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Welcome from the Cecchetti Classical Ballet Faculty

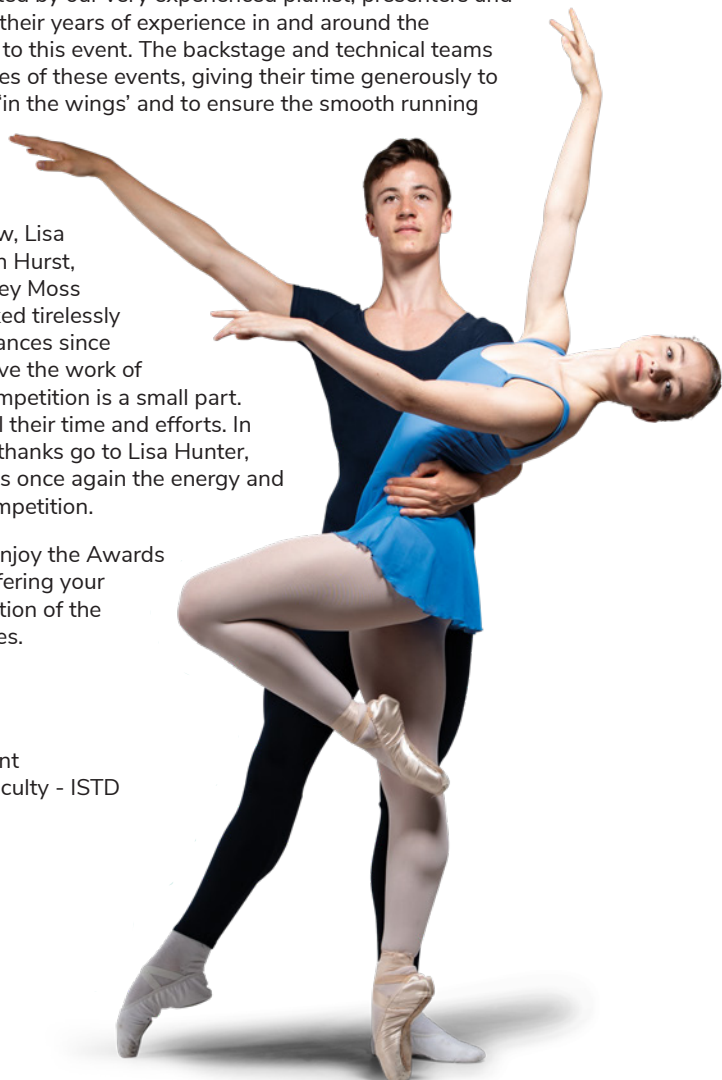
A warm welcome to the 2022 Cecchetti Classical Ballet Awards. It is a real pleasure to be able to use the wonderful new facilities of Central School of Ballet, and I do hope all our young dancers enjoy being part of this competition in the aspirational setting of one of the country's leading dance training establishments.

We are extremely lucky to have a renowned panel of adjudicators with us today, who will pass on their hints and tips for progression to all our competitors as they deliver their results. The panel is supported by our very experienced pianist, presenters and teachers, all of whom bring their years of experience in and around the pedagogy of classical ballet to this event. The backstage and technical teams are always the unsung heroes of these events, giving their time generously to support the young dancers 'in the wings' and to ensure the smooth running of the day.

The ISTD Cecchetti Classical Ballet Faculty Committee of Julie Cronshaw, Lisa Hunter, Alison Jenner, Gillian Hurst, Shirley-Anne Osborne, Tracey Moss and Sarah Wells, have worked tirelessly and in challenging circumstances since being elected in 2020 to drive the work of the faculty, of which this competition is a small part. I am indebted to them for all their time and efforts. In particular, my very grateful thanks go to Lisa Hunter, our awards organiser, who is once again the energy and driving force behind this competition.

I very much hope that you enjoy the Awards and ask you to join me in offering your warm support and appreciation of the young dancers' performances.

