



**BALLET  
STAGE**

LJUBLJANA  
SLOVENIA

# SUMMER INTENSIVE

13 - 25 JULY 2026

*A way of inspiration...*



# A truly unique Intensive!

**This summer intensive** is built on **an individual** approach to every participant. Our mission is to ensure that each student leaves with the specific skills, insights, and inspiration they personally need.

What makes our intensive truly special is personalized work on individual variations, where every participant receives focused attention and coaching tailored to their unique needs and abilities.

The program bringing together the leading world ballet schools of the Paris Opera Ballet School, the Bolshoi Ballet Academy, the Vaganova Academy, and the Kyiv Ballet School.



# Meet our Ballet Masters



## **Natalia Gasmaeva**

Ballet Master at the John Cranko School in Stuttgart, Germany since 2005



## **Stéphane Phavorin**

Former First Dancer of The Paris Opera  
International Guest Ballet Master



## **Denis Matvienko**

Former Principal Dancer of Mariinsky Theatre  
International Guest Ballet Master



## **Anastasia Matvienko**

Principal Guest Dancer & Co-Founder of  
BalletStage



## **Valeryia Vapniarskaya**

Ballet Master & Choreographer



## **Tijuana Križman Khudernik**

Ballet Dancer & Contemporary Ballet Master



## **Maša Kagao Knez**

Dancer, Choreographer & Dance Pedagogue

# Daily Program

The intensive runs from **9:00 to 17:00** and includes:

- Warm up - floor barre
- Ballet class
- Pointe shoes technique/ male technique
- Individual repertoire rehearsal of variation  
(Each participant may rehearse one variation)
- Group repertoire rehearsals
- "Wave in Motion" contemporary program by  
Maša Kagao Knez
- Rehearsals of special choreography by  
Stéphane Phavorin or Denis Matvienko  
(Available to full 2 week participants only)



# Groups

- **Group A** 10-13 years old | No Pointe Shoes or 1 year on Pointe
- **Group B** 13-14 years old | More than 2 years on Pointe
- **Group C** 15-17 years old | More than 4 years on Pointe
- **Group D** 18-30 years old | More than 8 years on Pointe

\* Organizers reserve the right to sort groups not only by age, but also considering the participants' professional training and level of skills, which will be assessed during first day of the week (Including moving participants into younger or older groups).



# First Steps on Pointe

## Additional Group

We are offering a special group for young dancers who are just beginning their pointe journey!

Designed for children who:

- Are just starting pointe work,
- Already have some basic experience, OR
- Have experience but want to improve their foundational technique, posture, and confidence

This group is perfect for dancers who want to build a strong and safe foundation in pointe work, with correct and gradual progression



# Individual Repertoire

## Rehearsal of variation

**Each participant** may rehearse one variation and may perform it on Final Gala or Saturday open Class

\*Title of variation, video, and music must be submitted one month before the start of the intensive, by 12 June 2026)

For participants of **Group A**, having a variation is not required. These participants will take part in solo and group dance pieces prepared by our Ballet Masters



# Special choreography

by Stéphane Phavorin or Denis Matvienko



Staged by Ballet Masters specially for Gala Concert



# Wave in Motion

**contemporary program by Maša Kagao Knez**

Rooted in principles from the Gyrotonic method, “Wave in Motion” integrates strength, flexibility, and rhythmicity through fluid, circular movements inspired by West African dances.

Emphasizing spinal articulation, breath awareness, and muscle activation, dancers are guided towards alignment, amplitude, and dynamic expression.



# Open Class

18 July 2026

Open Class for parents of all participants on the stage of KGBL

On this day participants of the first week only may optionally perform their variations on stage (In a rehearsal format)

For participants of **Group A**, open classes will take place in the ballet studio



# Gala Concert

25 July 2026

- Participants will present their classical variations and contemporary pieces on the KGBL stage
- All dancers will take part in a special original choreography by Stéphane Phavorin and Denis Matvienko
- Participants will receive certificates of participation



# Professional Musical Accompaniment

All classes and technique sessions will be accompanied by professional live pianists, creating an authentic and inspiring training atmosphere.

