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WELCOME TO BALLET ACADEMY OF TEXAS

Celebrating its twenty-seventh year, the Ballet Academy of Texas' goal has been to provide quality, professional dance instruction for all ages. The primary focus is on classical ballet technique which provides a strong foundation for all other dance forms. Our goal for the recreational dancer is to gain self-confidence through the physical and mental accomplishments that come from positive dance instruction. The professional background of the directors and staff will provide the more serious student with the knowledge and training necessary to prepare for a career in dance, as well as additional performing opportunities with its resident ballet company, the Ballet Ensemble of Texas.

Ballet Academy of Texas trains dancers who are recognized by prestigious pre-professional training programs across the country. In addition to performing on Broadway, our professional alumni also dance with companies around the world, including Texas Ballet Theater, Pacific Northwest Ballet, New York City Ballet, Colorado Ballet, Cleveland Ballet, Singapore Ballet, Ohio Contemporary Ballet, Ballet West, Ballet Arkansas, First State Ballet, Sarasota Ballet, Palm Beach Ballet and four former BAT dancers currently performing with American Ballet Theatre.

The Academy is an 11,000-square foot facility consisting of four large studios, all with sprung Marley flooring, viewing areas into all the studios, and two large waiting areas. It is conveniently located in the center of Coppell near the corner of Sandy Lake and Denton Tap roads.

STAFF

THE DIRECTOR

TAMMIE REINSCH is a Texas native and has been dancing since the age of three. Her training was received at Lewisville Dance Academy where Lisa Slagle began teaching in Tammie's high school years. She is a classically trained dancer in all forms of dance and gravitated towards jazz, tap, modern and contemporary. Tammie was unable to pursue a professional career due to a knee injury but recognizes this was not the path chosen for her.

When she joined Ballet Academy of Texas in 1999, she worked closely with Lisa Slagle to shape the jazz, tap, modern and contemporary program to reflect what the students were learning in their ballet level. She sets a positive atmosphere for all her classes. You will frequently hear her say "Just keep swimming!" and "Smile and move your feet!" As the dancers mature, she loves to teach the skill of improvisation as it cultivates artistry. She feels that each student has something to learn and something to offer.

Tammie has been a resident choreographer for the Ballet Ensemble of Texas since its formation in 2001. Her choreography includes 'The Race', 'No Pressure', 'Jumpin Jack', 'Anzzziety', 'Generation #', 'In a Nutshell', and 'Truth'. 'Jumpin Jack' was reviewed as "smart and snappy". Her work 'Anzzziety' was chosen to be performed at the Regional Dance America and her "Generation #" was performed across the metroplex and received the Outstanding Choreography Award from Youth America Grand Prix in 2018. 'Unity', which she created for BET's 2019 Celebration of Dance review read "Tammie is known for her exceptionally creative choreography. Ms. Reinsch showcases the dancers, unity as a group and everything it represents: overall camaraderie, respect, trust, and what it means to be an artist." Since 2003, The Dance Council of North Texas has awarded many scholarships to our Ballet Academy students based on her solo contemporary work. Her students have also received many awards and recognition with her choreography and coaching.

She is honored to have been part of the training of students who have decided to pursue dance professionally as well as those who will forever have dance as part of their lives. She cherishes the continued relationships with her students upon graduation from the school. It's truly a beautiful gift to be a part of their lives.

BALLET MASTER FOR BALLET ACADEMY OF TEXAS
ARTISTIC DIRECTOR OF BALLET ENSEMBLE OF TEXAS

THOM CLOWER is known as one of the most energetic and inspiring teachers across the country, Thom Clower's "evangelistic" approach to teaching has touched the lives and careers of dancers around the world for 40 years. With extensive training in the Vaganova, Balanchine, Cecchetti, and Bournonville styles, Mr. Clower combines the qualities of each one to present a technique that is true and versatile.

Making his stage debut at the age of six, Mr. Clower began his professional training with George Skibine and Marjorie Tallchief at the Dallas Civic Ballet in 1968. He received a Ford Foundation Scholarship to the School of American Ballet in New York for two consecutive years, and also studied in Paris, Amsterdam, and London. He joined Dallas Ballet in 1978 where he spent eleven seasons performing with the company under Mr. Skibine and Flemming Flindt and served as assistant Ballet Master for Dallas Ballet's 1980 South American tour.

As Ballet Master, Mr. Clower assisted Flindt in staging his full-length NUTCRACKER, THE THREE MUSKETEERS, and PHAEDRA, and personally administrated the staging of Alvin Ailey's THE RIVER, John Cranko's JEU DE CARTES, Jeri Kylian's ENGULFED CATHEDRAL, Fokine's PRINCE IGOR and LES SYLPHIDES, and many others.

