

Takdanai McLeod - Smith

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Professional Experience

State Youth Ballet Company, Australia - Guest Artist

September - December 2023

I was employed as a guest principal artist for the company's Nutcracker season. Rehearsing and performing lead roles.

Ballet Education

American Ballet Theatre Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School, New York - Upper 3

January 2024 - Current

After the 2022/2023 season ended I was fortunate enough to attend a short-term stay with the ABT JKO School where I was accepted to join the rest of the 2023/24 season.

John Cranko Schule of The Stuttgart Ballet, Germany - Akademie B

September 2022 - February 2023

Thanks to the help of the Youth American Grand Prix, I was given the opportunity of a lifetime, to train at one of the world's leading ballet schools. I was one of 11 to pass the Akademie B Kontrollstunde exam, at the end of probation.

The Australian Ballet School, Melbourne — Level 5

2020 - 2021

I was selected from dancers all around Australia to train at the top Ballet School in the country. I was named level leader and received the highest score for the semester exam.

Victorian College of the Arts Secondary School (VCASS), Melbourne — Years 7-9

2018 - 2020

I was Nominated for multiple school awards, both dance and academic, throughout my 3 years at the school .

Additional Programs

American Ballet Theater
(New York) - Short-term

European School of Ballet
(Amsterdam) - Internship

Académie Princesse Grace
(Monaco) - Short-term

The Australian Ballet School
- Summer Program

Achievements

Youth Grand Prix Australia -
Senior Men's Classical,
Second place

Cecchetti Australia National
Awards - Prize Winner

Australian Classical Grand
Prix - International Finals
Senior Winner

Asian Grand Prix - Gold &
Silver Medalist

Youth America Grand Prix -
International Semi-Final
Senior Men's Classical
Second place, Senior
Contemporary Third Place +
Finalist (x3)