

Congratulations

The following 2014 students successfully auditioned for overseas opportunities

Chelsea Brewer	Sydney Dance Company
Estelle Thomson	Australian Ballet School – Melbourne
George Thomson	Australian Ballet School – Melbourne

Awarded overseas scholarships

Georgia-Rae Taylor	New York Film Academy & Millennium Dance Complex – Los Angeles
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Update on Past students

Willem Horck

Southern Ballet senior student Willem Horck has been accepted into Jason Colemans Ministry of Dance in Melbourne for 2014 where he will train for a career in commercial dance.

Willem has been a student at Southern Ballet since the age of eight and trains in Ballet, Contemporary and Modern Jazz. He has also been a member of Southern Ballet's jazz and ballet training companies and has performed in numerous lead roles for the Canterbury public.



Willem Horck

In a scene from
Cluedo

Southern Ballet Theatre
Senior Ballet Company Production 2013

Tasman Davids

Everyone has a dream, but not everyone makes the effort to work through step by step to reach their dream. Tasman Davids, aged 19, who was a student of Southern Ballet, Christchurch, New Zealand left his own home town and family to make his dream become a reality. Without speaking a word of Russian he started learning ballet in the most famous school in the world – Vaganova Academy of Russian Ballet in St Petersburg. After 3 years of hard work and with lots of support from his family and friends in New Zealand; Tasman recently graduated with high marks in all of his exams and speaking Russian. We cannot be more happy and proud of him. What can be better for a teacher than to know that your students are achieving the best you can ever wish for them to achieve? Every young dancer can look at Tasman and be inspired. This will give them great encouragement to carry on with their training and believe in themselves; putting their heart and soul into dancing to work towards their dream.

So what for Tasman now? He is the first Australasian student to graduate from the greatest ballet school & now his dream has become closer to reality as he has been accepted for a contract with one of the largest companies in Russia – Mikhailovsky Theatre.

The Mikhailovsky is one of the three big Ballet companies in Russia; with a stunning theatre it has a company of 145 dancers, a full symphony orchestra, opera company and chamber music orchestra. They have won many awards in Russia and internationally for their productions. Their principals include Ivan Vasiliev, Natalia Osipova, Kristina Shapran and Leonid Sarafanov... Tasman was invited to a private audition, taking class with the company. At the end of the class he was directed to the company manager and told he had done a good audition and they needed his passport details for the work visa. If all is approved for the visa, Tasman will join the company in September in St Petersburg.

