



*Partnering with the community is an ongoing dance.  
Learn what we do and the impact we can make together!*





**ABOUT VRB** In 2007, Heidi Robitshek, founder of the Chamber Ballet, and I, founded the Virginia Regional Ballet (VRB) to dedicate a school to the continued improvement and enhancement of classical ballet technique. Virginia Regional Ballet Academy sponsors the Virginia Regional Ballet, Inc., to bring to the community and develop among its citizens an educational and cultural program in dance.

**TWO LOCATIONS:** **1228 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, Virginia**  
**and 4839 George Washington Memorial Highway, Yorktown, Virginia.**

### WHAT WE DO

- ◆ VRB offers all levels of Classical Ballet, Contemporary, Character, Jazz, Tap, Modern, Hip-Hop, Lyrical, and (recently added) Adaptive dance classes, leading up to a thrilling June Dance Concert.
- ◆ Need-based scholarships for class tuition are available.
- ◆ Exciting Summer Camps and Ballet Intensive Seminars fill the summer months.
- ◆ VRB presents community appearances, i.e. Occasion for the Arts, Tea with Klara & Friends, etc.
- ◆ We are the home of the spectacular *Nutcracker Ballet* performed annually at the Ferguson Center for the Arts, Newport News, with Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra. Condensed performances for schools from across the region are included each December.
- ◆ Inspiring 5K Run/Walk events are co-hosted by Colonial Road Runners in Williamsburg.
- ◆ Another opportunity to LOVE live performance: a spring Ballet at the Kimball Theater, Williamsburg.

**JOIN IN THE DANCE** Partner with this thriving dance organization! Join a dance class! Consider sponsorship! Share our web site. Like us on Facebook or follow us on Instagram, and learn about all the ways VRB enriches and gives back to the Hampton Roads area.



Partners in Dance,

*Adelle*

Adelle Carpenter, STUDIO DIRECTOR





**VIRGINIA REGIONAL BALLET (VRB)** For over 40 years VRB, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization, has presented professional, family-oriented productions, a cultural asset to this community. It is our honor to partner with you in bringing *The Nutcracker Ballet* to this area.

Two VRB Academy locations (Williamsburg and Yorktown) support the nonprofit which produces the spectacular *Nutcracker Ballet* at the Ferguson Center for the Arts in Newport News. This annual production features authentic Bolshoi sets, the acclaimed Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra, and world-class principal dancers performing alongside our students.

### HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT

Help SPONSOR annual *Nutcracker* production costs:

- \* \$35,000 will underwrite the Williamsburg Symphony Orchestra for *Nutcracker*.
- \* \$10,000 will underwrite digital and print advertising.
- \* \$3,000 will underwrite one (1) school production of *Nutcracker*.
- \* Eleven (11) hotel rooms with breakfast are needed in the Ferguson Center area for out-of-town performers (length of stay is 1 night).
- \* Shop at [SMILE.AMAZON.COM](http://SMILE.AMAZON.COM), selecting VRB as your favorite charity, and a portion of every purchase will be donated.
- \* Visit [WWW.DANCEVRB.COM](http://WWW.DANCEVRB.COM) and use the PayPal link to donate directly.

Sponsorships and tax-deductible donations will bring your name/business to thousands of dance lovers plus school audiences across Hampton Roads through ads, articles, the *Nutcracker* program, and lobby signage. As a special “thank you” for each donation of \$500.00, two (2) orchestra tickets will be provided to you to any of our public *Nutcracker* performances, plus an invitation to the champagne toast with the Artistic Director, and characters Sugar Plum & Cavalier, following the performance.

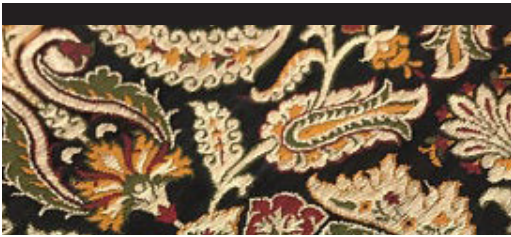
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## FACULTY



**Heidrun S. Robitshek**  
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR/INSTRUCTOR

Ms. Heidi began her studies in Classical Ballet and Character in Heidelberg, Germany, under the direction of Tatiana Sawitzkaya and Henryk Szymczak, dancing professionally in several locations in Germany. Since in the United States, Ms. Robitshek

