethics. For over three decades, the Board of Directors has introduced and implemented outreach and educational programs to fulfill the mission of Western Arkansas Ballet. The Board of Directors is proud of the unique characteristics that Western Arkansas Ballet brings to the Fort Smith area: it is the only dance organization with membership in Regional Dance America; the only dance organization to receive annual support from the Arkansas Arts Council; and the only nonprofit dance academy and regional company. The Academy of Western Arkansas Ballet offers classes for company and non-company members in ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, modern, hip-hop, Progressing Ballet Technique, Adult Ballet, and Creative Movement at the Western Arkansas Ballet studios in Fort Smith.

As a part of its mission to bring quality dance education to the community, Western Arkansas Ballet has developed and implemented many community outreach programs where our instructors teach classes for the Fort Smith Girls, Inc. Summer Program and to children and adults with developmental and related disabilities at Bost, Inc.

Annual performances include two full-length ballets, *The Nutcracker* in December and a Spring Ballet, which over the years has included *Alice in Wonderland*, *Sleeping Beauty*, *Giselle*, *The Wizard of Oz* and *Cinderella*.

Visit our website at [www.waballet.org](http://www.waballet.org) to learn more about Western Arkansas Ballet's history, involvement in the local community, how to register for Summer Dance Camps and Academy classes and to make a donation.



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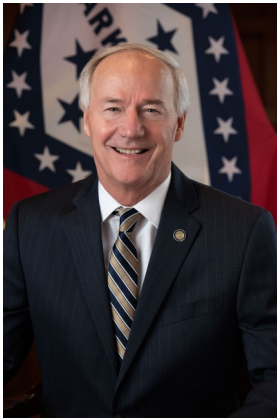
April 29, 2022

On behalf of the State of Arkansas, it is my privilege to welcome all those gathered at the Western Arkansas Ballet's performance of *Peter Pan*. I would like to extend my recognition to the staff, performers, and volunteers who have made these productions possible.

Western Arkansas Ballet provides enriching experiences to many Arkansans through the important historical and artistic expression of dance. I appreciate your efforts to bring the art of classical ballet to the local community. This production will showcase a cast of over 60 local children and adults and features guest artist Ian Boyan as Peter Pan. I commend all of you for your hard work, time, energy, and patience. It is truly exciting to have so many artists gathered together, and I know your performances will create memories for both the cast and audience to cherish in the years to come.

Thank you for supporting the arts in Arkansas, and best wishes for a successful production!

Sincerely,  
  
Asa Hutchinson



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There are many unseen supporters of the mission and work of Western Arkansas Ballet. None of our performances, including *Peter Pan* would be possible without the support of the following people.

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**Zoey Smith:** Congratulations Zoey on your second Spring Ballet! We are so proud of our Lost Boy! Have fun dancing! Love, Mom, Xander, Pop, and Dee Dee.

**Livia Campbell:** I am so proud of the amazing woman and beautiful dancer you are! Keep chasing your dreams! Love, Dad



## WAB Faculty & Staff

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## Ian Boyan-Guest Artist



Ian is originally from Delaware and started professional training at age thirteen. In 2012, he trained with Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre for four years. In 2016, he danced professionally with New York State Ballet for four seasons and has performed in the productions of *Nutcracker*, *Dracula*, *Carmina Burana*, *Marriage of Figaro*, and *Alice in Wonderland*. Ian now lives in Pennsylvania works with Huntingdon Dance Academy.

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### *Western Arkansas Ballet Company*

**Olivia Barker** is 11 years old, and in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade at Ramsey Jr. High. She is the daughter of Nick Barker and Erin Barker. This is her third year in Company.

**Hannah Bryant** is in her sixth year in Company. She is 15 years old and in the 10<sup>th</sup> grade at Van Buren High School. She is the daughter of Chris and Amber Bryant.

**Rachel Calicott** is 16 years old, and in the 11<sup>th</sup> grade and is homeschooled. This is her sixth year in Company. She is the daughter of John and Charla Calicott.

**Livia Campbell** is in her fifth year in Company. She is 14 years old, and in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Poteau High School. She is the daughter of Oliver and Loni Bohannon.

**Nichole Edwards** is an 8<sup>th</sup> grader at Roland Jr. High and is 14 years old. This is her fifth year in Company. She is the daughter of Chad and Dawna Edwards.

