

Miller Marley  
School of Dance & Voice

Spring

Dance

Concert

Featuring

Youth Ballet 2 Company

Two Competitive Dance Teams

Four Musical Theatre Performance Companies

Act 1: Saturday, March 23rd at 6:00pm

Olathe South Performing Arts Center



Welcome to Miller Marley's Spring Dance Concert 2024, presented as part of our Celebrating 61 Years in Business! Our performing company members are so excited to share their love of song and dance with all of you. Many dancing schools offer a performing company. There are dancing schools whose primary focus is on the competition circuit, schools that focus on ballet, and schools that focus on musical theatre. There is only one Miller Marley School of Dance and Voice, which offers your child the most well-rounded performing arts education in this beautiful city we call home.

Many students have passed through the doors at Miller Marley since its opening in 1963. Our school has been the launching pad for the careers of well over 100 alumni who have gone on to successful stage and film careers, out of which over 60 have appeared in over 130 Broadway shows. Once upon a time these students were just kids, now they are professionals who have appeared as a Rockette, or as an actor / actress on TV, in the movies, on Broadway, or in a National Tour in theatres on both coasts and internationally. Miller Marley also has students dancing professionally in industrial dance, concert dance, in a professional ballet company and the list goes on.

To see these former student's grow and prosper has been a dream come true. To our Miller Marley families: "Your love and support allows us to soar to greater heights." Your beautiful children are a direct reflection of their wonderful parents. To our Miller Marley performance company members, don't forget the lasting impression you create on the younger ones, who gaze at you in awe and aspire to dance or sing just like you. Thank you for your loyalty and dedication. You will always be in our hearts and a part of our Miller Marley family.

*“Setting others up for success is the greatest gift we can give  
as well as receive.”*

Shirley Marley and Brian McGinness

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Junior/Teen/Senior Competition Team Directors .....	Tara Wells, ..... Emily Trebbien
Competition Team Assistant .....	Mia Neaderhiser
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Student Assistants .....	Elayna Rodriguez and Samantha Walker
Miller Marley Youth Ballet Director.....	Laura Branson
MiniTainer Director.....	Annie Cocherl
Student Assistant.....	Ada Lillie Worthington
Show Biz Performers Directors .....	Brian McGinness and Julie Kennedy
Vocal Director .....	Christina Brewer
TiniTainer Directors.....	Annie Cocherl and Megan Schueller
Student Assistant.....	Rylie Marquardt
Youth Ballet 2 Director .....	Ashley Moehlenhoff

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**Act One**

**Saturday, March 23rd 6:00 pm**

**Rodeo**

**Miller Marley Youth Ballet 2**

**Directed and choreographed by Ashley Moehlenhoff**

**Set Design by Brian McGinness**

Hadleigh Beck, Caroline Bennett, Harlow Bivens, Kaitlyn Brewer,  
Collins Claycamp, Kieran Ford, Lauren Gianforte, Evelyn Hunn,  
Teagan Kesner, Elliott Kraus, Gabriella Petelin, Virginia Schoenfeldt,  
Annabelle Shortle, Noel Smith, Grace Taylor

**\*\*\* A Brief Pause \*\*\***

***Enjoy the music!***

**You Make Me Feel**

**Miller Marley Competition Team**

**Directed by Emily Trebbien, Tara Wells**

**Assisted by Mia Neaderhiser**

**Choreography by Mia Neaderhiser, Emily Trebbien, Tara Wells**

Harper Beck, Cailyn Crawford, Lauren Giuliani, Cara Gomez,  
Jocelyn Henry, Megan King, Elayna Rodriguez, Liz Secrest,  
Jurgen Shores, Samantha Walker, Ella Whitehair, Kira Yancey

# **Puppy Love**

**Tiny Competition Team**

**Directed and Choreographed by Tara Wells**

**Student Assistants: Elayna Rodriguez, Samantha Walker**

**Original Costumes by Celia Shea Thompson**

Wren Anderson, Macklynn Bennett, Ruby Bernard, Hadley Corcoran,  
Lincoln Coville Schweigert, Grace Cox, Anlee Daniels,  
Emma Hurst, Cecilia Kesner, Sarah Madden, Meesha Mazel,  
Evie Njuu, Paula Rincon, Emma Kate Stenger,  
Ella Thomas, Piper Thompson, Calia Xiong

