#### ELLA BURSCH

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### **Education and Training**

**Butler University** — BFA in Dance Performance, Psychology Minor

2021–2025

*Coursework:* ballet technique, pointe, jazz, modern (Graham, Cunningham, Taylor), pas de deux, contemporary partnering, West African dance, character, Laban, hip-hop, choreography, voice, acting, contemporary repertoire, dance history, improvisation, music theory, classical teaching analysis, jazz teaching analysis, and dance teaching practicum

**Ballet Co.Laboratory** — *Trainee with the Company* 

2019–2021

Faculty: Zoé Henrot, Anna Roehr, Anna Goodrich, Leah Gallas, Andrea Mislan, Yuki Tokuda

**Classical Ballet Academy of Ballet Minnesota** 

2012-2019

Faculty: Andrew and Cheryl Rist

**Addition Training - Summer Intensives:** 

**Ballet Austin** 2016–2019

Instruction: Stephen Mills, Michelle Martin, Christopher Swaim, Jennifer Hart

**Utah Ballet Summer Intensive** 

2019

Instruction: Susan Jaffe, Lauren Anderson, Melissa Bobick, Pablo Piantino, and Maggie Wright Tesch

Ballet Co.Laboratory 2019–2021

Instruction: Zoé Henrot, Anna Roehr, Yuki Tokuda

**Ballet Melange Academy - Previously Classical Ballet Academy** 

2017

Instruction: Elizabeth Shipiatsky

**Classical Ballet Academy of Ballet Minnesota** 

2012-2017

Instruction: Andrew and Cheryl Rist

### **Performance Experience**

#### **Butler University - 2021-2025**

*The Nutcracker* (Marius Petipa): Snow Corps (2022), Coffee Corps (2023), Angel Soloist (2024)

Restaged by Susan McGuire and Cynthia Pratt

Giselle (Jean Coralli and Jules Perrot): Peasant Corps (2022)	Restaged by David Ingram
Swan Lake (Julius Reisinge): Queen's Court (2023)	Restaged by Derek Reid
Cinderella (Rostislav Zakharov): Princess in Act 3 (2024)	Restaged by Ramon Flowers
How Bitter The Fruit (Ramon Flowers): Lady of Sorrow (2022)	Original Jazz/Contemporary work
Queens of Thira (Cynthia Pratt): Ensemble (2023)	Original Contemporary work
Bright is the Ring of Words (Susan McGuire): Ensemble (2024)	Original Modern work
But A Breath Amongst The Wind (Madeleine Hall): Soloist (2023)	Original Contemporary work - JCA Collab - Cross-disciplinary collaboratory work
Room 13 (Madeleine Hall): Soloist (2024)	Original Contemporary work -JCA Collab - Cross-disciplinary collaboratory work
Chamènos (David Ingram): Ensemble and Soloist (2022)	Original Contemporary work - independent art installation
Exubiae (Genevieve Bolton): Ensemble and rehearsal assistant (2022)	Original Contemporary work - Senior Choreography Showcase
Through Light (Meghan Colligan): Soloist (2022)	Original Contemporary work - Student Choreography Showcase
Twin Flame (Emma Young): Soloist (2023)	Original Contemporary work - Student Choreography Showcase
Paradox (Olivia Doan): Soloist (2024)	Original Contemporary work - Student Choreography Showcase
A Nelken Line (Pina Bausch): Ensemble (2024)	Demonstrated a Pina Bausch Nelken Line on Butler University's campus as a form of art installation - Restaged by David Ingram

## Ballet Co.Laboratory - 2019–2023

Nutcracker in Wonderland: Red Rose (Demi Soloist), Rat Corps, Snowflake Corps (2019)	Original Choreography by Zoé Emilie Henrot
Snow Queen: The Enchanted Mirror (2020)	Original Choreography by Zoé Emilie Henrot
Obsidian Stare: (Jake Lewis): Ensemble (2021)	Original Contemporary work
An American in Paris (Peter Davison): Parisian Corps, Ball Guest, Dapper Tapper (2021)	Restaged by Zoé Emilie Henrot
Moi Et Toi: Soloist (2021)	Original Choreography byZoé Emilie Henrot
Carmen in the 1920s: Guest Artist - Club Singer and Corps Member (2023)	Original Choreography byZoé Emilie Henrot

