

Hi! My name is Paola and I come from Brazil. I am 17 years old and a student from the B8 class at the Staatliche Ballettschule Berlin. I can call this place my home since April 2018.

I have almost no words to describe how grateful I am for the school. There, I learn day by day not how to dance, but how to feel it... I learned that dance is something that comes from the inside and that I need to feed it during every single moment. The school has a wonderful background that makes this whole learning process possible, with an amazing peaceful and encouraging atmosphere!

In the Staatliche Ballettschule Berlin, I have lots of friends that I can call my family! The teachers are always inspiring me to give my best in every class.. Specially my ballet teacher, Frau Keller. She is very important for me, because she makes me believe in myself and makes me feel secure that I am working in the right way to achieve my dream. At the same moment, she makes me always search for the best version of myself as a ballerina and person, working in my difficulties and fears.

Being part of the Landesjugendballett Berlin, I had the opportunity to dance in many different countries and to discover new cultures. I danced for the first time a Grand Pas de deux and a complete classical ballet (that was one of my dreams and life goals!) The Young Company also provides me the opportunity to make class and dance with professional and principal dancers that are my biggest inspiration! I am also very happy that when I will graduate, I will also receive a Bachelor diploma, that is something really important for my future and career!

Now I can truly say that I feel very well prepared for professional life and I am proud to say that I am a student at the Staatliche Ballettschule Berlin!!!!