# **Dream Lover**

**Miller Marley Competition Team**

**Directed by Emily Trebbien, Tara Wells**

**Assisted by Mia Neaderhiser**

**Choreography by Tara Wells**

Brynlee Perbeck, Reese Perbeck, Gabriella Petelin,  
Jurgen Shores, Annabelle Shortle

# **Lose Control**

**Miller Marley Competition Team**

**Directed by Emily Trebbien, Tara Wells**

**Assisted by Mia Neaderhiser**

**Choreography by McKenna Yordy**

Cailyn Crawford, Cara Gomez, Elayna Rodriguez, Liz Secret,  
Samantha Walker, Ella Whitehair, Kira Yancey

# **My Strongest Suit**

**Entertainer Girls**

**Directed by Ann McCroskey**

**Assistant Director Sarah Peterson**

**Staged by Ann McCroskey**

**Recording Engineered by Richard McCroskey**

**Vocalist: Alexandra Lopez, Hartley Graham,**

**Louisa Bartlett, Eva Smith with . . .**

Sophia Bakarich, Greer Borghardt, Kaitlyn Brewer, Lorien Colucci, Delaney Davis, Addie Edmunds, Emily Enger, Brooke Fair, Elliana Farrow, Lauren Giuliani, Dayanara Gomez, Samantha Haas, Sylvia Hance, Ellery Henning, Jocelyn Henry, Anahi Hermreck, Evelyn Hunn, Maya Jasper, Elliott Kraus, Olivia Martin, Adele Milligan, Josie O'Keefe, Abby Peterson, Lily Rebeck, Evey Sanders, Avery Satterfield, Virginia Schoenfeldt, Jillian Spacek, Grace Taylor, Eden Tow, Bella Williams

## **76 Trombones**

**Directed by Annie Cocherl & Megan Schueller**

**Choreography by Sharon Ingebritson**

**Student Assistant: Rylie Marquardt**

Serenity Alderman, Annabelle Bartlett, Everly Basgall, Macklynn Bennett, Elena Blumreich, PJ Cocherl, Beatrice Dandurand, Shelby Davis, Hattie Early, Eva Enslinger, Eloise Fink, Charlotte Fleharty, Greta Gibbens, Hadlie Gloeckner, Dottie Grover, Alice Hadley, Callen Hains, Addilyn Heater, Emma Hurst, Drew Kovarik, Stella Mahurin, Riley Nahato, Lily Oxandale, Madylin Price, Madison Raupp, Teagan Reintjes, Huck Ridley, Paula Rincon, Lana Roberts, Hadley Sargent, Indy Seiz, Annie Sornson, Kate Steinle, Macy Stillwell, Eva Stoffelen, Lauren Taylor, Piper Thompson, Marlie Tishman, Nora Welzenbach, Calia Xiong

# **Never Dreamed You'd Leave**

**Miller Marley Competition Team**

**Directed by Emily Trebbien, Tara Wells**

**Assisted by Mia Neaderhiser**

**Choreography by Emily Trebbien**

Lauren Gianforte, Teagan Kesner, Capri Pento, Noel Smith,  
TaJhuana Thorpe, Ella Whitehair, Kira Yancey

# **Puttin' On The Ritz**

**Entertainers**

**Directed by Ann McCroskey**

**Assistant Director Sarah Peterson**

**Choreography by Luke Harwerth and Paul Harwerth**

Sophia Bakarich, Louisa Bartlett, Greer Borghardt, Kaitlyn Brewer,  
Nils Casey, Lorien Colucci, Delaney Davis, Addie Edmunds,  
Emily Enger, Brooke Fair, Elliana Farrow, Kieran Ford,  
Lauren Giuliani, Dayanara Gomez, Joaquin Gonzalez Layton,  
Sebastian Gonzalez Layton, Hartley Graham, Samantha Haas,  
Sylvia Hance, Ellery Henning, Jake Henry, Jocelyn Henry,  
Anahi Hermreck, Evelyn Hunn, Jackson Janeway, Maya Jasper,  
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Ryan Peterson, Lily Rebeck, Wyatt Ricker, Evey Sanders,  
Avery Satterfield, Virginia Schoenfeldt, Eva Smith,  
Liam Smith, Jillian Spacek, Grace Taylor,  
Eden Tow, Bella Williams

