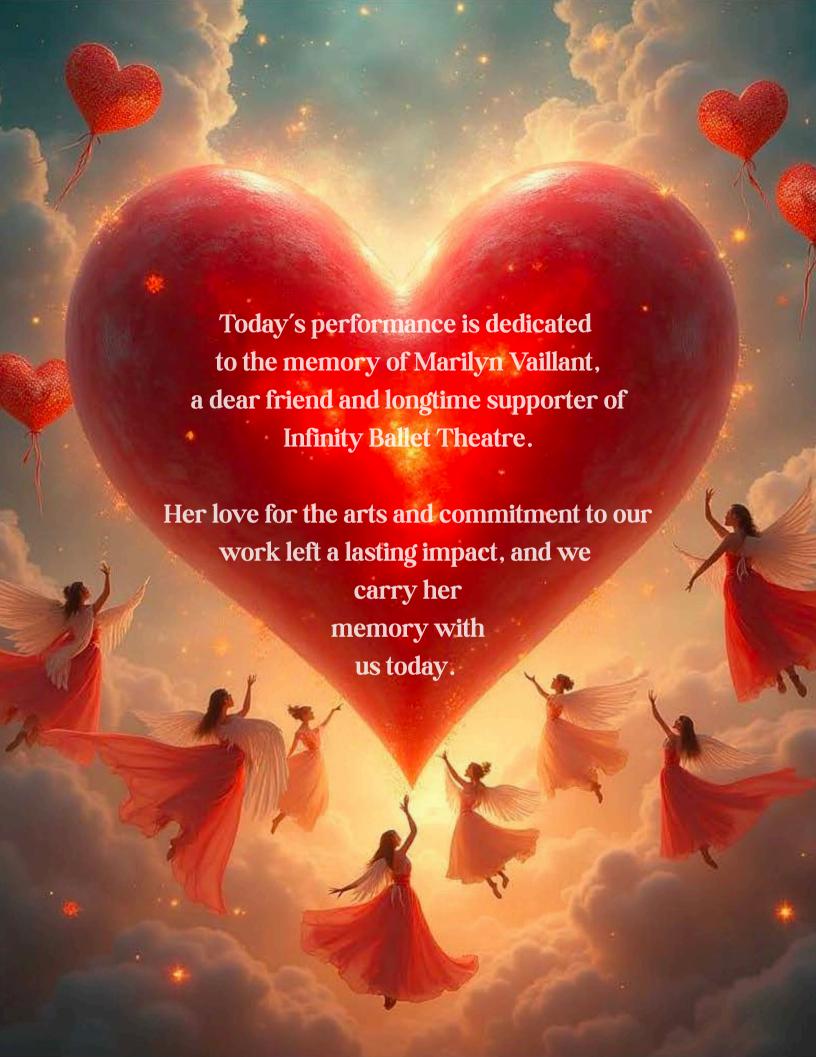
INFINITY BALLET THEATRE PRESENTS....

Steadfast Songs of Friendship

> MAY 31, 2025 CARY ARTS CENTER



INFINITY BALLET THEATRE

A Note From the Director

This production presents a fun-loving portrait of sisterhood as our performers trace the arc of developing relationships. The dancers leap, waltz, swirl and tap through a glittering stage performance of works from ballet classics to musical theatre. It is a great pleasure to present the "Steadfast Songs of Frienship" cast as we celebrate Infinity Ballet's 23rd anniversary in North Carolina. Thank you for being part of our journey.

-Debra Sayles Senchak, Founding Artistic Director



First Act

Marilyn's Heart

Composer & Artists: 'Medley of Robert Schumann Songs' by Phillippe Bianconi, Blumenthal, Ragna Schirmer, Maria-João Pires.

Choreographer: Lisl Vaillant

Dancers:

Tess Ashton, Olivia Avants, Olivia Beaumont, Abby Clinkscales, Elika Harsh, Melody Phillips, Vanessa Phillips, Isabelle Roy

Dance of Spain



Tchaikovsky-International Symphony Orchestra

Choreographer: Anna Marie Kool

Dancers:

Victoria Basanes , Darshini Kanneganta, Anya Kavilaveettil, Maecy Ortega, Saluda Sparks, & Catherine Starr

Paquita Dancers

Composer & Artists: 'Paquita Pas de Trois - Variation 2: Moderato & Paquita Pas de Trois - Coda: Allegro Moderato' by

the Sophia National Opera Orchestra & Boris Spassov

Choreographer: Anna Marie Kool



Dancers:

Adalea Hass, Lydia Mooberry, Hansujaa Ganeshkumar, Elika Harsh, Willow Womble, & Avanna Hass



Brandenburg

Composer & Artists: Johann Sebastian Bach's 'Brandenburg

Concerto #6 in B Flat Major'
Choreographer: Brian Youngkin

Dancers:

Tess Ashton, Olivia Avants, Olivia Beaumont, Abby Clinkscales, Melody Phillips, & Vanessa Phillips



A Fresh Look

Composer & Artists: 'Bird's Eye View' by Hollyn

Choreographer: Anna Marie Kool

Dancers:

Emily Fang, Hansujaa Ganeshkumar, Avanna Hass, Edie Hopfer, Ashlyn McQuivey, Juliet Runyan, & Willow Womble

Afer Ventus

Composer & Artists: 'Afer Ventus' Enya, Shepherd Moons

Choreographer: Brian Youngkin

Dancers:

Tess Ashton, Olivia Avants, Olivia Beaumont, Abby Clinkscales, Adalea Hass, Melody Phillips, & Vanessa Phillips



Intermission 15 minute



Second Act



Rhythms of Percussion & Cello

Composer & Artists: 'Celloopa' by The Piano Guys

Choreographer: Anna Marie Kool

Dancers:

Tess Ashton, Abby Clinkscales, Adalea Hass, Melody Phillips, & Willow Womble



A Sunny Afternoon

Composer & Artists: 'Let's Go Fly a Kite' Sherwin Brothers' Mary

Poppins

Choreographer: Anna Marie Kool Assisted by: Vanessa Phillips

Dancers:

Mira Aravind, Savannah Buechner, Emily Clark, Adriana Daniel, Angelina Daniel, Denise Deretam, Vivian French, Karly Harville, Holland Hughes, Emmie Kavilaveettil, Kathleen Keidel, Ahana Maiti, Quinn Pepple, Polina Skvortsova, Eva Soto, Viveya Turtygina, & Joy Zhang



Composer & Artists: 'Supercalifragilistic', Sherwin Brothers'

Mary Poppins

Choreographer: Brian Youngkin

Dancers:

Tess Ashton, Olivia Avants, Olivia Beaumont, & Abby Clinkscales



Gentle Living

Composer & Artists: 'Feed the Birds', Sherwin Brothers' Mary

Poppins

Choreographer: Anna Marie Kool

Dancers:

Vanessa Phillips with Adalea Hass, Lydia Mooberry, Melody Phillips, & Sunny Afternoon Dancers

Step in Time

Composer & Artists: 'Step in Time', Sherwin Brothers' Mary

Poppins

Choreographer: Brian Youngkin

Assisted by: Oliva Avants

Dancers:

Victoria Basanes, Kensley Flood, Edie Hopfer, Darshini Kanneganta, Anya Kavilaveettil, Ashlyn McQuivey, Maecy Ortega, Juliet Runyan, Shania Shearin, Saluda Sparks, Catherine Starr, & Haven Taska

Chim Chim Cheree

Composer & Artists: 'Chim Chim Cheree', Sherwin

Brothers' Mary Poppins, Mantovani Choreographer: Brian Youngkin

Dancers:

Hansujaa Ganeshkumar, Elika Harsh, Avanna Hass, Lydia Mooberry, & Willow Womble



A Spoon Full of Sugar

Composer & Artists: 'Fabulous Broadway to Hollywood's Real Thing' Sherwin Brothers' *Mary Poppins* Mary Poppins, Sherwin Brothers Choreographer: Company Dancers with Anna Marie Kool and Brian Youngkin

Dancers:

Full Cast



Intermission 15 minute

Third Act



Homefront

Composer & Artists: Traditional Choreographer: Brian Youngkin

Dancers: Tess Ashton, Olivia Avants, Olivia Beaumont, Abby Clinkscales, Adalea Hass, Melody Phillips, & Vanessa Phillips



Extra-Ordinary

Composer & Artists: "Sisters Are Doin' It For Themselves" by

Eurythmics, Featuring Aretha Franklin

Written by: Katie Avants

Directed by: Kathryn Mowat Murphy

Actors:

Olivia Avants, Abby Clinkscales, Melody Phillips, Vanessa Phillips & Willow Womble

Jazz Dancers:

Olivia Avants, Olivia Beaumont, Abby Clinkscales, Melody Phillips, & Vanessa Phillips

