

# Dancer

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## Stars of Tomorrow



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These three competition kids may not be old enough to vote or even drive a car yet, but they're already heating up the professional dance scene. From Broadway musicals to television shows, these stars of tomorrow are making a name for themselves. So make sure you remember their names!

### Allie Parsons

Age: 13  
Hometown: Elkin, NC  
Years dancing: 11

Thirteen-year-old Allie Parsons is a small town girl with a really big talent. This aspiring ballerina, who spent the past year training at the Hungarian Dance Academy in Budapest, is coached by Gyula Pandi and the faculty at North Carolina Dance Theatre School of Dance in Charlotte, NC. She has many honors to her name, including a Gold Medal at the World Ballet Competition in Orlando, FL and a first place finish at the Youth America Grand Prix finals in New York City.

Performing is something that makes Parsons feel happy, inside and out. For the past two years, she has danced the role of Clara in "Radio City Christmas Spectacular" and a few years ago she appeared on the television program "America's Most Talented Kids." Parsons hopes to one day add professional ballet dancer to her list of achievements. "I not only dream of becoming a professional dancer," she explains, "I dream of becoming an artist."