# **I Wanna Be Like You**

**MiniTainers and TiniTainers**

**Directed by Annie Cocherl and Assisted by Megan Schueller**

**Choreography by Annie Cocherl**

**Student Assistants: Rylie Marquardt  
and Ada Lillie Worthington**

Serenity Alderman, Allison Baker, Annabelle Bartlett, Everly Basgall, Macklynn Bennett, Harlow Bivens, Elena Blumreich, Hallie Branson, Kelsey Jo Brewer, Collins Claycamp, PJ Cocherl, Beatrice Dandurand, Lucille Dandurand, Stella Davidson, Lylah Davis, Piper Davis, Shelby Davis, Nora Dixon, Brinley Dugan, Hattie Early, Ella England, Eva Enslinger, Eloise Fink, Charlotte Fleharty, Ailia Ford, Caroline Fritz, Greta Gibbens, Violet Gibbens, Hadlie Gloeckner, Dottie Grover, Alice Hadley, Callen Hains, Addilyn Heater, Emma Hurst, Lilly Kesner, Macy Komosa, Drew Kovarik, Sophie Loos, Aubrey Lopez, Stella Mahurin, Cora Moffitt, Raina Nahato, Riley Nahato, Lucy Nguyen, Lily Oxandale, London Oxandale, Madylin Price, Madison Raupp, Sarah Raupp, Teagan Reintjes, Huck Ridley, Paula Rincon, Lana Roberts, Greta Rupp, Hadley Sargent, Indy Seiz, Faith Shaw, Annie Sornson, Kate Steinle, Charlotte Stenger, Macy Stillwell, Eva Stoffelen, Lauren Taylor, Piper Thompson, Tenley Thompson, Marlie Tishman, Evelyn Welzenbach, Nora Welzenbach, Ruby Wilson, Calia Xiong

# **A Piece Of Me Is Falling**

**Miller Marley Competition Team**

**Directed by Emily Trebbien, Tara Wells**

**Assisted by Mia Neaderhiser**

**Choreography by Emily Trebbien**

Lauren Gianforte, Teagan Kesner, Capri Pento, Brynlee Perbeck, Reese Perbeck, Gabriella Petelin, Liz Secrest, Annabelle Shortle, Noel Smith, TaJhuana Thorpe

# **Down In New Orleans**

**Show Biz Performers**

**Directed by Brian McGinness and Julie Kennedy**

**Choreography by Hannah Yeoman**

**The Narrator: Tucker Burks with . . .**

Wren Anderson, Charlotte Bakarich, Matthew Barton, Vivian Battmer, Maddy Copeland, Hadley Corcoran, Leo Covitz, Anlee Daniels, Annabelle Fink, Lilly Friesen, Bonnie Golson, Harper Hassinger, Keaton Hetrick, Hailey Jones, Madison Jones, Emorey Koehler, Evelyn Lewis, Sarah Madden, Annabelle Mosby, Vivian Moss, Evie Njuu, Sage Reintjes, Grace Remak, Hazel Ridley, Morgan Smith, Emma Kate Stenger, Ella Thomas, Liam Welzenbach, Presley Wignall

# **This Woman's Work**

**Miller Marley Competition Team**

**Directed by Emily Trebbien, Tara Wells**

**Assisted by Mia Neaderhiser**

**Choreography by Tara Wells**

Harper Beck, Cailyn Crawford, Cara Gomez, Jocelyn Henry, Elayna Rodriguez, Liz Secrest, Samantha Walker, Ella Whitehair, Kira Yancey

# **Barbie Dreams**

**Directed by Annie Cocherl**

**Choreography by alumna Millie Bell**

**Student Assistant Ada Lillie Worthington**

**Featured Dancers: Collins Claycamp, Harlow Bivens with . . .**

Allison Baker, Hallie Branson, Kelsey Jo Brewer, Lucille Dandurand, Stella Davidson, Lylah Davis, Piper Davis, Nora Dixon, Brinley Dugan, Ella England, Ailia Ford, Caroline Fritz, Violet Gibbens, Lilly Kesner, Macy Komosa, Sophie Loos, Aubrey Lopez, Cora Moffitt, Raina Nahato, Lucy Nguyen, London Oxandale, Sarah Raupp, Greta Rupp, Faith Shaw, Charlotte Stenger, Tenley Thompson, Evelyn Welzenbach, Ruby Wilson