About the writer Katie Avants:

Katie Avants is a junior English major at Meredith College.
She is co-editor of The Colton Review, the campus literary magazine which awarded her poetry first place in its 2025 volume. As a playwright, she's been produced at Meredith and NC State, but Infinity Ballet is where she made her debut with Catnappers, a ten-minute play featuring a freestyle rap "performed" by a missing cat. This summer, she's assisting with Meredith's middle school writing camps and preparing to advise freshman English majors. She couldn't do any of it



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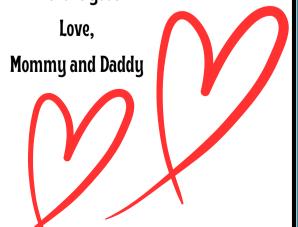


Congratulations Willow!

You have worked so hard this year, learned a lot of new things, and have had a lot of fun.

We are so proud of you.

We love you!





Our <u>Spring Newsletter</u> is out!

Take a look at what
Infinity Ballet has
been up to this
season—from recent
performances and
rehearsals to special
events and behindthe-scenes
highlights.



Dear Abby,

What a fun journey your time with Infinity has been - from a little clown to Dewdrop, from a Party Girl to Beatrix Potter, and from a soldier to leading the sapphires on stage. You have grown so much in so many ways since you started at 8 years old.

We are so proud of your dance accomplishments and your leadership as you help to lead the younger dancers. Your next adventure with UNCSA will help you to grow even more as a dancer and a person. We can't wait to see where it takes you. Keep following your dream and remember who you are and whose you are.

We love you! Mom, Dad, Bryce and Finley

















...She's in-the-studio-6-days-a-weeksince she-was-10.....She's a daily 90mile round trip commute....
She's a pile of tattered notebooks with
every version of every piece of
choreography she's ever been given,
with notes and corrections and
diagrams. She's, "I never had any talent
— I just worked really, really hard."

She's passion. And drive. And a relentless curiosity.
She's brave....scrappy even.
She's hard work, resilience, and "let me try it one more time."

She's our happiness and our hope...
She's our "we couldn't
be more proud".....
She's an inspiration, a reminder of
what's important now and what's
possible in the future.

She's our dancer, our girl— Liv.

Real. Unimaginable.
Authentically flawed.
Genuinely perfect.



Congratulations on an amazing year, Lydia!

Your happiness, grace, and strength shine through in everything you do. We are immensely proud of how hard you've worked and the joyful, kind, and determined person you are. Thank you for bringing so much happiness to our family.

Keep sparkling -we'll always be your biggest fans.

Love, Mom, Dad, Griffin, Grandpa, and Grandmas



Love, Mom, Dad, and Elijah



To my family at Infinity Ballet -

Let me just preface this by saying that there are no words to describe everything you all have done for me in my time here, how much you have all impacted my life and how eternally grateful I am for the gift of each one of you.

That being said, thank you all so much for giving me such an incredible experience at this studio. You guys have been the greatest blessing in my life, the most extraordinary group of friends, and the sisters I never had.

To Mrs Debbie, I cannot thank you enough for not only the incredibly valuable dance training, but the life lessons and unwavering patience and support you have shown me. To Mr. Brian, I'll always remember the laughter and the fun lessons we had, as well as some amazing choreography. To Ms. Anna Marie, thank you endlessly for being such an inspiring role model not only to me but to every other teacher assistant and even little ballerina. Thank you Ms Lisl for giving me so many wonderful opportunities, memories, and exposure to other styles. Ms Kat, thank you for always pushing me to find myself and put everything I have into what I love to do. And thank you to every other teacher, past and present who have shaped me into the dancer and human being I am today.

To my friends, where do I even start? You all are the most beautiful, talented, strong, inspiring, and exceptional group of women I have ever met. Each one of you has closely touched my life in some way and I am so honored to call you all my friends. From setting up Christmas decorations and walking to Dunkin, to crying in the locker room after Nutcracker rehearsals, you are the most wonderful, kind, caring and supportive group of friends a girl could ask for. You all will forever have my support and gratitude.

This whole studio has been tied to some of my greatest memories and while I feel so blessed and am excited to have so many amazing opportunities ahead, I will miss you all and having all of you by my side every day. But just remember I will still be here to support each and every one of you, just a phone call away.







Ms. Anna Marie,
As you go on to your next adventure,
fulfilling more dreams,
we will always remember what an awesome
teacher you are!
Thank you for all your love and dedication XO

