

Houston hosts top competition for young ballet dancers

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Ten-year-old Mckenna LaLonde, left, from Allegra West Academy of Dance in Katy, waits to take the stage at the Cullen Performance Hall as part of the Youth America Grand Prix regional semi-finals Saturday.

Adrenaline building, Campbell Willis busied herself with a bag of stage makeup and a tiny compact mirror as her dance teacher fixed her pointe shoes with last-minute stitches.