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## Gold Coast granddaughter of *So You Think You Can Dance*'s Bonnie Lythgoe on her way to ballet stardom

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JUST hours after stepping off the Queensland Conservatorium stage next weekend, the 13-year-old granddaughter of Bonnie Lythgoe will be en route to Paris.

Benowa ballerina Dominie Lythgoe, who is performing in Brisbane City Youth Ballet's *Wizard of Oz*, has been awarded a summer scholarship to Opera Ballet School, the oldest national ballet company in the world.



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"Over 2000 people applied and only a few of us were selected so it's a massive privilege," Dominie said.

"Dancing runs in the family. My mum was a ballerina and my grandma Bonnie has always been so supportive."

The Parisian scholarship follows Dominie's success in New York earlier this year where she placed in the Top 24 of the Youth America Grand Prix, the world's largest international student dance competition.

"It's my dream to dance for one of the top ballet schools and the Grand Prix puts you in front of the best," she said.



Dominie Lythgoe. Photo: David Clark

Bonnie Lythgoe of *So You Think You Can Dance* fame said her granddaughter was born a ballerina.

“She has a *développé* past her ear and an insane instep,” Ms Lythgoe said.

“There’s nothing else she’s ever wanted in her life but to dance.”

The international director and producer said Dominie’s scholarship would “open so many doors”.

“I predict she will be dancing for the Royal Ballet one day — and I say that from a professional view, not as a grandmother,” Ms Lythgoe said.



Dominie Lythgoe. Photo: David Clark

“In Australia we have the most incredible dancers with incredible teachers but often they don’t have the worldwide experience.

“This scholarship is going to give Dominie the opportunity to pick up skills from teachers all over the world.”