

Candy Tong

Candy Tong was born in San Francisco, California, where she later started her training at the San Francisco Ballet School under full scholarship. She graduated from the English National Ballet School (London, England) where she received a diploma in Dance from the Trinity College, worked with the company, and toured around England for their production of *Le Corsaire*. Candy has studied at the Pacific Northwest Ballet (Seattle, WA) in the Professional Division and trained under the direction of Drew Jacoby and Muriel Maffre. Prior to joining ENB, Candy won the title of Miss Dance of California in 2013, receiving top marks at nationals. She placed 3rd at Youth America Grand Prix and at the American Ballet Competition and was invited to participate in the Helsinki International Ballet Competition in Finland.

Candy is a recent BFA graduate in Dance Performance from the Claire Trevor School of the Arts at University of California, Irvine ('17) where she was able to complete the program in just 2 1/2 years. Soon after, she was invited to perform in a few festivals and galas as a freelance professional dancer. Along with her dance career, Candy has been invited to photoshoots all over the country as well as Paris and London. Her work has been showcased at the Galleries Lafayette in Paris, the Huffington Post, and on Nikon Europe's ad campaigns.

Candy is currently with Complexions Contemporary Ballet under the direction of Dwight Rhoden and Desmond Richardson in New York City and will begin her second season with them in the fall. To engage more with Ms. Tong, please visit her Instagram ([@candytong12](https://www.instagram.com/candytong12)) for updates on her journey.

