

Northern Lights Dance Academy is the home of the Northern Lights Irish Dancers & the Cadillac Classical Arts Company. Our goal is to offer quality training at an affordable rate to local dancers. We strive to bring excellence in dance training as well as instilling confidence, community, performance ability, and much more!

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**A Special
Christmas**

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A Special Christmas

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Back in the 1800s, a special story was rewritten by famous Russian writer Leo Tolstoy. It tells of an old cobbler who wishes that he could have helped Mary and Joseph that special night, as he read the Christmas story in the bible. That night in a dream, he dreams that Jesus will come to visit him the next day. So, he spends the following day, which is Christmas Eve, looking for Jesus.

Though the day is filled with many visitors, he goes to bed thinking he missed him. Enjoy what comes next and remember that you too can make a difference wherever you are and whatever you do.

The NLDA has adapted this story a little to encourage and enhance. We also reference in Mathew 25:35-40 to strengthen the original story.

As with all of our stories, we hope you enjoy how we creatively recreate and dance each scene, to help you imagine and receive the true meaning.

The NLDA wishes you a wonderful Christmas season and hopes the New Year will also bring much joy.

In May we will be bringing back our original story production of "Etana's Journey", which we are very excited about. Make sure you watch for it and attend!



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A Special Christmas

Overture – O Come All Ye Faithful, London Music Works

Welcome to the City – Celebration Cinematic, Library of the Human Soul

Merchant Dance – I Saw Three Ships – Lindsey Stirling

Shopper Ladies – Christmas Cinematic, Library of the Human Soul

Welcome Papa Panov – Decoration Cinematic, Library of the Human Soul

School Children – Eejit, Blazin' Fiddles

Sotah, the Ex-convict – O Come, O Come Emmanuel, Lindsey Stirling

Papa Panov remembers his young family– Slip Jig, Brena Audrey Stevens

Snow – Christmas Reel, Igor Khainskyi

The Stars in the sky the night Jesus was born. Mary and Joseph look for a place to stay – O Come, O Come Emmanuel, For King & Country

The three Wise Rulers and their gifts – Hypnosis, Green Lads

Papa Panov's 1st Dream – Dragonfly Keeper, PHYLDEL

The Bells on Christmas Eve Morning – Light of Christmas, the Karozma Orchestra

The Widow and Child – Angels We Have Heard On High, Lindsey Stirling

A Special Christmas

The Widows of the city – 7 Years, Lindsey Stirling

Intermission

The Chimney Sweeps – Hornpipe Suite, Celtic Stars
Irish Dancers

Sotah struggles with her (spiritual) chains – O
Come, O Come Emmanuel, Lindey Stirling

Beggars – Single Jig, Brena Audrey Stevens – Hivernal,
Green Lads

Orphans – Beyond the Horizon, Dominik A. Hecker –
Building Light, Anne Sophie Versnaeyen

Papa Panov's second dream – Send Me, Church of the
City

Papa Panov has one last person to help – Yule
Cinematic, Library of the Human Soul

Sotah is Free! – A Christmas Alleluia, Chris Tomlin

The Village Ceili on Christmas Morning – The
Christmas Reel, Geoffrey Castle

Finale – Brand New Life, The Cast of Journey to
Bethlehem

Bow - Joy to the World, Chris Tomlin

Story based off of the classic tale "Papa Panov's
Special Christmas" by Leo Tolstoy.

Story adapted by Gina Dewey

Choreography by Elizabeth Dewey & Gina Dewey



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Seniors



Jubilee Hoekwater - 17th season
Merchant, Snow, Wise Ruler, Bell,
Widow, Chimney Sweep, Lead Beggar,
Dream #2



Genevieve Hoekwater - 13th season
Merchant, Snow, Mary, Bell, Widow, Lead
Chimney Sweep, Dream #2



Liam Hoekwater - 9th season
Merchant, Jack Frost, Joseph, Bell,
Chimney sweep, Dream #2



Baileigh Logan - 9th season
Merchant, Sotah, Snow, Wise Ruler, Bell,
Widow, Chimney sweep, Dream #2



Eleanor Schwerdt – 5th season
School Mistress , Snow, Wise Ruler, Bell,
Widow, Chimney sweep, Orphanage
Mistress, Dream #2

The Northern Lights Irish Dancers

Seniors



Charlie Wissner – 3rd season
Mayor, Gift, Bell, Chimney Sweep,
Beggar, Scarf in Dream 2



Helen Schwerdt – 5th season
Merchant, Snow Princess, Gift, Bell,
Widow, Chimney Sweep, Dream #2