Mr. Clower served as Founding Artistic Director of the restructured Ballet Dallas and the affiliate school, the Dallas Conservatory of Ballet. Under his direction, Ballet Dallas was the resident professional ballet company for the Dallas area for eight years, carrying on the traditions of the former company. Mr. Clower served as Ballet Master for Hubbard Street Dance Chicago, working closely with founding Artistic Director Lou Conte. In this capacity, he was primary teacher for the company and rehearsal director for works by Twyla Tharp, Nacho Duato, Daniel Ezerlow, and Kevin O'Day. Mr. Clower then served four seasons as Artistic Director of Yuma Ballet Theatre (AZ), and Ballet Master of the affiliate school, Dancers Workshop. He was a regular guest teacher at Allegro Ballet of Houston from 2009-2018.

As a representative of the George Skibine Trust, Mr. Clower helps maintain the integrity of Mr. Skibine's ballets, staging them across the country.

He served on selection panels for the City of Dallas, Tarrant County, and both the Texas and Arizona Commission on the Arts Peer Review Panels. He was awarded the prestigious Legacy Award for Achievement in the Arts by the Dallas Dance Council in 2000 and placed in the Yuma Ballet Theatre's Hall of Fame in 2005. In 2017 he was asked to serve on the Board of Directors of the Dance Council of North Texas.

Believing very strongly in Regional Dance America, Mr. Clower has served as the Director of Ballet at numerous RDA Craft of Choreography Conferences (NCI). He has been a guest teacher for Regional Festivals since 1992 and was a guest teacher at the RDA National Festivals in 1997, 2007, and 2017. Mr. Clower has proudly served in the capacity of Adjudicator for RDA/NE (00), RDA/Mid States (03, 22), SERBA (13,19), and RDA/SW (17 National Festival in Phoenix, AZ). He was Ballet Faculty at The Glenda Brown Choreography Project many times since its inception.

Mr. Clower has staged and created ballets for companies all over the United States. He has also worked with many opera companies, including the Santa Fe Opera, the Dallas Opera, and the Lyric Opera of Dallas. Companies have performed his choreography all over the world,

Since 2001 Thom Clower has worked around the world as a freelance master teacher and choreographer. His work has included regional companies and schools, and he has been a guest teacher at professional companies such as Oklahoma City Ballet, Pittsburgh Ballet Theater and Atlanta Ballet. He has been a guest teacher at Broadway Dance Center, Associate Ballet Master for Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo, and has served annually as Ballet Master for Young! Tanzsommer – Stars of Tomorrow International since 2002.

TEACHING STAFF

PENNY ASKEW began her serious ballet training with Candace Jones Smalley in Clinton, and supplemented that with summer study at the Oklahoma Summer Arts Institute, Ballet West, National Academy of Arts, and The School of Pennsylvania Ballet. For over 25 years, Penny was the Owner/Director of Western Oklahoma Ballet Academy and Artistic Director of Western Oklahoma Ballet Theatre. From 2015-2020, Penny was the school director of the Oklahoma City Ballet Yvonne Chouteau School, where she led the school faculty, taught multiple levels, and supervised the professional training programs in addition to serving as a company teacher and ballet master for the professional company. In the fall of 2020, she opened Askew Ballet Academy in Oklahoma City and also began working with Central Oklahoma Ballet Theatre as ballet master and choreographer for their professional company productions. Penny holds a Master of Science in Applied Psychology from Southwestern Oklahoma State University, and a Master of Fine Arts in Dance/Choreography from the University of Iowa. She is also certified in Primary through Level 7 and Partnering of the American Ballet Theatre® National Training Curriculum. She has been on faculty at AileyCamp New York, the Glenda Brown Choreography Project, Regional Dance America Festivals, and the RDA National Choreography Intensive. Penny's students have attained professional careers in ballet, modern dance, and musical theater companies; have received scholarships to professional and university training programs; and have taught and choreographed professionally across the United States and in Europe.

KENDALL COBB grew up in Carrollton and trained at the Ballet Academy of Texas for 12 years including four years as a Ballet Ensemble member. At 18, she attended the University of Oklahoma to further her dance education and graduated with a degree in Ballet Performance and a Bachelor of Fine Arts in 2019. Professionally, Kendall danced with Ballet Frontier of Texas until 2021. She then decided to pursue a teaching career in both ballet and Pilates. She is certified in mat and reformer Pilates with the Balanced Body method.

ANNA DONOVAN We are thrilled to announce that Anna Donovan has joined the Ballet Academy of Texas faculty! She will be instructing our Professional Prep Program and teaching monthly Ensemble Company Class, bringing her incredible talent and experience to our dancers. A native of Ireland, Anna Donovan won a scholarship to train at the Royal Ballet School in England when she was ten years old. From there she joined the Elmhurst Ballet School. After performing in Kaiserslautern, Germany she joined the Irish National Ballet in 1973 and was rapidly promoted to Principal Dancer. After 17 years with INB, she joined the staff of Ballet Dallas in 1991, serving as Principal Ballet Mistress/Repetiteur and instructor for the Dallas Conservatory of Ballet. She is included in The Who's Who of Teachers in America 2000, 2001, and 2005. Anna joined the artistic staff at TBT as Principal Ballet Master in 2000.