Live musical accompaniment allows dancers to develop musicality, timing, and artistic expression in direct connection with the music.

This approach reflects the standards of leading professional ballet schools and companies worldwide.



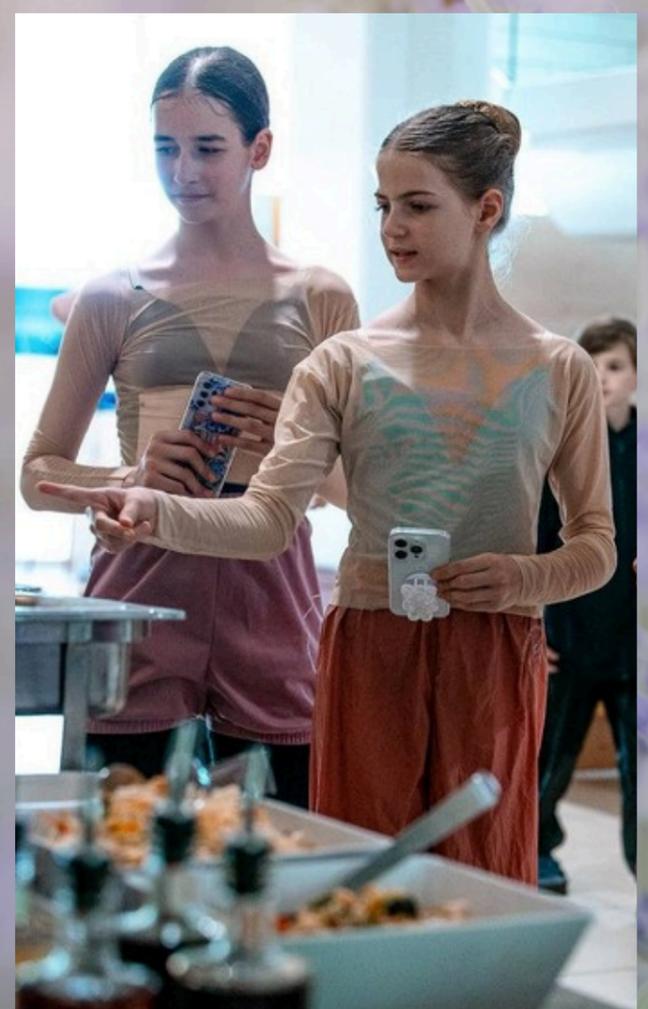


## Lunches

Nutritious, healthy lunches are provided each day, carefully selected to support growing dancers during intensive training.

Meals are balanced, fresh, and designed to maintain energy, concentration, and overall well-being.

Parents can feel confident that dancers are properly nourished throughout the day.



