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2010-2011 CLASSES

MOVE FORWARD



The Louisville Ballet School is a premiere center for training and educating dancers of all ages. The School's comprehensive curriculum fosters enjoyment of the arts, supports both the serious student who aspires to achieve professional goals and students who elect to dance for enjoyment, recreation, and exercise. The Louisville Ballet School maintains an atmosphere of professionalism, which allows students to interact with an outstanding international faculty to further develop their skills and appreciation of dance.

Primary Division

The Primary Division is designed to develop coordination, musicality, confidence and kinetic awareness, as well as to instill a lifelong love for dance. Students are placed into the Primary Division based on their age and level of experience.

Pas de Deux: Creative Movement for Child & Adult (Age 18 mos.-3 yrs.)
Pas de deux ("dance for two") is a special opportunity for adults and their children to bond through the shared experience of movement and music.

Creative Movement I (Age 3) Once a week / 30 minutes
Creative Movement I encourages three-year olds to use their imagination in a structured dance class setting to expand body awareness, develop locomotor skills, and build social sensibilities.

Creative Movement II (Age 4) Once a week / 30 minutes
Creative Movement II for four-year olds encourages creative thinking, while cultivating the movement base needed for ballet through improved concentration, gross motor skills, and the study of patterns in both music and movement.

Pre-Ballet (Ages 5 & 6) Once a week / 1 hour
In Pre-Ballet, we introduce French terms and basic ballet positions, emphasize rhythm skills and musicality, and reinforce the structured movement activities from previous class levels.

Beginning Ballet (Ages 7 & 8) Once a week / 1 hour
Students in Beginning Ballet have the physical maturity needed to learn ballet technique exercises at the barre in order to gain increased flexibility, core strength, body alignment, control and balance.

Elementary Division

Elementary Division students continue to develop coordination, musicality, and kinetic awareness while building upon skills learned in the Primary Division. In a more structured class environment, the instructors nurture the students' love for dance and the arts through the disciplined study of classical ballet technique. Students are placed in the Elementary Division based on age and level of dance experience.

Elementary I • Elementary II • Elementary III
Elementary IV • Boys' Class

Youth Open Division / Elective Classes

The Youth Open Division classes are designed for new and continuing students wishing to create a more dynamic class schedule or supplement their ballet training with elective classes. Youth Open ballet technique classes offer quality training at an Elementary or Intermediate level of study with a more accommodating schedule.

Classes are available for students ages 8-18. Students are placed in class levels according to their age and level of dance experience.

Ballet • Modern • Jazz • Tap • Hip Hop • Flamenco
Pilates • Musical Theater

Dance Access: Fitness in motion for students of all ages with special needs.



Intermediate & Pre-Professional Divisions

Students invited into the Intermediate and Pre-Professional Divisions aspire to a high standard of excellence and professionalism. It is our goal to inspire a passion for dance and encourage students to realize their individual potential through the attention offered by our world-class faculty. Students' dance education in this division includes pointe work, variations and repertoire as well as the opportunity to train and perform in complimentary dance disciplines.

Chosen each year by audition, Intermediate and Pre-professional students are selected for the Louisville Ballet Youth Ensemble to perform at various community venues and national festivals. The Youth Ensemble, now in its fifty-eighth year, trains the finest dancers and choreographers of tomorrow.

The Intermediate and Pre-Professional divisions are for those students with a serious interest in dance and are by placement only.

Intermediate I • Intermediate II • Intermediate III
Pre-Professional • Men's Class

Performance Opportunities

Primary Division Demonstrations

Primary Demonstration Day is a showcase of our youngest students' achievements. This informal showing gives our students a performance experience, allowing them to share what they have learned throughout the year without the stress and anxiety of a traditional "recital".

Spring Showcase

The Spring Showcase is a main stage feature performance designed especially for the students of the Louisville Ballet School. Performers discover the art of storytelling through dance while sharing in the traditions of the full-length classical ballets.

The Spring Collection features students in a wide range of dance styles offered in the Youth Open Division.

Louisville Ballet's production of The Brown-Forman Nutcracker
Louisville Ballet School students have an opportunity to audition for this magical and long-standing Louisville holiday tradition. This is a chance for young dancers to rehearse and perform along side the professional dancers of the Louisville Ballet.

Adult Division

The Adult Open Division classes offer quality training in a variety of dance and fitness styles for the novice to professional-level dancer age 15 and up. Classes include Ballet (Beginning / Intermediate / Advanced), Pilates, Zumba® + Jazz, Modern, Ballet F.I.T., Hip Hop, Tap and Flamenco. Our instructors are qualified to assess a student's level in class and to make appropriate recommendations upon request.

Adult Division classes are offered year-round on a schedule designed to accommodate the busy lifestyle of working professionals. Registered dancers may attend as many classes as they wish, paying for classes only when they attend by purchasing single classes or a multi-class card.

Class Schedules and Dance Attire

Complete class schedules and information can be found at www.louisvilleballet.org/DanceSchool.

Enrollment & Tuition

Students are usually enrolled for the entire school year, which consists of the Fall and Spring Semesters. Tuition rates are available on the class schedule listing and on our website.

Semester Dates

Fall Semester August 9 - December 4, 2010
Spring Semester January 10 - May 14, 2011

Legend of Studio Locations and Hours of Operation

St. Matthews Studios S1, S2, S3, S4
4121 Shelbyville Rd Monday - Thursday 3:30 pm - 9:00 pm
(502) 895-3700 Friday 4:00 pm - 7:30 pm
Saturday 8:30 am - 2:00 pm

Downtown Studios D1, D2
315 E. Main St Monday - Friday 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
(502) 583-3150 x 245

Faculty & Staff

Bruce Simpson, Artistic Director
Elena M. Fillmore, School Director
Emily Van Bogaert, School Administrator

For a complete list of faculty profiles, please visit www.louisvilleballet.org/DanceSchool.