

**Julian MacKay** is the first American to graduate from the Bolshoi Ballet Academy, Russia with a full Russian Diploma, having completed both the upper and lower school. He medaled in five consecutive International Ballet Competitions, including Gold medals at the Istanbul, Sochi, and YAGP, and Bronze in Beijing International Ballet Competition. Graduating top of his class he was hailed as "Apollo" by Russian dance critics, dancing numerous roles on the Bolshoi stage, at age 17 Julian joined The Royal Ballet in London, as their 2016 Prix de Lausanne prize winner. Nine months later, upon personal invitation by Mikhail Messerer, MacKay joined The Mikhailovsky Theatre, St. Petersburg as a Second Soloist. By 19 years old, Julian MacKay was promoted to First Soloist after a thrilling performance in *Flames of Paris*, and dances all the principal leading roles in his theatre. He was named the 2017 "Discovery of the Year" by Sobaka Magazine, Russia and top 25 "Most Beautiful People" by Paper Magazine NYC. MacKay's numerous features include Cover Star for BLVD Magazine, Teen Vogue, Mary McCartney for L'Uomo Vogue, L'Official Ukraine, Boys by Girls, id Magazine, chosen out of over 200,000 people by Kendall Jenner to be shot for LOVE Magazine London, 10 page feature In Style Russia Celebrity Issue, Esquire China, and feature for Numero China. MacKay's *Chopin* dance performance for New York Fashion Week was named by Vogue Magazine as a top 10 Fashion Week Moment worldwide. Trending number one in China, he loved performing at the Russell James & Victoria's Secret show in Shanghai and is currently completing his Master's Degree at GITIS (Russian University of Theatre Arts). Julian MacKay lives with his brother and French bulldog Leo in the beautiful city of Saint Petersburg, Russia. In 2020, Mackay joined San Francisco Ballet as a Principal Dancer.