The Northern Lights Irish Dancers

Juniors



Alaina Huston – 2nd season
Merchant, Snow, Gift, Bell, Beggar,
Scarf in Dream 2



Maeven Zondlak – 3rd season
School girl, Gift, Bell, Beggar, Scarf in
Dream 2



Matilda Schwerdt – 5th season
School girl, Gift, Bell, Beggar

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Juniors



Alexis Bernard – 5th season
Merchant, Snow, Gift, Bell, Beggar, Scarf
in Dream 2



Lily Wissner – 3rd season
School girl, Gift, Bell, Beggar



Gretchen Schwerdt – 3rd season
School girl, Gift, Bell, Widow's Child,
Beggar

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The Cadillac Classical Arts Company

Est. 2021



Naomi Walker – 4th season – Sr. Co.
Shopper Lady, Young Mrs. Panov, Star,
Dream #1, Lead Widow, Chimney Sweep,
Dream #2



RuthieJo Walker – 4th season - Sr. Co.
Shopper Lady, Star, Dream #1, Widow,
Chimney Sweep, Lead Orphan, Dream #2



Maddie DuBois – 4th season – Sr. Co.
Merchant, Star, Dream #1, Chimney
Sweep, Scarf in Dream 2



Juliana Huston – 2st season – Sr. Co.
Merchant, Star, Dream #1, Orphan, Scarf
in dream 2



Gabriella Jerdon – 1st season – Sr. Co.
Village girl, Star, Dream #1, Orphan, Scarf
in dream 2

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Est. 2021



Able Walker – 2nd season – Sr. Co.
Papa Panov



Louisa Svec – 1st season – Jr. Co.
Village girl, Panov Child, Orphan



Brynn Sexton – 1st season – jr. Co.
Village girl, Panov Child, Orphan



Akayla Ouwinga – 1st season – Jr. Co.
Village girl, Panov Child, Orphan



Ava Sission – 1st season – Jr. Co.
Village Lady, Dream 1, Orphan

The Northern Lights Irish Dancers

Apprentices



Dulcie Graham – 1st season
Merchant, Snow, Bell, Beggar, Scarf in
Dream 2



Lillian Henner – 1st season
School girl, Bell, Beggar



Rowan Graham – 1st season
School girl, Bell, Beggar



Amelia Griffin – 1st season
School girl, Gift, Bell, Beggar

Special thanks to our Guest assists and actors!

Stephanie Charvoz – Former Professional Ballerina

Elizabeth Dewey – Former Professional Ballerina

David Wissner – Jesus

Tim Dewey - Narration



Dulcie,
Mama and dad
are so proud of
you!

Happy Dancing
Ava Sisson!
Angela Metzger

Ava, we are so
proud of you and
your
accomplishments!

Best and
brightest
blessings to
our beautiful
Ballerina Brie
Love,
Grandma and
Grandpa
Jerdon



May your feet and
Hearts feel the beat
– Fly high and touch
the sky!
Merry Christmas!



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The NLDA was established in 2007 as a Traditional Irish Dance school and performing troupe. Since then our dancers have performed for tens of thousands around the state. In 2016 the NLDA started performing story productions, and it has been our favorite type of show to present ever since. The Northern Lights Dance Academy has expanded since 2020 to include Ballet, Contemporary, and Drama. In 2021 the Cadillac Classical Arts Company was founded to give our local ballet dancers a chance to be apart of a professional student company.

Our goal is, and always has been, to give our students the chance to grow into the people they were created to be, for them to share their passions with the world, and for them to be a light to those around them!

Find out how to become part of the NLDA Family today!



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God with your gift. Love
Mom and Dad**

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dancer!
Keep
Dancing!



Hi Dulcie and
Rowan,
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Grammy's favorite
Irish Dancers!

Wishing you
the best in
your
performance
Ava!
Chuck

Ava, Follow
your dreams
and try to have
a good life!
Uncle Dean



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Brynn,
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watch.
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you!



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during this Christmas season.

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all! God
Bless you
Akayla!
Grandma
Dee-Dee

Good Luck
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Able!
Jesus Loves you.
Allie & Dalton
Kuklewski

Dancing is good for the
soul when praising the
Lord!
Julieann Moyle-
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Naomi, Able
and Ruthie Jo,
So proud of
you.
G'ma & G'Pa

We are so proud of
you Naomi, Able
and Ruth Walker!
Love Grandma and
Grandpa Walker

Praying for a
healthy cast and
God moves
through them!
Aunt Tara Pease

CCAC allonge',
Releve', and
developpe' as you
give God Glory
Meghan Walker



Louisa,
We are so
proud of
you!
Love your
family



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another beautiful performance!
We love you!
Mom, Dad and Dayton

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Akayla,
Keep using your
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Baileigh,
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your heart and
let your
passion shine
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Michelle

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Kathy Methner



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