## Ella Bates

Ella has been dancing for 16 years and recently completed the Milwaukee Ballet's Pre-Professional Program, where she trained under esteemed instructors in ballet, contemporary, and jazz. In 2023, she was honored as the NYCDA National Outstanding Dancer, participating in an exclusive experience that included masterclasses with renowned choreographers and educators. From 2020 to 2022, Ella was a member of the Ballet Chicago Studio Company.

She began teaching at a young age, initially assisting instructors before progressing to lead her own classes. Ella is passionate about sharing her love of dance with young students and inspiring the next generation of dancers. This season, she will be joining Colorado West Ballet as an apprentice and is excited to be part of the Absolute Dance faculty.