Philippa McMeechan
Head of Faculty Development
Cecchetti Classical Ballet Faculty - ISTD



Timetable

10.00	Lower Junior Mabel Ryan Award
11.20	Lower Junior Mabel Ryan Award adjudication and photographs
11.45	Change of audience / Interval
12.15	Junior Mabel Ryan Award
13.35	Junior Mabel Ryan Award adjudication and photographs
14.00	Change of audience / Interval
14.30	Middle Mabel Ryan Award
16.00	Middle Mabel Ryan Award Adjudication and photographs
16.30	Change of audience / Interval
17.00	Senior Mabel Ryan Award
18.30	Senior Mabel Ryan Award adjudication
18.45	Thanks and photographs
19.00	Approximate finish

Adjudicators, accompanist, presenters and teacher

Adjudicator Mabel Ryan Awards, all sections: Brandon Lawrence

Adjudicator – Vacani Awards, Lower Junior and Junior: Gillian Robinson

Adjudicator – Vacani Awards, Middle and Senior: Mary Stassinopoulos

Accompanist: Maria Milanova

Presenter – Lower Junior, Junior and Middle Awards: Sarah Bradshaw

Presenter and teacher of the Senior Mabel Ryan Award: Holly Unnuk

Choreographers

Set work choreographed by: Lisa Hunter

Choreographer/s of the Mabel Ryan Award dances:

Lower Junior – Elisabeth Swan

Junior – Melanie Bull

Middle – Sarah Wells/Kasper Cornish

Senior – Penny Kay/Kasper Cornish

With thanks to:

Volunteers: Claudia Bagley, Julie Cronshaw, Amy Heather, Cecile Heunis, Geena Hird, Tanja Koschorrek, Poppy Mason, Demetra Moore, Tracey Moss, Katherine Ranner, Holly Unnuk and Sarah Wells

Technician: David Marley

Polite notice

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The Mabel Ryan Awards

These awards take place to commemorate Mabel Ryan, a much loved and respected Cecchetti ballet teacher who was herself a pupil of Enrico Cecchetti. As a teacher, she ran her London school in partnership with Margaret Craske, where she worked mainly with children for whom she had a deep regard and understanding. The winner is awarded a commemorative medal to keep.

The Cecchetti Associates' Performance Award

The Cecchetti Associates' Performance Award is awarded in the Lower Junior Mabel Ryan Award to the competitor who shows the most pleasing sense of performance in their dancing. The Award takes the form of a shield, which the winner keeps.

The Vacani Awards for the joy of dance

There are three Vacani Awards that are presented annually, in the Junior, Middle and Senior sections of the Mabel Ryan Awards. These awards do not take into consideration technical ability and are presented to the children who show the most enjoyment in their dancing. The Awards are to commemorate Betty Vacani, a notable and distinguished Cecchetti teacher. The award takes the form of a shield, which the winner keeps.

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Biographies



Brandon Lawrence

Brandon trained with Penny Murray and Andie Nydza before attending the Royal Ballet School where he graduated to join Birmingham Royal Ballet in 2011 reaching the rank of Principal Dancer in 2019.

Brandon has danced many of the classics including Prince Seigfreid Swan Lake, Prince The Nutcracker, Prince Florimund The Sleeping Beauty, Prince Cinderella, Count Albrecht Giselle, Romeo Romeo and Juliet, Colas La Fille Mal Garde, Beast Beauty and the Beast and Basilio Don Quixote. He has also danced many notable roles including Southern Cape Zebra from Sir David Bintleys Still Life at the Penguin Cafe, Friday Night and Bethena Waltz in Macmillans Elite Syncopations and Concerto, Twyla Tharp's In the Upper Room, Lucentio in Cranko's Taming of the Shrew, Othello in Limón's The Moors Pavane and the 3rd Seminarian in David Bintley's Carmina Burana.

