

Dance in the Quad Cities

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Ballet Quad Cities

Founded in 1996, Ballet Quad Cities is a professional dance company. Steve Beirens is the artistic director.

Upcoming productions include:

- *Ballet Under the Stars*, August 17 through 19 at Rock Island's Lincoln Park.
- A ballet of *Dracula*, presented with Opera Quad Cities' production of *Medium* October 20 and 21 at the Capitol Theatre in downtown Davenport.
- The annual production of *The Nutcracker*, December 9 and 10 at the Adler Theatre in downtown Davenport.
- A program scored by live piano at the Adler Theatre in late winter.
- *Coppelia*, April 20 and 21 at the Adler Theatre.

The group's Web site states: "Ballet Quad Cities provides classical and contemporary dance to the entire community through outstanding performances, entertaining lecture-demonstrations, and innovative educational outreach programs for people of all ages."

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More information about Ballet Quad Cities can be found at (<http://www.balletquadcities.com>), or by calling (309) 786-3779.

RiverPointBallet

Founded in 2004, RiverPointBallet is a pre-professional dance company. The group's artistic director is Sue Snider.

Upcoming productions include:

- *The Snow Queen*, November 9 through 11 at the Capitol Theatre.
- Excerpts from *The Nutcracker*, December 2 and 9 at the Abbey Station in Rock Island.

The organization's Web site states: "RiverPointBallet (formerly Illinois Youth Ballet) ... was formed ... to train, coach, and provide performance opportunities to any and all dancers in the Quad City area. These pre-professional dancers are coached through RiverPointBallet in an evolution from advanced level dance student through the technical skills needed to be part of a professional dance company. Additionally, guest artists and former students who have gone on to professional dance careers work with each production as role models - to inspire the dancers to achieve a higher level of expertise."

More information about RiverPointBallet can be found at (<http://riverpointballet.org>), or by calling (309) 369-0513.