

KHAIYOM KHOJAEV & IZABELLA TOKEV

#distancingwithdancers

GET TO KNOW ME:

- 1. Name something that you are scared of?**
Flying
- 2. Name your hero?**
My Mom
- 3. What motivates you to work hard?**
Trying to be better than I was yesterday, watching other professional dancers, and the possibilities of what I might get to dance throughout my career if I continue to work hard everyday.
- 4. What is your favorite book?**
I usually enjoy all the books I read, but I think the book/series that I enjoyed most was the *Harry Potter* series. Honorable mentions: *The Gentleman in Moscow*, *The Master and Margarita*, and *The Odyssey*
- 5. What makes you laugh?**
Anything really, but I love laughing the most at the ballet surrounded by all of my friends.
- 6. If you could only eat one meal forever, what would it be?**
I would definitely choose breakfast foods, but if I were to be specific, I would choose eggs with salsa accompanied by some toast and a sweet pastry. Oh! And Coffee!

- 7. Favorite holiday?**
Christmas 100%
- 8. Favorite family tradition?**
In Russia, whenever you have a big event happening, before leaving to go to it, they splash water on the ground outside and make you step over it for good luck. I always thought it was very special. It's my favorite tradition.
- 10. First crush?**
Oh I don't remember. I think his name was Max. We were in kindergarten, haha.
- 11. How many languages do you speak?**
3.5: English, Russian, Bulgarian, and a little bit of Spanish.
- 12. Describe yourself as an animal, which would you be?**
I've thought about this a lot, and I'm not quite sure. I would like to think of myself as a cat, but I'm not sure that's quite accurate. Maybe a fox?



KHAIYOM KHOJAEV

Khaiyom Khojaev was born in Dushanbe, Tajikistan. At the age of 10, Khaiyom was accepted in the National Tajik Choreographic School. Shortly thereafter, he was sent to Russia to study at the Perm State Choreographic College. He studied there for eight years and learned from some of Russia's finest teachers. By the end of his education, Khaiyom's repertoire surpassed most others. In 2016, Khaiyom competed in Arabesque Ekaterina Maximova Ballet Competition. Khaiyom joined Richmond Ballet II in August 2016 and is thrilled to have completed his second season with the professional company.

GET TO KNOW ME:

- 1. Name something that you are scared of?**
Snakes!
- 2. Name your hero?**
My Father
- 3. What motivates you to work hard?**
My favorite dancers like Vladimir Shklyrov, Isaac Hernandez, and others
- 4. What is your favorite book?**
The Glass Castle
- 5. What makes you laugh?**
Nice Jokes

- 6. If you could only eat one meal forever, what would it be?**
Steak
- 7. Favorite holiday?**
Ramadan
- 8. Favorite family tradition?**
Hosting guests very well
- 10. First crush?**
Wendy from *Peter Pan*
- 11. How many languages do you speak?**
Persian-Farsi, Russian, and a little bit English
- 12. Describe yourself as an animal, which would you be?**
A tiger

IZABELLA TOKEV

Izabella Tokev was born in Las Vegas, Nevada. From an early age she found her love for dance. She continued her ballet training in Las Vegas, focusing on the Russian Vaganova method. At the age of 16, she moved to Russia to study at Perm State Choreographic College. In August of 2016, Izabella joined Richmond Ballet's second company. She is very excited to have completed her first season with the main company.

