

BALLET *Fantastique*

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Beauty, Innovation, World-Class Performance

EXPERIENCE DANCE! PROJECT

Ballet Fantastique's *Experience Dance! Project* is an ambitious series of interactive elementary school demonstrations, preview performances offered in public venues, and productions of the highest caliber produced in Oregon's Hult Center for the Performing Arts. This dynamic, engaging project inspires audience members of a wide range of ages, backgrounds, and means while providing local dancers with the opportunity to give back to the community through exhilarating, informative presentations.

The *Experience Dance! Project* is incredibly unique in that it brings both the professional dancer and the young student dancer to audiences. In this way, our community-centered performances bridge the gap of the artistic process, educating young and old alike in the long and rewarding process of becoming an artist, and subsequently making dance a more accessible art form. Ballet Fantastique's *Experience Dance! Project* sets out to inspire, and inspire it does! We're giving dancers performance-related skills that enhance their training, encourage their artistic expression, and prepare them for careers in an increasingly competitive professional dance world—all while building a new generation of dedicated arts appreciators, appealing to the non-traditional theater-goer, and asserting the vitality of classical ballet as a vibrant cultural form that is very much alive.

We invite you to invest in the arts! Partner with us in this exciting, tangible effort to ensure that everyone in our community has the opportunity to experience the power of beautiful, innovative, world-class dance. Contact Hannah J. Bontrager: 541-206-8977 or director@balletfantastique.org

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