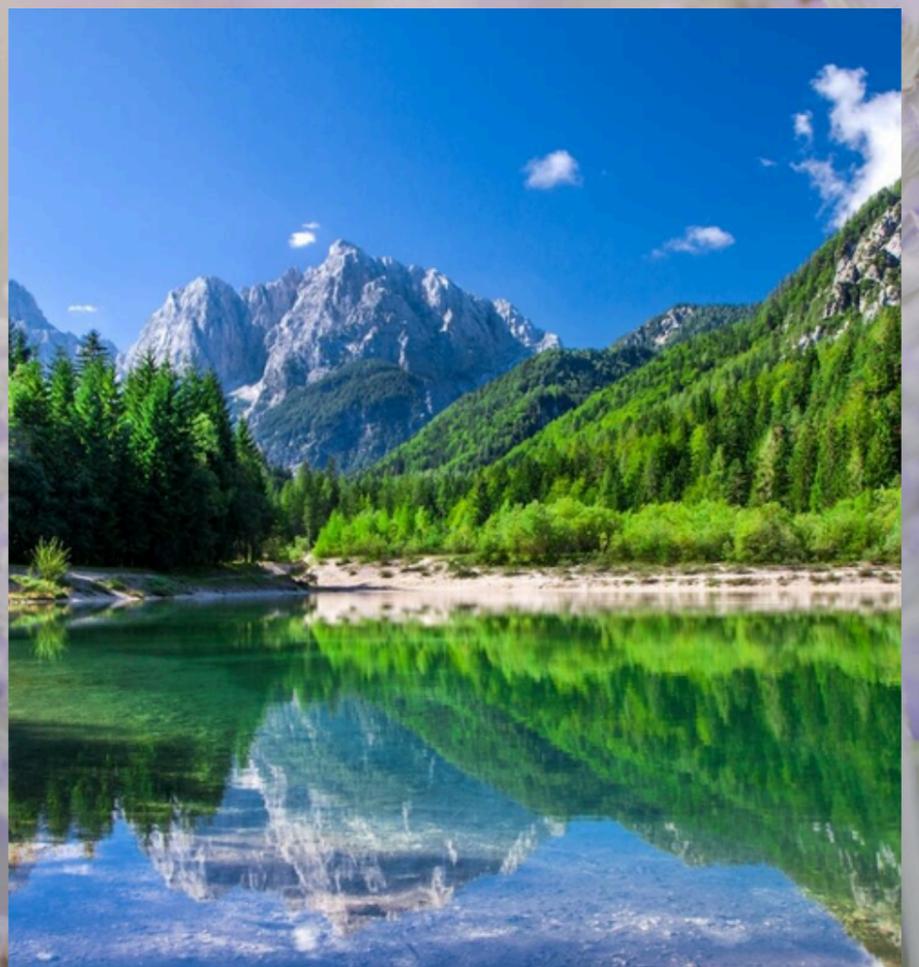
# Excursion

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Weekly excursions around Slovenia are organized in collaboration with HugNature.eu and take place every Thursday from 15:00.

These outings offer a unique opportunity to explore Slovenia's natural beauty, culture, and outdoor adventures beyond the studio.

Parents and friends are welcome to join at an additional rate.



# Additional Benefits

- Photos and videos from the final Gala Concert
- Backstage photos of all participants during the intensive, available via a shared links after the event
- Pointe Shoes Masterclass & consultation
- Branded gifts from BalletStage
- Printed certificate of participation recognized and signed by all guest teachers



**ADD ON** Optional & must be book separate

**Discover Choreography language of Edward Clug**

### **Contemporary class**

“Discover Choreography language of Edward Clug”  
with Tijana Križman Khudernik

Held for 5 days with rehearsal of choreography which  
will be performed on final Gala event

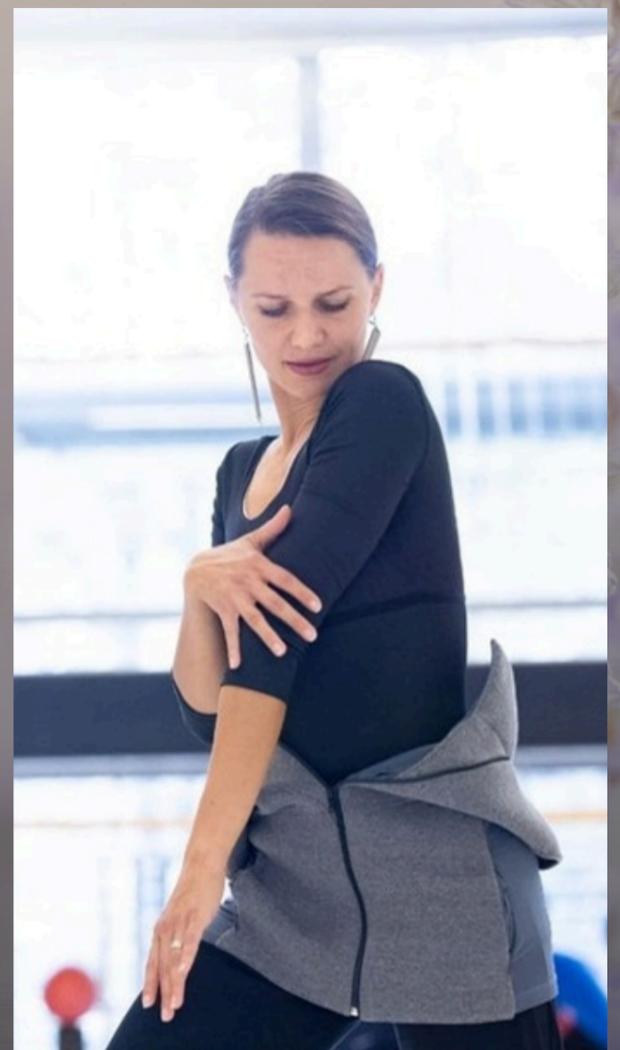


Separate groups for  
different age.  
Suitable from 10+ years  
old

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**Discover Choreography language of Edward Clug**

