

## Photos: Hundreds of ballet dancers auditioning this weekend in Salt Lake City

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Hundreds of ballet dancers — ages 9 to 19 — from the Salt Lake City area are auditioning for the Youth America Grand Prix regional semifinals this weekend.

Students will attend workshops, competitions and dance classes at the Capitol Theatre downtown Friday through Sunday. The events are open to the public to watch.

Selected competitors will continue on to the finals in New York.

This weekend's competition is being judged by Bruce Marks, Claire Balieu, Claudio Munoz, Wes Chapman, Sascha Radetsky and Gennadi Saveliev.

The organization awards more than \$500,000 a year in scholarships to send dancers for training at schools and dance companies. It offers dance education through scholarship auditions, master classes, alumni services, educational and outreach activities, performances, and films.



(Scott Sommerdorf | The Salt Lake Tribune) While waiting for their turn to audition, dancers watch others from backstage at the Capitol Theatre during the Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP) regional semi-finals, Friday, February 26, 2016.