

QueenslandBallet

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QUEENSLAND BALLET ACADEMY SETS THE STANDARD



Queensland Ballet (QB) today announced that its much-respected dancer training programs will now be known as Queensland Ballet Academy.

Artistic Director Li Cunxin said the Company was immensely proud of its training programs and feels the new name reflects the high standard of the program and its absolute commitment to excellence.

“The Academy will continue to offer elite training for gifted students from the age of 11 in addition to masterclasses, workshops and an annual Summer School,” Mr Li said.

“Developing outstanding dancers is central to Queensland Ballet’s strategic vision and our Academy aims to provide strong training and clear career pathways for those students who take part in the various programs.

“The Academy is headed up by former principal dancer Christian Tátchev and our acclaimed coaching team, all former dancers themselves. Our wonderful teaching staff, under the directorship of Christian, provide our students with everything they need to develop into the stars of tomorrow.

“The move to bring the training programs under the Academy banner fits with our vision to grow Queensland Ballet even further and reflects our commitment to providing world-class training for students.”

Mr Li said the standard of the students graduating through the training program was remarkable and continued to improve year on year.

“We are now producing graduates whose talents are in demand both here and abroad with a number also coming up through the ranks of the Company,” Mr Li said.

“I’m proud that some of our current Young Artists and Company Dancers have trained with QB through our Junior and Senior programs, come through the Pre Professional Program and are now dancing with us as part of the Company.

“We also offer our Academy students the unique opportunity to perform in many of our Company productions which is such great professional development for them that they cannot get anywhere else.”

Entry to Queensland Ballet’s Junior Program, Senior Program, Pre-Professional Program and Jette Parker Young Artist Program is by invitation or audition. Queensland Ballet works in partnership with Kelvin Grove State College for the students’ academic focus.

The next audition round for the Queensland Ballet Academy is from September 4, for more information visit www.queenslandballet.com.au/academy

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