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APC IMPORTANT DATES
2026-2027 SEASON

September 8- Classes Begin
September 28 - Oct 3: Bestie Bash
November 7 & 8- ARTistry Convention
November 16 - Labor Day Makeup Class for Monday classes
November 17-22 - Once Upon A Holiday Week (No Regular Classes)
November 20-22 - Once Upon A Holiday @ Mimms Museum
November 23- 29 - Thanksgiving Break
December 13- SugarPlum Showcase (Ages 3-5)
December 18-January 8 - Holiday Break
January 9 - Classes Resume
April 4-10 - Spring Break
April 16-18 - ART Gala & APG Show (*ART Company & APG Only*)
May 20-23 - Recital Week @ Roswell Cultural Arts Center
May 24 - Summer Break Begins



Alumni Newsletter

We hope this letter finds you well and thriving in your post-graduation endeavors. As we reflect on another successful year at Atlanta Dance Company, we are filled with gratitude for the incredible support we've received from our alumni community. Your energy and fresh perspectives continue to inspire us. To all our alumni, your ongoing commitment to our dance program has been nothing short of extraordinary. Thanks to your unwavering support, we've been able to stage more ambitious productions, giving our current students invaluable experience.

Alumni News



Haley O'Kelly

We have a fabulous new addition to our ADC teachers this year: ADC alumna, Haley O'Kelly!
We are so excited to have her bringing fun to classes, new ways of learning to our students, all while keeping the ADC traditions and values alive. Haley O'Kelly was born and raised in Roswell, Georgia. She began her dance training as a student of Charlotte in 2006, later continuing her studies with Atlanta Rising Talent in 2009. A fun fact from her early years: Haley originated the role of Alice in Once Upon a Holiday in 2007! After graduating high school in 2015, she joined SIDEWAYS Contemporary Dance Company and performed with the company through 2020.

Teaching has always been a passion of Haley's. While still in high school, she began assisting with primary classes at ADC and later became a lead teacher across multiple levels. In 2020, she graduated from Kennesaw State University with a B.S. in History Education and a minor in Dance. That same year, she began filming and editing dance films for ADC, and has created an annual ballet film for Atlanta Rising Talent every year since.
From 2020 to 2026, Haley taught 8th grade social studies at Northwestern Middle School. Now, she is thrilled to rejoin ADC and continue sharing her love of dance with the next generation of students.

Alumni News



Claire Peoples

We are very excited for our ADC students to learn from ADC alumna, Claire Peoples at our ARTistry Convention this November. Claire Peoples is a ballet and contemporary dance artist, educator, and choreographer. She recently spent four seasons with New Mexico Ballet Company, performing featured roles in productions including The Wizard of Oz Ballet, The Great Gatsby, Aladdin & The Magic Lamp, and The Nutcracker. She has also performed with Boston Dance Theater and Confluence Ballet Company. A Roswell native, Claire trained at Atlanta Dance Central as well as with Sideways Contemporary Dance Company, Joffrey Ballet School, and Nashville Ballet. She earned her B.F.A. in Dance, graduating Summa Cum Laude, from the University of Georgia.

ADC is MOVING



I signed a lease on a new home for ADC.

It's in Sandy Plains Village II - five minutes down the road in the same complex as Rise coffee. Because we're building it from scratch, we get to build it exactly how we want: four studio spaces, a study bar for homework, new HVAC and roof, a workshop, and custom aerial rigging.



We'll start with 6,000 square feet and if our zoning permits come through, we'll grow even further to add a performance space, a dream of mine for a long time. (Don't worry, we're keeping our recital in a true theater - this just means our showings, rehearsal prep, and camp performances get to level up too.)

We're aiming to be fully moved in by January 9th. We are excited for this transition, but also feeling nostalgic for the studio space we've loved for so many years now. Thank you for being a part of what makes this space a true home.



ADC Season 18!













SAVE THE DATE FOR:

ONCE UPON A Holiday

NOVEMBER 20-22

All ADC Students Age 6+ & ART students will perform in this fun show with professional dancers.

Come see us at the Mimms Museum of Technology and Art
(Formerly the Computer Museum of America)
Tickets on sale soon!

Want to see something specific in next month's newsletter?
Is there a dance topic you'd like to learn more about? Photographs you want to submit? Our goal is to design this newsletter around the needs of our ADC alumni, so send your feedback and ideas my way!

With Love,
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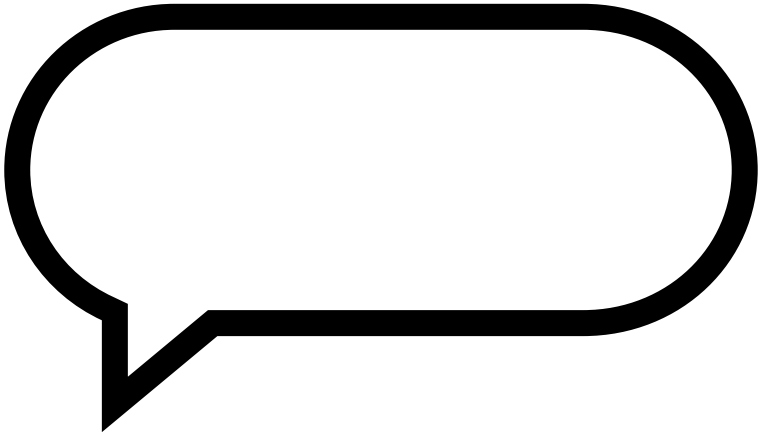

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