

Nicholle Rochelle
Class of 1999, Dance



Nicholle Rochelle trained in Los Angeles at Malibu Civic Ballet and Westside Academy of Dance before attending a prestigious boarding school, Idyllwild Arts Academy. She has completed all Royal Academy of Dancing exams with honors. In 1999, she was the first fully trained American to be awarded the Bronze Medal at London's Royal Academy of Dancing's Adeline Geneé Awards. Nicholle is a recipient of the 2002/2003 Princess Grace Award and that same year was promoted to principal ballerina at the age of 20.

Before joining North Carolina Dance Theatre and Chautauqua Ballet in 2000, Nicholle was a trainee with the Miami City Ballet, where she was awarded the Silver Medal for the Regional Arts and Letters Society competition. In 2005, Nicholle was a finalist at the New York International Ballet competition. She has been featured in Dance Magazine as one of the country's top 25 to watch and was named Charlotte Magazine's 2008 Best performer. Other featured articles in Magazines and newspapers include: Southern Living, Pointe, The Village Voice, Charlotte Woman, Carolina Living, and the New York Times. Ms. Rochelle has had additional training from: Pacific Northwest Ballet school, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, National Ballet of Canada, Harid Conservatory, San Diego City Ballet, and Miami City Ballet. She has also taught and teaches at many dance schools around the country and thanks two of her many teachers, Joanna Jarvis and Jean-Marie Martz for inspiring her to do so.

Nicholle Rochelle thanks her family and teachers for their unconditional love and support.