## **It's Raining Men**

**Miller Marley Competition Team**

**Directed by Emily Trebbien, Tara Wells**

**Assisted by Mia Neaderhiser**

**Choreography by Mia Neaderhiser**

Logan Angell, Greer Borghardt, Cailyn Crawford, Leah Jane Davis,  
Dayanara Gomez, Evan Grebenyuk, Gracyn Haney, Annie Joplin,  
Breyan Madden, Elayna Rodriguez, Isabella Rodriguez,  
Jillian Spacek, Jordan Tiger, Eden Tow, Ryleigh Williams

## **Greenback Boogie**

**Miller Marley Competition Team**

**Directed by Emily Trebbien, Tara Wells**

**Assisted by Mia Neaderhiser**

**Choreography by Tara Wells**

Harper Beck, Cailyn Crawford, Lauren Giuliani, Cara Gomez,  
Samantha Haas, Jocelyn Henry, Megan King,  
Rylee Madden, Evey Sanders

## **In The Still Of The Night**

**Entertainer Boys**

**Directed by Ann McCroskey**

**Assistant Director Sarah Peterson**

**Vocal Direction by Dave Davis**

**Vocalist: Luke Peterson with . . .**

Nils Casey, Kieran Ford, Joaquin Gonzalez Layton,  
Sebastian Gonzalez Layton, Jake Henry, Jackson Janeway,  
Ryan Peterson, Wyatt Ricker, Liam Smith

# **The Big Noise**

**Miller Marley Competition Team**

**Directed by Emily Trebbien, Tara Wells**

**Assisted by Mia Neaderhiser**

**Choreography by Mia Neaderhiser**

Evie Affolter, Ellie Altenhofen, Kelsey Jo Brewer, Isla Cook, Amelia Coville Schweigert, Stella Davidson, Brinley Dugan, Charley Gunja, Amelia Hagemann, Lilly Kesner, Rosie Kingsley, Sophie Loos, Harper McLean, Lila O'Keefe, Lexi Suiter, Madelyn Villanueva, Brooke Wilson

# **Ante Up**

**Miller Marley Competition Team**

**Directed by Emily Trebbien, Tara Wells**

**Assisted by Mia Neaderhiser**

**Choreography by Tara Wells**

Harper Beck, Cailyn Crawford, Lauren Gianforte, Lauren Giuliani, Cara Gomez, Gracyn Haney, Jocelyn Henry, Teagan Kesner, Megan King, Rylee Madden, Capri Pento, Brynlee Perbeck, Reese Perbeck, Gabriella Petelin, Elayna Rodriguez, Liz Secrest, Jurgen Shores, Annabelle Shortle, Noel Smith, Jillian Spacek, TaJhuana Thorpe, Ella Whitehair, Ryleigh Williams, Kira Yancey

# **Jailhouse Rock**

**Tiny Competition Team Small Group**

**Directed and Choreographed by Tara Wells**

**Student Assistants: Elayna Rodriguez, Samantha Walker**

Macklynn Bennett, Lincoln Coville Schweigert, Emma Hurst, Cecilia Kesner, Meesha Mazel, Paula Rincon, Emma Kate Stenger, Piper Thompson, Calia Xiong

# **Time Machine**

**Miller Marley Competition Team**

**Directed by Emily Trebbien, Tara Wells**

**Assisted by Mia Neaderhiser**

**Choreography by Mia Neaderhiser**

Evie Affolter, Ellie Altenhofen, Logan Angell, Brooke Barton,  
Hadleigh Beck, Caroline Bennett, Greer Borghardt, Kaitlyn Brewer,  
Kelsey Jo Brewer, Isla Cook, Amelia Coville Schweigert,  
Stella Davidson, Brinley Dugan, Dayanara Gomez,  
Evan Grebenyuk, Charley Gunja, Amelia Hagemann, Saylor Haney,  
Annie Joplin, Lilly Kesner, Jane Kingsley, Rosie Kingsley, Elliott Kraus,  
Audrey Lederer, Grace Lederer, Harper McLean, Raina Nahato,  
Isabella Rodriguez, Evey Sanders, Charlotte Stenger, Lexi Suiter,  
Charlotte Swift, Jordan Tiger, Eden Tow,  
Audrey Tworek, Madelyn Villanueva