has studied with Gene Hammett, Susan Borree, Teresa Martinez, Perry Brunson, Maggie Black, G.T. aDarvash, Oleg Tupine, Gennadi Vostrikov, and has danced professionally with Richmond Ballet, Norfolk Civic Ballet, Annapolis Ballet, The Common Glory Outdoor Drama with Howard Scammon and Myra Kinch, Cumberland Dance Company, and the Chamber Ballet of Williamsburg. She has worked with choreographers Anton Dolin, Valerie Deakin, Edward Stewart, Luis Fuente, Dariusz Hochmona, Myra Kinch, Florin Scarlat, Robin Comissioni, and Enrique Martinez. As Artistic Director of the Chamber Ballet, Ms. Robitshek produced or choreographed *The Nutcracker*, *A Midsummer Night's Dream*, *La Fille Mal Gardée*, *Les Patineurs*, *The Blue Danube*, *Alice in Wonderland*, *Beauty and the Beast*, *Fairy Tale to Fairy Tale*, *The Secret Garden*, *The Magic Flute*, and *The Tales of Beatrix Potter*. In alternating years Ms. Robitshek accompanies selected students to Heidelberg, Germany, where they participate in L'Art de la Danse, a cultural exchange program. This is a tradition Ms. Robitshek started in 1993. Ms. Heidi also teaches seminars in Mexico, the United States, and Germany. She teaches Ballet 2A-3, Intermediate-Advanced Ballet, Character Dance, Pas de deux, Beginning Pointe, and Intermediate Adult Ballet.



**Adelle P. Carpenter**  
STUDIO DIRECTOR/INSTRUCTOR

Ms. Adelle began her training at the age of ten as a protégée of Heidi Robitshek at the Chamber Ballet. She studied dance at Old Dominion University and has participated in numerous productions of *The Nutcracker* and other classical ballets for Chamber

Ballet and other companies. She attended summer studies at Ballet West and the Joffrey Ballet. She has competed in international dance competitions in Peru and Moscow and is a member of the Robitshek Dance Ensemble that performed in Heidelberg, Germany. Her full-length ballet roles include Swanhilda in *Coppelia* and Alice in *Alice in Wonderland*. In pas de deux, Ms. Adelle has danced *Le Corsaire*, peasant pas de deux from *Giselle*, the Snow pas de deux with the Old Dominion University Ballet and the grand pas de deux in Chamber Ballet's 1995 performance of *The Nutcracker*. She worked one season with Busch Gardens in the Festa Italia show. She was on the teaching staff of the Chamber Ballet from 1994 to 2006 and performed many principal roles in Chamber Ballet's productions. Ms. Adelle has been teaching dance for nearly twenty years. She is the proud mother of three.  
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### **William Sterling Walker** INSTRUCTOR

William Walker trained at the Chamber Ballet (now VRB) in Williamsburg, Virginia, receiving the Artist Merit Award from the Virginia School of the Arts, and was a Regional Dance America scholarship recipient. He has worked with the Allegheny Ballet Company, and Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet, Richmond Ballet, Starr Foster Dance Project, Chris Burnside and Dancers, Charisma Dance Theater, and has guest taught and performed throughout Virginia and beyond as far reaching as Mexico, Columbia, and Spain. He is certified in the Wolf Trap teaching method for children.

### **Cayley Mooney** INSTRUCTOR

Ms. Cayley trained with The Chamber Ballet, (now VRB). She has performed in several classical ballet productions including *The Nutcracker*, *Coppe- lia*, and *Paquita*. She performed leading roles in *The Nutcracker Ballet*. She secured three full ride scholarships at The Joffrey Ballet, Interlochen School for the Arts, and Shenandoah University, choosing the Joffrey Ballet. A versatile instructor at VRB, she has also taught dance at Diana's Dance Academy, Swansboro Dance Studio, Emerald Isle Dance Studio, and Dance Theatre of Jacksonville.

### **Teanna Devnew** INSTRUCTOR

Ms. Teanna has come to VRB from a military family background, dancing and training across the United States, including at Busch Gardens. She attended Christopher Newport University and co-founded Dance Fusion, a dance club. She has been a dedicated instructor at VRB for 10 years. *(Photo credit Andrew Jackson at savand-photography.smugmug.com.)*

### **Caitlin Hanacek** INSTRUCTOR

Ms. Caitlin comes to VRB with experience in all forms of dance from New Hampshire Academy of the Performing Arts, Seacoast Civic Dance Company, University of New Hampshire where she was on the UNH Competitive Dance Team, and Broadway Dance Center in New York where she trained with many renowned choreographers while focusing on contemporary jazz. *(Photo credit Andrew Jackson at savand-photography.smugmug.com.)*

### **Nicole Lorah** INSTRUCTOR

Nicole's training schools include Eastern Virginia School for the Performing Arts with Sandra Balestracci, also the Kirov Academy of Ballet in Washington D.C. with Adrienne Dellas-Thornton and Ludmilla Morkovina. She has also trained in gymnastics, aerial hoop and other circus arts, and enjoys singing and musical theater as well. She has performed with numerous local dance and theatre companies including Busch Gardens Williamsburg, Virginia Shakespeare Festival, Virginia Opera Association, Virginia Musical Theatre, and Todd Rosenlieb Dance Ensemble.

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Pilot Online - 2018

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