Under Tijuana's guidance, dancers will immerse themselves in the unique choreographic language of one of today's most influential contemporary choreographers - Edward Clug.



This class has limited availability and requires separate registration.

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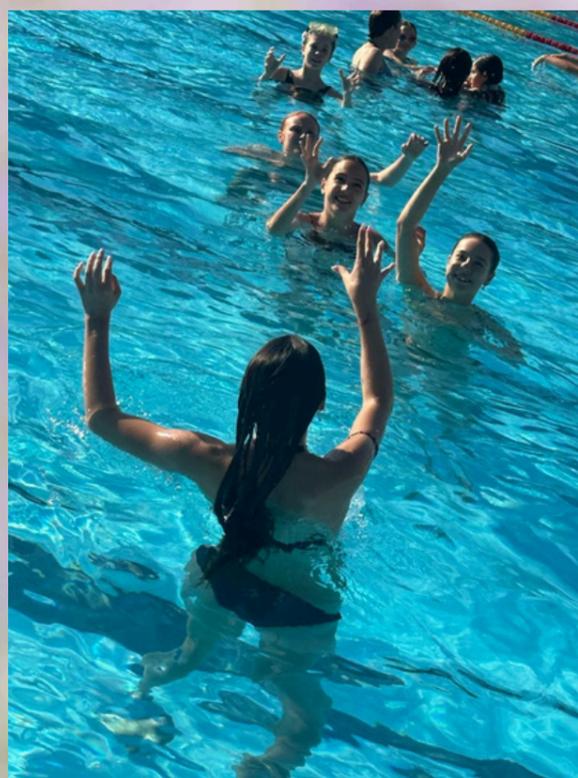
## SUMMER CAMP



Summer Intensive Camp is the perfect summer adventure for kids aged 10 - 18 years old Organized in partnership with "Hug Nature" and Summer Camp Manager Dasha Poliakova

You don't have to accompany your kid this time!  
It is really a zero stress opportunity for parents.  
And also you save time and money.

For More info check our website or contact [info@balletstage.com](mailto:info@balletstage.com)



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## SUMMER CAMP

**Accommodation:** In prime location, just steps away from the Conservatory.

**Pro Nutrition:** Balanced, chef-prepared meals for peak performance covering all day.

**Total Care:** Flexible 24/7 transfers and full medical/shopping support. Overnight care

**Unforgettable Vibe:** City walks, relaxation in a pool, nature trips, and deep ballet talks.

**Personal Growth:** Tailored feedback to level up your technique.

**Global Community:** Make friends and network with fellow ballet lovers

**Good people:** We don't just run a camp; we live for it! Our team is a group of truly passionate people who are just as excited for this summer as your kids are!

We can't wait to reunite with our returning students... and we are just as thrilled to welcome new friends to our ballet family.



# Prices

## **1 Week MasterClass Admission**

Euro 1370 including applicable taxes

## **2 Weeks MasterClass Admission**

Euro 2370 including applicable taxes

## **1 Week Camp and MasterClass Admission**

Euro 1960 including applicable taxes

## **2 Weeks Camp and MasterClass Admission**

Euro 3460 including applicable taxes

## **1 Week Contemporary Admission (2nd Week Only)**

Euro 270 including applicable taxes



# What is NOT included

- Personal expenses (shopping, souvenirs, extra activities)
- Medical insurance / travel insurance
- Personal dancewear (leotards, tights, pointe shoes, soft shoes)