# **A Million Dreams**

**Show Biz Performers**

**Directed by Brian McGinness and Julie Kennedy**

**Choreography by Brian McGinness**

**Vocal Direction by Christina Brewer**

**Recording Engineered by Robert Rebeck**

**Vocalists: Bonnie Golson, Hazel Ridley, Annabelle Fink, with . . .**

Wren Anderson, Charlotte Bakarich, Matthew Barton, Vivian Battmer,  
Tucker Burks, Maddy Copeland, Hadley Corcoran, Leo Covitz,  
Anlee Daniels, Lilly Friesen, Harper Hassinger, Keaton Hetrick,  
Hailey Jones, Madison Jones, Emorey Koehler, Evelyn Lewis,  
Sarah Madden, Annabelle Mosby, Vivian Moss, Evie Njuu,  
Sage Reintjes, Grace Remak, Morgan Smith, Emma Kate Stenger,  
Ella Thomas, Liam Welzenbach, Presley Wignall

**\*\*\* *A Brief Pause* \*\*\***

***Enjoy the music!***

# **Miss America**

## **All Competition Teams**

**Directed by Emily Trebbien, Tara Wells**

**Assisted by Mia Neaderhiser**

**Choreography by Mia Neaderhiser, Emily Trebbien, Tara Wells**

**A special “Thank You!”**

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Evie Affolter, Ellie Altenhofen, Wren Anderson, Logan Angell,

Brooke Barton, Hadleigh Beck, Harper Beck, Caroline Bennett,

Macklynn Bennett, Ruby Bernard, Greer Borghardt, Kaitlyn Brewer,

Kelsey Jo Brewer, Isla Cook, Hadley Corcoran,

Amelia Coville Schweigert, Lincoln Coville Schweigert, Grace Cox,

Cailyn Crawford, Anlee Daniels, Stella Davidson, Leah Jane Davis,

Brinley Dugan, Lauren Gianforte, Lauren Giuliani, Cara Gomez,

Dayanara Gomez, Evan Grebenyuk, Charley Gunja, Samantha Haas,

Amelia Hagemann, Gracyn Haney, Saylor Haney, Jocelyn Henry,

Emma Hurst, Annie Joplin, Cecilia Kesner, Lilly Kesner, Teagan Kesner,

Megan King, Jane Kingsley, Rosie Kingsley, Elliott Kraus,

Audrey Lederer, Grace Lederer, Sophie Loos, Breyan Madden,

Rylee Madden, Sarah Madden, Meesha Mazel, Harper McLean,

Raina Nahato, Evie Njuu, Lila O’Keefe, Capri Pento, Brynlee Perbeck,

Reese Perbeck, Gabriella Petelin, Paula Rincon, Elayna Rodriguez,

Isabella Rodriguez, Evey Sanders, Liz Secrest, Jurgen Shores,

Annabelle Shortle, Noel Smith, Jillian Spacek, Charlotte Stenger, Emma

Kate Stenger, Lexi Suiter, Charlotte Swift, Ella Thomas,

Piper Thompson, TaJhuana Thorpe, Jordan Tiger, Eden Tow,

Audrey Tworek, Madelyn Villanueva, Samantha Walker, Ella Whitehair,

Ryleigh Williams, Brooke Wilson, Calia Xiong, Kira Yancey

**--- Twenty-minute intermission ---**

***Please enjoy the bake sale in the lobby!***



# *The Little Mermaid*

## **Act Two**

**Saturday, March 23rd 6:00 pm**

### ***The Little Mermaid Ballet***

**(Premiered Spring Ballet Concert 2013)**

Music by Benjamin Britten, Claude Debussy,  
Maurice Ravel, Andre Rieu,

Choreography by Laura Branson

Additional Choreography by Ashley Moehlenhoff

Resident Costume Designer Ariel Glorsky

Original Costume Designs by Tia Browning and Elaine Biggs

Resident Lighting Designer Jarrett Bertoncin

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Set Design by Constance Carroll and Brian McGinness

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## **Choreographer's notes**

In a far-off place, under the sea, there lived a mermaid princess, Ariel. Her father's kingdom was more beautiful than can be imagined; yet every night, The Little Mermaid dreamed of the world on land. Her father, King Triton, forbade his daughters to visit the surface.

