

# AMERICAN MIDWEST *Ballet*

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*Guest faculty member Dylis Croman teaches a jazz phrase to dancers on the first day of the AMB summer intensive.*

## YOUNG DANCERS SPRING INTO ACTION AS AMERICAN MIDWEST BALLET'S SUMMER INTENSIVE OPENS FOR 2025

More than 70 young dancers are converging today on the Hoff Family Arts and Culture Center in Council Bluffs, as American Midwest Ballet [AMB] kicks off its 2025 Summer Intensive. The dancers, hailing from communities in South Dakota, Missouri and Minnesota as well as from across the metro area, are beginning three intensive weeks of ballet, pointe, variations, jazz, modern, contemporary, and repertory, culminating in a final-day performance at the Hoff Center on June 27.

"Summers were some of my most important and most cherished experiences as a student," said Kelanie Murphy, the AMB company artist who directs the intensive. "The chance to immerse yourself in dance for six hours a day, to learn craft and dedication from successful professional artists, and to share the energy of other aspiring professionals is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity."

The intensive's faculty includes AMB professional dancers plus three guest faculty members teaching one week each:

- This week: Broadway performer **Dylis Croman**, who recently finished an engagement as Roxie Hart in *Chicago the Musical*;
- Next week: **Kim Sagami**, who danced 14 seasons in the Joffrey Ballet under Robert Joffrey and Gerald Arpino, and now directs the Arpino Foundation;
- Week 3: **Caroline Dahm**, a Los Angeles-based dancer/choreographer/educator whose new ballet *hold on tight* made an acclaimed debut at Kansas City Ballet's spring series in May.

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### ABOUT AMERICAN MIDWEST BALLET

*American Midwest Ballet [AMB] is the region's resident professional dance company, bringing work beyond words to audiences in Nebraska, Iowa, and beyond. Performing at home and on tour, our mission is to inspire people through dance programs of the highest quality: breathtaking performances, enriching education, and uplifting community engagement.*