# PLESNI BUTIK TIJUANA

## Ballet Shop

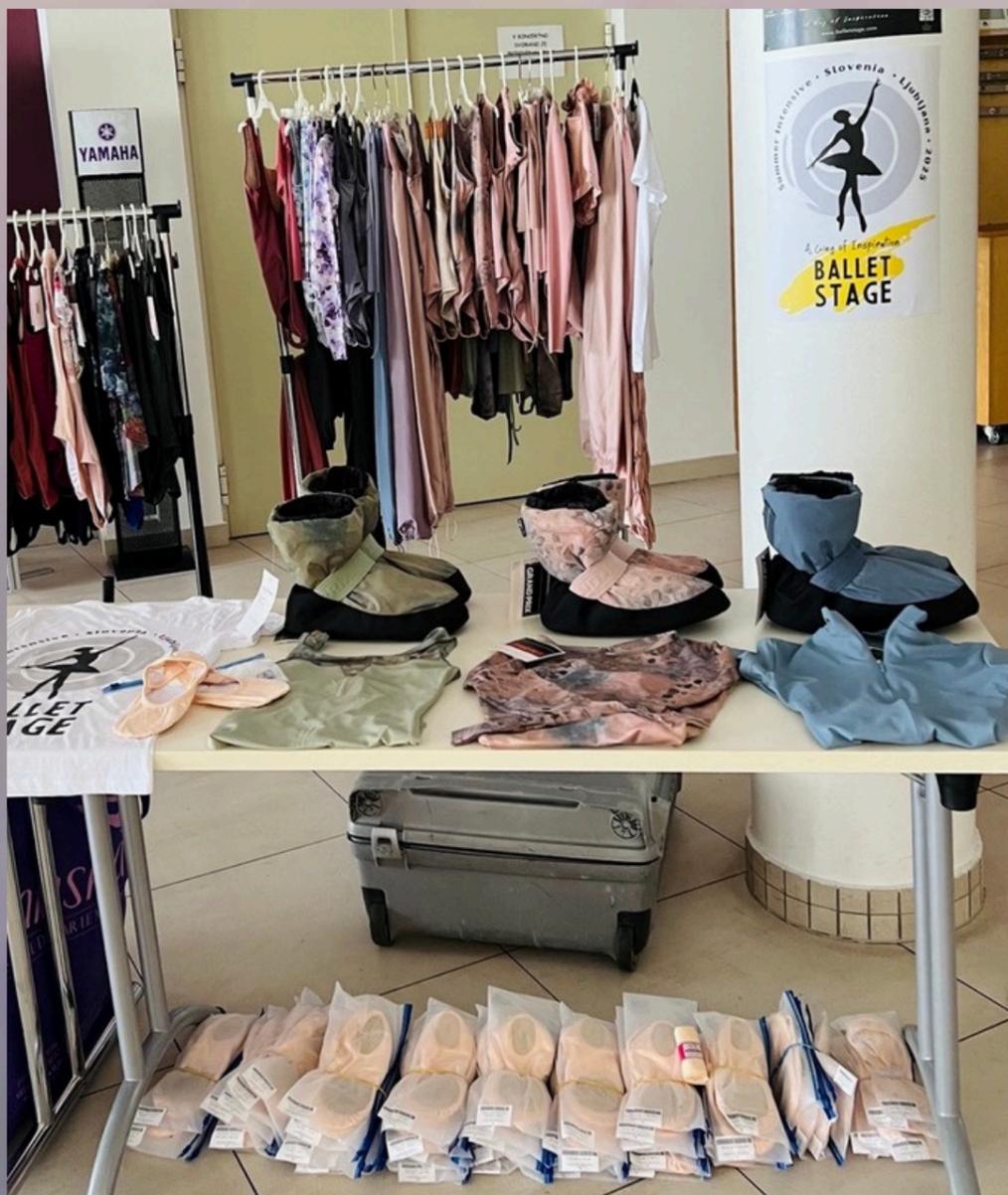


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A dedicated ballet shop is available on-site at KGBL, offering a wide selection of ballet-specific accessories and essential items for the workshop.

This ensures dancers have convenient access to any necessities during the program.

More information available on the website:  
[www.tijuana.si/en/](http://www.tijuana.si/en/)



# JOIN US

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