When her fifteenth birthday came, Ariel could hardly wait for the festivities to end. The curious mermaid swam near to the ship so she could see the humans. The most handsome of all was a young prince, Eric.

As the evening went on, however, the wind began to blow, and the swells began to grow. A terrible storm was brewing. The mighty waves tossed the ship as lightning burned through the sky. Finally the ship gave in to the sea. Ariel knew she must save the Prince who was drowning. She lifted his head above the surface until the storm had passed. By this time, morning had broken, and she had brought him to a calm beach in a tiny bay leaving him safely on the sand. The Little Mermaid watched over Prince Eric to make sure he would be all right. Briefly seeing the Little Mermaid, the Prince heard her voice as she swam back to her father's palace deep beneath the waves.

Saddened to think she might never see him again; Ariel asked her father if she could go to the shore. She hoped to see the Prince once more, for she had fallen in love with him. After her father denied her permission to go the shore, she knew she must consult the Sea Witch, of whom she had always been so afraid.

The Sea Witch knew why the Little Mermaid had come and was quite willing to help. She would make a potion that would give the mermaid legs instead of a fishtail. She would appear graceful and lovely, but as payment to the witch, she must give up her voice. The Sea Witch told her she must have the Prince fall in love with her, for if he marries another, she will die. Desperate, Ariel agrees, and she signs a contract giving up her voice for legs. The mermaid's wish to become human came true.

The next morning, the Little Mermaid woke up on the beach where the Prince's castle overlooked the sea. Soon, the Prince happened upon the mermaid, but without her voice, she could not tell him who she was or

where she had come from. The Prince took her back to his castle where they quickly became great friends. At last, the time had come for the Prince to choose a bride. Knowing that the Prince had never forgotten the face of the young girl, the Sea Witch transformed herself into a beautiful young girl disguising her voice with Ariel's.

Thinking that she might have been the one who saved him, he chose her to marry. After the Prince announced his engagement, the Little Mermaid's heart was broken, as she believed that she not only lost the man she loved, but also would die. King Triton confronted the Sea Witch and begged her to break the spell, but she would not do it. With his magical power, King Triton returns The Little Mermaid's voice to her. Only then could the Prince see the sacrifice that the Little Mermaid had made to be with him and knew that he could not be happy without her. The Prince realized Ariel was the girl that had saved him and that she was the one he would marry. They had a grand wedding above the sea and lived happily ever after.

### **MMYB and YB2 Cast**

**Little Mermaid (Ariel):** Samantha Walker

#### **Ariel's Six Sisters:**

Ada Lillie Worthington, Brooke Fair, Jocelyn Henry,  
Kira Yancey, Cailyn Crawford, Grace Lewis

**Ariel's Friend (Flounder):** Liz Secret

**King Triton:** Kieran Ford

**Sebastian:** Evey Sanders

**Prince Eric:** Nils Casey

**Sailors:** Annie Joplin, Isabella Rodriguez

**The Sea Witch:** Elliana Moore

**Two Evil Eels:** Jillian Spacek, Olivia Martin

**Sea Witch in Disguise as Ariel:** Ella Whitehair

**Angel Fish:** Ellery Henning

**Living Coral:** Harper Beck

**Rainbow Fish:** Leah Jane Davis

**Sea Horses:** Annie Joplin, Isabella Rodriguez

**Star Fish:** Bella Williams

**Jelly Fish (YB2):** Lauren Gianforte, Noel Smith

**Maidens (YB2):** Annabelle Shortle, Elliott Kraus, Gabriella Petelin,  
Grace Taylor, Teagan Kesner, Virginia Schoenfeldt

**Evil Fish (YB2):** Caroline Bennett, Collins Claycamp, Evelyn Hunn,  
Hadleigh Beck, Harlow Biven, Kaitlyn Brewer

***--- The End ---***

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of dancewear for our students.  
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Sunday, June 2nd through Thursday, August 8th**

