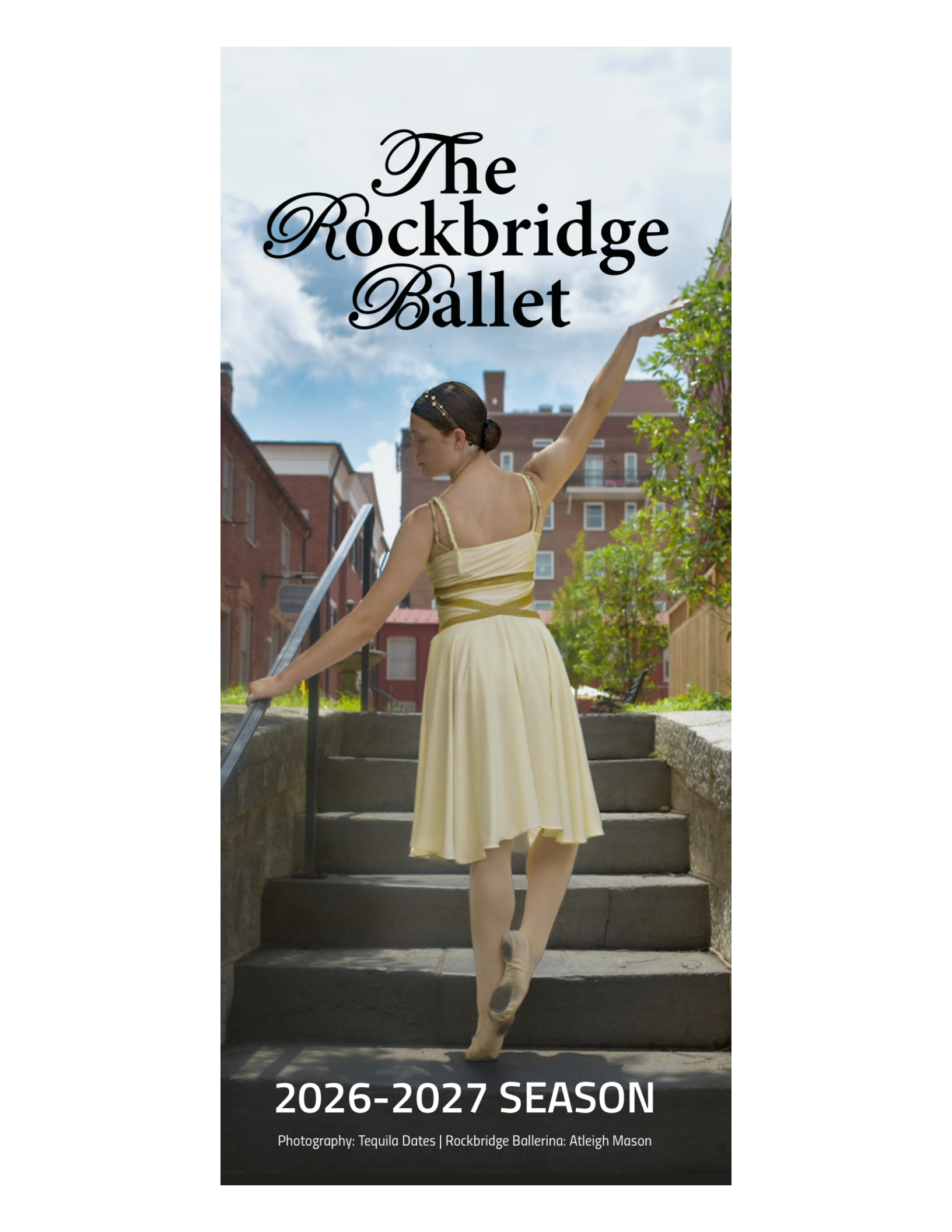


A ballerina in a yellow dress is walking down a set of stone steps in a residential neighborhood. She is holding onto a metal railing with her right hand and has her left arm raised. The background shows red brick buildings and green trees under a blue sky with clouds.

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Photography: Tequila Dates | Rockbridge Ballerina: Atleigh Mason

Honoring Our Foundation. Growing with Momentum.

The Rockbridge Ballet and TheStudio for Dance & the Arts has been a place where dancers discover confidence, creativity, discipline, and joy through movement. Every class, rehearsal, and performance has been guided by the same principles that have shaped our community from the beginning: excellence in training, respect for every student, and a belief in the transformative power of dance.

Photography:
Tequila Dates
Rockbridge Ballerina:
Avery Woody



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Rockbridge Ballerina: Morgan Kelly



Today, we are flourishing.

Our programs are reaching more students. We are creating and presenting new productions. New opportunities for artistic growth are emerging. Families continue to seek the welcoming, inspiring environment that has defined our school for nearly two decades.

As we grow, however, we remain grounded.

The values that inspired our foundation still guide every decision we make. We are committed to nurturing each dancer as an individual, fostering meaningful connections, and creating a space where artistry and character develop side by side.

This year, your support helps us build on that momentum while staying anchored in the practices that make our studio unique. Gifts to our organization strengthen scholarships, support exceptional faculty, enhance performance opportunities, and ensure that every student has access to a high-quality dance education in Rockbridge County.



Together, we are creating a future where more students can flourish, while centering the spirit, standards, and sense of community that have sustained us.

Thank you for helping us grow.

Thank you for being part of this journey. Your generosity keeps us moving forward with purpose, grace, and momentum. Join us as we honor our roots, embrace growth, and inspire the next generation of dancers.



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Rockbridge Ballerina:
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En Pointe Alumni Fund was founded by Lesley Smith Maggard '05 in December 2015 to address the ever increasing need for scholarship funding. The En Pointe Alumni Fund is a legacy fund designed for alumni to aid talented, dedicated, but financially strained dancers who have successfully passed their audition into The Rockbridge Ballet.

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ALICE IN WONDERLAND

February 26, 6:30

February 27, 2:00 & 6:30

February 28, 2:00

The Lenfest Center for the Arts - Washington & Lee University

Another magical premier, *Alice in Wonderland* follows young Alice as she tumbles down a rabbit hole into a fantastical world filled with curious characters, whimsical adventures, and unexpected surprises. Along her journey, she encounters the White Rabbit, the Mad Hatter, the Queen of Hearts, and many other unforgettable figures while discovering courage, imagination, and the wonder of seeing the world through new eyes. Combining vibrant storytelling, colorful costumes, and expressive dance, this ballet brings a beloved classic tale to life on stage.

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The Mitten

December 11, 6:30
December 12, 2:00 and 6:30
December 13, 2:00

The Lenfest Center for the Arts - Washington & Lee University

The Rockbridge Ballet is excited to present *The Mitten*, a new production inspired by the beloved children's story. A white mitten is lost in the snow. One by one, woodland animals discover the cozy mitten and squeeze inside to keep warm. As more animals crowd into the mitten, it stretches larger and larger until a surprising sneeze sends everyone flying. Charming storytelling, beautiful costumes, and exciting new choreography celebrates winter, kindness, and an imaginative folktale. Holiday inspired pieces will complete the second half of this delightful winter celebration.

Photography: Tegula Dates
Rockbridge Ballerinas: Julian Grace Hayes and Avery Moody

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Astphan-Bridge

Arsema Casper

Reagan Coleman

Estella Crocker

Maya Dates

Shanta Dates

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