

Jaylaysia Irizarry is a young dance artist at the forefront of her professional dance journey. She is a graduate of Radford University since May 2024 with a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree in Dance. A former student of Classical Ballet of Fredericksburg under the direction of Regina Bogomolova, Jaylaysia has studied

Jaylaysia has attended prestigious summer intensives and workshops with the Bolshoi Ballet Academy, Cincinnati Ballet, Ballet Met Intensive, and Company Rep Week.

During her years at CBF, she was selected by audition to participate in the Kennedy Center's Contemporary Artists Series for an entire academic year. While at Radford, she trained in classical and modern dance and has performed in many diverse choreographies and productions. In addition to performing choreographies created by both professors and students while at Radford University, Jaylaysia has also staged choreography for fellow students. She also had the opportunity to work with Marc Spaulding, lead choreographer for HBO's "Euphoria."

As required by her degree, she has studied Dance Composition, Choreographic Studies, Dance Production, Somatics, Dance History, and Methods of Teaching.

When asked by Choreographer-Director Carole Alexis, "How do you envision yourself in this profession?" Jaylaysia answered, "I just want to dance, to work hard, to learn, to give my best to the art, I don't believe that dancing should be about looking or being chosen just for a big brand named company, I think that the focus should be on growing as a person, as an artist, I believe in growing with a company, I want to dance!"

Jaylaysia started this 2024/2025 season as a trainee in BdA/ CABT, where she has continued to progress technically, artistically, and professionally.

Ms Irizarry has been offered a contract as a company dancer for the 2025/2026 season, which she has happily accepted.