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Saturday – 8:00 am till 11:00 am**

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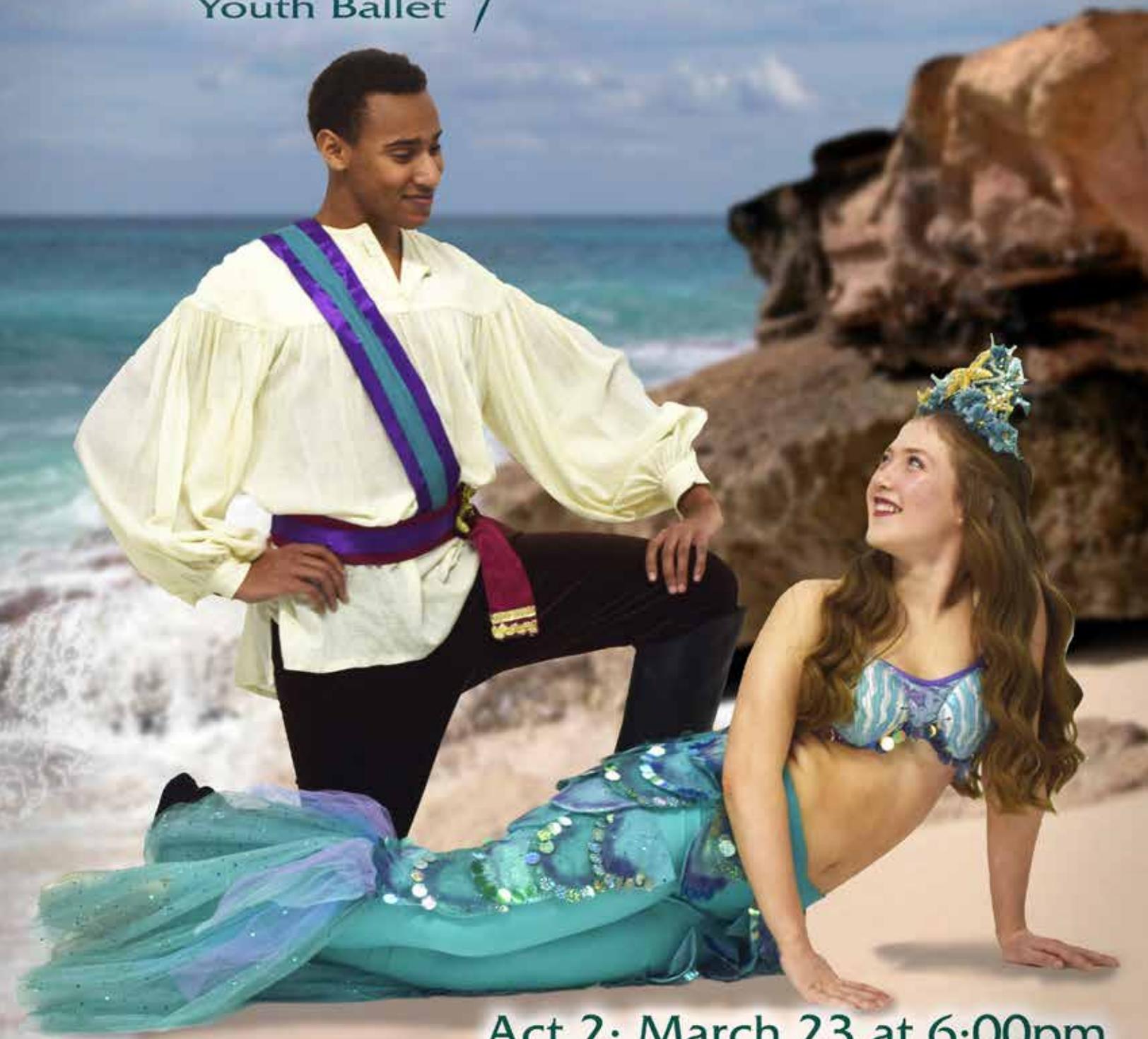
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# *The Little*

Performed by...

*Miller Marley*  
Youth Ballet

# *Mermaid*



Act 2: March 23 at 6:00pm  
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