

■ **PERFORMANCE:** Ballet Jorgen Canada

Professional experience for local dancers



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Ballet Jorgen Canada performs Cinderella at the Capitol Theatre Tuesday afternoon. Members of Pure Dance Academy had the chance of a lifetime to perform alongside the professional company during the matinee and evening performances.

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Some local dancers got a taste of what it's like to be part of a professional ballet company by sharing the stage of the Capitol Theatre.

Pure Dance Academy students Heather Kosik, 16, Mackenzie Young, 16, Paige Alexandra Eddie, 15, and Kelley Ross, 17, each had a part in Ballet Jorgen Canada's production of Cinderella, which performed two shows Tuesday at the Capitol Theatre.

"I was ecstatic," said Kosik who was a ballroom attendant.

"I just know how good they are and how much they train . . . For them to ask us to be a part of (their show), it's unbelievable," she added.

Kosik was also thrilled to be one of the first local people to perform on the Capitol Theatre stage.

"It just feels like one of those old fashioned theatres," she said.

Young, who was also a ballroom attendant, said it was an amazing experience to be per-

forming at the Capitol with a professional troupe.

"I've never been in such a big production, especially with a professional company," she said.

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opportunity to participate in a class with the ballet company.

"Oh my god, the dancers were amazing," Young said.

She said some of the exercises were difficult but they tried their best to keep up.

Eddie, who played a tree fairy, said, "it was actually an incredible experience to be able to train with some amazing ballerinas."

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