

## Bethany Hall – IAF grant recipient's report

I am writing on behalf of Bethany Hall to share news of her time spent in the Estonian National Ballet Summer ballet programme and International Gala..



Bethany spent 3 weeks in Estonia dancing a full programme 8:30-5 5-6 days a week culminating in 2 performances on the Estonian National Opera Stage. Bethany experienced classes in Ballet, Balanchine method, Pas de Deux with the company's Artistic Director and company members and Contemporary. She was fortunate to be cast in several items for the Gala which affirmed her technical and artistic ability. Including being cast as Lead Soloist in the pirate dance from Le Corsaire and as the Fairy of Generosity in Act 1 of Sleeping Beauty.

She received valuable and rare tuition and performance experience in Pas de deux (due to the lack of men in most programs). She also was fortunate to share the stage with 2 international stars Maya Schonbrun and Chloe Reveillon which she says was a memory of a lifetime. We attach the below photos from the training and rehearsal weeks to share. Your assistance in this experience was greatly appreciated- there is no similar experience in Australia and Estonia is a long way away and quite a large expense.

Bethany is now undertaking an unpaid traineeship (as is the way in the ballet world) in the UK at Northern Ballet and hopes she can work and save to attend Estonia next year.

We are thankful for the support of IAF.

Kind regards

Nicole Hall (for Bethany)

