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Brisbane ballerinas qualify for Youth America Grand Prix ballet competition in New York

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A TRIO of talented teenagers has made it to the finals of the Youth America Grand Prix ballet competition in New York. Meghan Hansen, 15, Madison Ayton, 14, and Layla Burgess, 19, are senior elite training students with the Annette Roselli Dance Academy in Wynnum. Annette Roselli said making the finals was testament to the dancers' dedication.

"Their whole life revolves around dance, they dance for many, many hours each week," she said. The competition aims to develop world-class dancers of all economic, ethnic and geographic backgrounds. Ms Roselli wished her students good luck and said they were training hard for the finals in April. All three auditioned for the ballet competition via video and now face a series of elimination rounds.



Meghan Hansen, 15, Layla Burgess, 19, and Madison Ayton, 14, from Annette Roselli Dance Academy have been accepted into the Youth America Grand Prix ballet in New York. Picture: PATRIA JANNIDES