Over the years Brandon has joined Birmingham Royal Ballets LEAP dept for various projects and developed a close relationship with Elmhurst Ballet School where he sits on the board of governors.



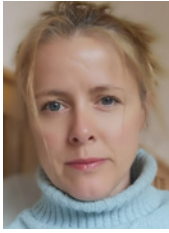
Gillian Robinson

Gillian began ballet training at the age of 13 and after only ten lessons was accepted into The Royal Ballet School. She was entirely RBS trained at both White Lodge and the Upper School, going on to dance professionally in the Royal Opera Ballet and London Festival Ballet (now English National Ballet). Having fallen in love with the Cecchetti Method, she took seven major exams, including Final Diploma, over a short period of time. Gillian ran her own school for twenty-seven years, becoming an ISTD Fellow and then a Cecchetti examiner in 1990 and has been a regular guest teacher at the Cecchetti Centre and Cecchetti Summer Schools. She has also taught and adjudicated at The National Ballet School of Canada and in Vancouver, Japan, France, Malta and Italy.



Mary Stassinopoulos

Mary trained with Laura Wilson, is a Fellow of the ISTD and holder of the Enrico Cecchetti Diploma. She danced professionally in Geneva and later became Principal of the Vacani School in London for many years. Mary served as a member of the Cecchetti Faculty Committee, the ISTD Theatre Faculty Committee and on one of the sub-committees for the Cecchetti Children's Graded Examinations. She was an examiner of the Cecchetti Grades through to Intermediate until retiring in 2010. Mary was the originator behind the concept of the formation of the Cecchetti Legacy, which produced the DVD of the Cecchetti Diploma work and in 2022 she was awarded the Enrico Cecchetti Medal in recognition of her services to the Cecchetti Method.



Lisa Hunter

Lisa Hunter originally trained in the Cecchetti Method with Mary Jane Duckworth and was a Cecchetti Scholar for four years, going on to study at The Royal Ballet Upper School where she continued her Cecchetti training under Jocelyn Mather and graduated with the Teacher's Training Course Diploma in 1990. Lisa has been Principal of The Oundle School of Ballet since 2005 and she is very grateful to have received the Betty Major and Margaret Marsh Scholarships and the Diana Barker Award, all of which assisted her in completing the Licentiate, Fellowship and Cecchetti Diploma qualifications.

Lisa has been a member of the ISTD Cecchetti Faculty since 2020, prior to which she was a member of the Cecchetti Group and is the current organiser of The Cecchetti Classical Ballet Awards.

Lisa would like to wish all the dancers today a wonderful competition experience and the best of luck!



Sarah Bradshaw

Sarah trained from the age of six with Jenny Morgan and Lorraine Heaffey at Northwood Ballet School and was a Cecchetti Scholar. She went on to Bretton Hall College of Performing arts where she gained her BA (Hons.) (Alumni include Wayne McGregor)

Sarah pursued her teaching qualifications and gained her Diploma in Dance Education from the ISTD and has gained Advanced 2 and Fellowship in the Cecchetti method of Classical Ballet. Sarah has been teaching at Northwood Ballet School, The Susan Handy School of Dancing and other private academic schools. Alongside running her own dance school, she is a committee member for the Cecchetti Associates and has written several articles for 'Dance' magazine for the ISTD.

Sarah has enjoyed teaching for the Cecchetti Associates Central and the Welsh Associates. Having competed many times herself in the Mabel Ryan Awards as a youngster she is honoured to have this opportunity to present the Awards in 2022.



Holly Unnuk

Holly has been trained in the Cecchetti Method from a young age. As a student she was awarded a scholarship to attend the Legat School of Dance and then went on to gain her degree at the Laban Conservatoire of Contemporary Dance. Holly passed her Advanced 2 exam in 2015 and currently holds her Licentiate qualification in the method.

Holly began her teaching career in 2011 and now teaches the Cecchetti method in several schools across Berkshire and Wiltshire. She has had numerous students studying as Cecchetti Associates, Cecchetti Scholars and Royal Ballet Associates.