**Mahala Flagg** is the daughter of Richard Flagg and Lalita Flagg. She is 15 years old and a homeschooled 10<sup>th</sup> grader. This is her fifth year in Company.

**Madeline Lee** is 14 years old and in the 9<sup>th</sup> grade at Van Buren Freshman Academy. This is her sixth year in Company. She is the daughter of Daniel and So Jeong Lee.

**Brinly Nelson** is the daughter of Steve and Beverly Nelson. She is 18 years old and a 2020 graduate. This is her first year in Company.

**Catherine Randall** is the daughter of Larry and Stephanie Randall. She is 13 years old and in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Trinity Middle School. This is her third year in Company.

### **Act II**

Back in Neverland, Tiger Lily, along with the Neverland Tribe, keep a look out for Captain Hook and the Pirates. From the trees, Hook and the Pirate Officers come to capture Tiger Lily. Peter Pan watches and tricks Hook and the Pirates away from her with a ghostly dance.

Peter's adventure continues in the Lost Boys' underground home where Wendy is trying to teach them some much needed manners. The boys are put to bed and Wendy gives Peter his medicine. The two are momentarily enchanted with each other, but Peter returns to his defiant self and abandons Wendy for his bed. Hook and the Pirates sneak down to pull the boys and Wendy up from the underground home, taking them to the Jolly Roger. Hook poisons Peter's medicine. Tinker Bell awakens Peter to go rescue the Lost Boys and Wendy. As Peter prepares to rescue them all, Tinker Bell prevents him from drinking his medicine by drinking it herself. She begins to die and Peter asks everyone to believe in fairies and clap their hands to save her life. Tinker Bell rallies and they fly off to find Wendy and the Lost Boys. Peter flies onto the Jolly Roger and a swashbuckling swordfight begins. Peter is triumphant, forcing Hook to jump overboard, right into the jaws of the crocodile

Back at No. 14. The children's room is still. The children arrive safely back in their room and quickly lay down as if they never left. Mr. and Mrs. Darling, Nana and Liza are all in their beds. They hear a sound upstairs and go to investigate. They come into the room to find the children asleep in their beds. All is well. Once they leave, Peter Pan flies in to say goodbye to the children but especially to Wendy. Peter then leaves to return to Neverland, staying true to his motto, 'Never Grow Up.' Leaving the children to sleep and dream about a time they will never forget.



# PETER PAN

## Act I

The air is different this evening in the nursery at No. 14. While straightening up her children's room, Mrs. Darling suddenly senses something strange but familiar enter, something reminiscent from her childhood. The ruckus of John and Michael Darling entering the room scares it away, leaving its shadow behind. As the boys play, their sister Wendy comes in with their maid, Liza, and the nanny, Nana the dog. Even Nana smells something different in the nursery but cannot quite find it. The children are playing together. Wendy gets trapped on the bed when Mr. Darling catches them. He is a stern father who does not quite understand why his family has a dog for a nanny. Nonetheless, he and Mrs. Darling are off for an evening out, just as soon as the children are put to bed.

The still quiet of the nursery quickly turns to excitement as Tinker Bell begins to flit around the room. Peter Pan boldly flies into the room in search of his shadow. While struggling to catch his shadow, Wendy awakens and cleverly helps Peter sew his shadow back on. Showing off, Peter flies around the room, waking John and Michael, who want to fly like Peter. Peter teaches Wendy, Michael, and John to fly and off they go, into the night.

"Second star to the right and straight on til morning" leads the flying children to Neverland. Once there, the Lost Boys are galloping around the island looking for Peter. The Pirates and Captain Hook are looking for the Lost Boys. Tinker Bell gathers the Lost Boys and spitefully tells them that Peter has brought some prey to shoot. One of the Lost Boys, Tootles, fires his slingshot, and Wendy falls from the sky. Peter, John, and Michael arrive and the Lost Boys realize that Tinker Bell tricked them into shooting Wendy. Wendy revives and Peter leads them off to the Mermaid's Lagoon.

There, the Lavender Mermaids are sunning themselves as the Golden Mermaid and Teal Mermaids dance in the sun. Peter and The Darlings arrive to play with their kite. Hook and the Pirates arrive and a fight ensues! Hook slashes Peter in the fight before being chased away by the Crocodile. Their departure leaves Peter and Wendy alone on Marooner's Rock as the waters begin to rise. Wendy grabs the tail of the kite to fly away, abandoning a wounded and dying Peter, until the Neverbirds come and save him and he sails away to the next adventure.