### **Ballet Minnesota - 2012–2019**

The Classic Nutcracker (Marius Petipa): Soldier, Puppet, Madam Ginger, Lead Arabian, Snowflake Corps, Rat, Spanish, Mother, Demi-Lead Flower (2012-2018)	Restaged by Andrew and Cheryl Rist
Giselle (Jean Coralli and Jules Perrot): Willi Corps (2015)	Restaged by Andrew and Cheryl Rist
Sleeping Beauty (Marius Petipa): Waltz Corps, Dream Corps, Jasmine in Act 3 (2016)	Restaged by Andrew and Cheryl Rist
Bethoven's 9th: Beethoven's Musical Notes, Countess Anna Marie, Ode To Joy corps and soloist (2018)	Original Contemporary Ballet by Andrew Rist
At The Museum - Adventures of the Ballerina Girls: Van Gogh Painting Soloist (2018)	Original Contemporary Ballet by Andrew Rist
Beethoven's Piano Concerto No. 2: Soloist and Ensemble (2018)	Original Contemporary Ballet work by Andrew Rist
La Bayadere (Marius Petipa): Shades Corps (2019)	Restaged by Andrew and Cheryl Rist

### **Teaching Experience and Training**

#### **Training:**

#### **Butler University**

- Classical teaching analysis
- Jazz Teaching Analysis
- 400 level Dance Teaching Practicum Student teaching ages 6-15 with live pianist

#### **Ballet Co. Laboratory**

- Young Dancer Teacher Training Workshop (2023)

#### **Experience:**

#### Ballet Co.Laboratory - Substitute and Performance warm-up instructor - 2022-2024

- Drop-in adult classes (ages 14+)
- Pre-ballet classes (ages 5-6)
- Ballet Level 1 (ages 7-8)
- Ballet Level 2 (ages 9-10)
- Ballet Level 4-5 (ages 13-16)

#### Ballet and Jazz Instructor Volunteer - Salvation army - 2022-2024

- Taught ages 5-10 for students that wouldn't normally have the opportunity or access to ballet and jazz instruction

### Choreography

#### **Ballet Co.Laboratory**

With You (2021) - original contemporary work

#### **Butler University**

- exit accordingly (2022) original contemporary work
- Returning (2023) original contemporary work

### Leadership Opportunities and Work in Related Areas

# **Movement Exchange Butler Chapter President -** 2024-present **Responsibilities:**

- Corresponding with organizations such as Salvation Army to coordinate dance classes for kids in the community
- Running chapter meetings and communicating with chapter members about their duties
- Coordinating dance classes and teachers
- Teaching children ages 3-10 weekly dance classes at Salvation Army
- Corresponding with organizations such as KDO to create volunteer and training opportunities for members

- Organizing fundraising events

# **Movement Exchange Butler Chapter Secretary -** 2023-2024 **Responsibilities:**

- Take notes during chapter meetings
- Communicate with club members about upcoming meetings and events
- Recruiting new members
- Help organize fundraising events
- Teaching weekly dance classes at Salvation Army

# **House Manager and Usher at Butler Arts and Events Center -** 2022-Present **Usher Responsibilities:**

- Scanning tickets
- Seating patrons
- Directing traffic in lobby
- Resolving arguments or seating issues
- Cleaning the hall after shows

#### **House Manager Responsibilities:**

- Unlocking all doors to venue and locking up at end of shift
- Turning all lights on at beginning and end of shift
- Managing team of ushers
- Communicating with back of house
- Assisting patrons with questions or concerns
- Assisting ushers with problems solving and seating issues

# **Back-of-house stage/theater experience -** May, 2024 **Responsibilities:**

- Bringing the main curtain in and out
- Bringing in and bring out drops
- Setting props and set pieces
- Communicating with stage manager as well as lighting and sound
- Assisting dancers backstage with costumes and props
- Cleaning the floors before each show
- Assisting with load-in and load-out of all costumes and props

# **Seamstress in the Butler Ballet costume shop -** 2023-Present **Responsibilities:**

- Sewing and mending costumes
  - Hand sewing
  - Machine sewing

#### **Childcare -** 2016-Present

#### **Responsibilities:**

- Caring for as many as 6 children at a time ages 0-10
- Organizing activities, learning experiences, art projects, and reading books

- Cooking and cleaning

# **Sigma Rho Delta (SRD), Member -** 2022-Present **Responsibilities:**

- Attending chapter meetings
- Coordinating with Alumni
- Helping set up and takedown of fundraising events
- Completing service hours