Having participated in the Mabel Ryan awards as a student herself, Holly is honoured to be asked to present the Senior awards this year and wishes all the entrants a fantastic competition experience.

Lower Junior Mabel Ryan

1	Mackenzie Holmes
2	Édith Faissat
3	Ivy Jones
4	Angelo Torrho
5	Elizabeth Wilson
6	Olivia Skorupa
7	Matilde Pinho Rouault
8	Natalia Allington- Williams
9	Scarlett Lane Chow
10	Uzziah Gray
11	Ines Decup
12	Charlotte Freer
13	Amelie Ashby
14	Olivia O'Callaghan
15	Isabel Verryt
16	Ava Burstin
17	Sarah Stanley
18	Summer Lewis
19	Melina Nunes Diamantopoulos
20	Darcy Darnton
21	Eni Akpe
22	Lucinda Foster
23	Riddhi Ghosh
24	Hafsa Lewis
25	Saskia Porter
26	Ayana Patel
27	Chloe Aldwinckle
28	Connie Cleary
29	Kaitlyn Hoffman
30	Kinga Toth
31	Libby Chelba
32	Libby Harragan
33	Jack Callachan
34	Rose Marjason

Junior Mabel Ryan

1	Jasmine Wheatley
2	Athena Karamanou
3	Amelie Cook
4	Emmeline Oberg
5	Olivia Humphreys
6	Annabelle Lewis
7	Isla Norton
8	Grace Ingleson
9	Maddison Coleman
10	Xhoana Noka
11	Millie Frazer
12	Poppy Whittaker
13	Sophia Lane Chow
14	Lili Bar
15	Milly Tebbutt
16	Alexandra Flores
17	Lily Hall
18	Philippa Munro
19	Eleanor Alliak-Howlett
20	Darcy Higgs
21	Jessica Murray
22	Emmanuella Ulmane
23	Imogen Williams
24	Poppy Scott-Taggart
25	Isabella Waterman
26	Millie Brooks
27	Alice Bennett
28	Anya Lithgow
29	Nathan Denyer
30	Esme Kennedy
31	Emma Thomas
32	Amelia Frackowiak
33	Vienna Phillips
34	Sophie Leeson

Middle Mabel Ryan

1	Lauren Bailey
2	Cordelia Martin
3	Maya Canellas-Parish
4	Nieve Grabham
5	Brooke Elsley
6	Grace Fitton
7	Holly Lambert
8	Abbigail Thompson
9	Elize Goldie
10	Isabella Marchetti
11	Misaki MacDougall
12	Ruby Wordsworth
13	Sadie Chelba
14	Holly Smith
15	Sophie Bartlett
16	Philippa Robertson-Kellie
17	Eleanor Rae
18	Mia Skovsende
19	Ciara Gay
20	Isla Jones
21	Ellia Gurney
22	Rebecca Marinelli
23	Miou Mercer
24	Isabelle Jones
25	Lua Marks-Delgado
26	Charlie Smith
27	Alice Willson
28	Hannah Nightingale

Senior Mabel Ryan

1	Iona Walker
2	Orla Swann
3	Annabel Yong
4	Sara Lebetiou
5	Monica Jadcowska
6	Shannon Lewis
7	Amy Wilkes
9	Maia-Jayne Smith
8	Lucy Bartlett
10	Tilda Marriage Massey
11	Emmeline Amies
12	Liberty Poole
13	Emily Licis
14	Katie Jones

Teachers who have entered pupils:

Caroline Ambery
Sarah Bradshaw
Julie Cronshaw
Mary Goodhew
Rachel Hayward
Geena Hird
Lisa Hunter
Levi Knock
Tanja Koschorrek
Jacqueline Lewis
Susan Lucas
Poppy Mason
Philippa McMeechan
Lisa Millard
Daisuke Miura
Demi Moore
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