**Claire Sacran** is the daughter of Jason and Rebekah Sacran. This is her third year in Company. She is 15 years old and a homeschooled 9<sup>th</sup> grader.

**Eily Sacran** is 13 years old, and this is her third year in Company. She is in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade and is homeschooled. She is the daughter of Jason & Rebekah Sacran.

**Psalm Wistrand** is in her first year in Company. She is 16 years old and a 10<sup>th</sup> grader at Mena High School. She is the daughter of Hope Brotherton.

## WAB II Company

**Grace Beasley** is the daughter of Matt and Lana Beasley. She is 12 years old and a student at Trinity Middle School. This is her first year in Company.

**Adalyn Fore** is 10 years old and the daughter of Beau and Amy Fore. She is a 4<sup>th</sup> grader at Cavanaugh Elementary. This is her first year in Company.

**Elizabeth Fore** is the daughter of Beau and Amy Fore. She is 13 years old and in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade at Ramsey Middle School. This is her third year in Company.

**Georgia Good** is 10 years old and a homeschooled 5<sup>th</sup> grader. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Lauren Good. This is her first year in Company.

**Gillian Good** is 13 years old and this is her second year in Company. She is a homeschooled 7<sup>th</sup> grader. She is the daughter of Jeremy and Lauren Good.

**Jamison Hayes** is 11 years old, and in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at The Montessori School of Fort Smith. This is her second year in Company. She is the daughter of Justin Hayes and Jessica Fulbright-Hayes.

**Rayne Lawless** is 12 years old and the daughter of Scott and Maggie Lawless. She is a sixth grader and attends East Hills Middle School. This is her first year in Company.

**Sydney Randall** is 12 years old and is the daughter of Larry and Stephanie Randall. This is her third year in Company. She is the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Trinity Middle School.

**Madley Jo Rogers** is 12 years old and attends Alma Middle School; she is in the 6<sup>th</sup> grade. This is her first year in Company and is the daughter of Jason and Christie Rogers.

**Abigail Simon** is the daughter of Tyson and Holly Simon. She is a homeschooled 8<sup>th</sup> grader and 13 years old. This is her first year in Company.

**Heidi West** is in her first year in Company. She is 12 years old and is in the 7<sup>th</sup> grade at Chaffin Middle School. She is the daughter of Brandon and Nicole West.

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*Peter Pan Cast*

Music: Stephen Warbeck and Carmon DeLeone

Choreography: Melissa Schoenfeld

Auxiliary Choreography: Jared Mesa and Brianna Mesa

**Act I**

Peter Pan:	Ian Boyan
Wendy:	Hannah Bryant
John:	Claire Sacran
Michael:	Madeline Lee
Tinker Bell:	Eily Sacran
Captain Hook:	Nichole Edwards
Crocodile:	Brianna Mesa
Mrs. Darling:	Rebekah Sacran
Mr. Darling:	Josh Green
Shadow:	Rayne Lawless
Nana:	Elizabeth Fore
Liza the Maid:	Brinly Nelson
Golden Mermaid:	Psalm Wistrand
Teal Mermaids:	Olivia Barker, Rachel Calicott, Livia Campbell, Mahala Flagg, Haiden Horne, Cate Randall
Lavender Mermaids:	Grace Beasley, Adalyn Fore, Georgia Good, Gillian Good, Rayne Lawless, Abigail Simon
Pirate Officers:	Alice Barr, Anaïs Gibson, Kerra Hardaway, Brinly Nelson
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**Intermission**

**Act II**

Tiger Lily:	Mahala Flagg
Neverland Tribe:	Olivia Barker, Rachel Calicott, Livia Campbell, Elizabeth Fore, Jamison Hayes, Haiden Horne, Cate Randall, Sydney Randall, Psalm Wistrand, Annalee Xiong
Neverbirds:	Spencer Agent, Hayley Beach, Emily Chambers, Lola Dickens, Scarlett Farris, Sienna Hargraves, Makayla Hartsfield, Adymae Jones, Leilani Lamb, Junie Titsworth
Stars:	Olivia Barker, Rachel Calicott, Livia Campbell, Mahala Flagg, Cate Randall, Psalm Wistrand