

Katherine Grace- Shamburek

Katherine was born in Denver, Colorado, and completed much of her ballet training at Colorado Ballet Academy, Classical Ballet of Colorado, and Classical Ballet Academy. In the summer of 2011, she studied on full scholarship at the Bolshoi Ballet Academy in Moscow, Russia. In 2013, Katherine moved to Saint Petersburg, Russia, to continue her training at the Vaganova Ballet Academy, where she trained with world-renowned teachers including Liudmila Kovaleva and Tatiana Udalenkova before graduating in 2015.

Katherine has received numerous awards at various dance competitions. Most notably, in 2012, Katherine was awarded first place in both the senior classical division of the YAGP Denver semifinals, and in the senior division of the Denver Ballet Guild Young Dancers Competition.

Since beginning her professional career in 2017, Katherine has danced with several classical and contemporary dance companies in the Denver area, including the Maureen Breeze Dance Theater, Zikr Dance Ensemble, Kim Robards Dance, and Ballet Melange. Katherine danced as a member of the corps de ballet with the National Opera of Ukraine, and as a soloist with Ballet Ariel, before joining Colorado West Ballet for its inaugural season in 2022.

Katherine has completed training in all levels of Vaganova-methodology ballet instruction. She began teaching in 2015, and has experience teaching ballet to students of all levels.