

SCVTHS Dance Department HOLIDAY NEWSLETTER

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We are happy to share some alumni news this holiday season!

SCVTHS Dance Alum, **Liz Carroll**, class of 2015, is tap dancing in the new Christmas movie, ***Spirited***, starring Ryan Reynolds and Will Ferrell.

"This was my first time working on a film, and it was truly a life changing experience - I had never imagined it would be such a diverse, warm, and genuinely kind space. I was working alongside Emmy-nominated choreographer Chloe Arnold, professional dancers with resumes to the floor, the incredible and kind director Sean Anders, and RYAN REYNOLDS! I may be a bit biased, but Spirited feels like an instant holiday classic. I'm so thankful!"



Liz with Ryan Reynold on the set of *Spirited*

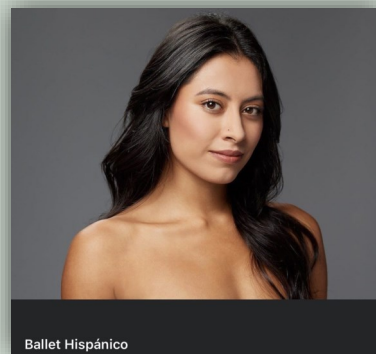
SCVTHS Dance Alum, **Katelyn Gaffney** is celebrating her 13th season with the Radio City Rockettes! Katelyn shared her thoughts with the Asbury Park Press this July, 2022. *"I wish it was Christmas every single day," the Clark native said. "It's something that we love so, so dearly. It's not just Christmas for us. It's the legacy. It's this legendary line. It's the sisterhood, and it's also the joy of bringing families, friends, even strangers together. When you come to the Christmas Spectacular, you may not know who you're sitting next to, but you have created this incredible memory that is lasting a lifetime."*



Katelyn, on the right, at the 2022 Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree Lighting



SCVTHS Dance Alum, **Isabella Vergara**, class of 2014, has recently been invited to join **Ballet Hispánico**, "one of America's Cultural Treasures and Leading Latinx Dance Organization." Isabella, a multifaceted Mexican-American dancer graduated Summa Cum Laude with a BFA in Dance from Mason Gross School of the Arts at Rutgers University in 2018. In 2019, she joined Caluilli Mexican Dance Company where she started training in baile folklórico. By her third year in in the company she began dancing principal roles. She has worked as a freelance in the greater New York area and has been part of the Ballet Hispánico community since 2018. She attended ChoreoLaB under the Nuestro Futro Scholarship in 2018 and 2022. She then joined the School of Dance as a faculty member and completed the Pa'Lante Scholars Professional Studies Program as part of the inaugural cohort in 2021-2022. This is her first season with Ballet Hispánico.



**Happy Holidays &
Happy New Year
to all!**