

DANCER PROFILE

Ziggy Blackall

Born on the North Shore and raised between Abita Springs and New Orleans, Ziggy Blackall began ballet lessons at 5 years old at the Contemporary Arts Center in New Orleans. His training has taken him to the International Ballet Academy in North Carolina and to New York City, where he first attended Ellison Ballet's summer intensive program at age 15. He moved to New York full-time at 16 to pursue his training year-round.

Now 18 years old, Ziggy is entering his final year of training at Ellison Ballet. Aside from enjoying the city's vibrant dance scene, he works as a theater usher after class. Though Ziggy aims to become a professional ballet dancer—auditioning for companies throughout the United States and Europe this upcoming school year—Louisiana will always be home.