JENNY JOHNSTON, a native Texan, began dancing at age three and her passion for dance was born. She loved and took many forms of dance, but ballet was her focus. She was a founding member of Longview Ballet Theater at age 13 while her summer study included the School of American Ballet (the official training academy of New York City Ballet) and the school for American Ballet Theatre. Jenny received The Fine Arts Guild Scholarship at Texas Christian University where she obtained her Bachelor of Fine Arts in Ballet while dancing with The Fort Worth Ballet where she became a soloist. She moved to Dallas in 1982 and studied with Nancy Schaffenburg and danced with her company where she and Lisa Slagle met and danced together. She began her teaching career in 1984 and became the advanced ballet instructor at ARTS Magnet High School (now Booker T Washington High School of the Performing and Visual Arts) where she also choreographed several ballets. She met Thom Clower when he became the director of Ballet Dallas where she perfected her style of teaching and also choreographed. Jenny began working with Lisa Slagle at Ballet Academy of Texas in 1997, where she continues to teach intermediate through advanced students. Her style is technique-based but with a passion and love for ballet while being a strong advocate of taking many styles of dance to enrich and grow the artform. Jenny has been a resident choreographer for The Ballet Ensemble of Texas since its inception in 2001 and received the 2009 Regional Dance America National Commissioning Award in Choreography for her ballet La Nuit Rose which also placed at the Youth America Grand Prix competition. She has had many dancers place in the top 3, 12 and 24 at YAGP through the years where she has loved coaching and choreographing for her students. She has been a guest choreographer at BTWHSPVA and company teacher for Dallas Black Dance Theater. She passes on her style of grace, energy, and respect for ballet to her students whom she encourages and cheers on while she loves seeing their growth and confidence and considers it a gift to teach them. She is proud of each student as they go into the world after graduation and for those who have chosen to dance professionally, she is honored to be a part of their training as well as for those who have dance in their hearts and carry it out into life to share. Jenny is immensely grateful to teach with such a fabulous group and teaching ballet has been a blessing to her!

TEACHING STAFF

ABIGAIL MILLER began her ballet training at the age of 10 and joined the Ballet Academy of Texas a year later. She has been a dedicated student at the Academy for the past seven years and was a proud member of the Ballet Ensemble of Texas from 2021–2025, performing with the company from ages 14–18. During her senior year, Abigail discovered her passion for teaching and had the opportunity to shadow many instructors and classes throughout the summer. She plans to pursue her ABT® teaching certification in Pre-Primary through Level 3 this coming spring and is excited to continue her journey in the ballet world as both a dancer and teacher.

RAYLEIGH VENDT was born in St. Louis, Missouri and raised in Dallas, Texas. Rayleigh began her pre-professional training at the Ballet Academy of Texas under Lisa Slagle. After graduating, she spent one season as a Trainee at Cincinnati Ballet and two seasons as an Apprentice at Ballet Austin. Rayleigh then joined Oklahoma City Ballet's Corps de Ballet and danced with the company for five seasons. Vendt is now entering her sixth season with Texas Ballet Theater. She has enjoyed many roles throughout her career including Russian Girl in George Balanchine's Serenade, Alice in Ben Stevenson's Alice in Wonderland, Flora in Stevenson's Dracula, and the Sugar Plum Fairy in Stevenson's Nutcracker. She has been teaching ballet, pointe, contemporary, jazz, Pilates and conditioning for ten years in and around Texas and Oklahoma. Ms. Rayleigh is excited to continue being on the staff at Ballet Academy of Texas for her third year and is looking forward to working with all the talented students!

LINDSEY YOES DANIEL is the Ballet Ensemble of Texas' Ballet Master, since 2014. She received her training at the Ballet Academy of Texas and was a leading dancer with the Ballet Ensemble of Texas from 2001 to 2006. One of her favorite childhood memories was performing with the Moscow Ballet from ages 8 through 12 in their yearly production of the Nutcracker. Following graduation from Coppell High School, she danced professionally with The Dallas Opera, Texas Dance Theatre, Larwell Productions and Dallas Black Dance Theater II; where she was also the Assistant Director to Nycole Ray. Lindsey has worked with many renown choreographers, including Fernando Bujones and Gordon Pierce Schmidt. You can find Lindsey pictured in the book "The Nutcracker Backstage, The Story and the Magic" by Angela Whitehill and William Noble and Foreword by Wendy Whelan, Principal Dancer, New York City Ballet. She received a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance and Psychology with an emphasis in Family Studies from University of North Texas. She also attended University of Oklahoma on scholarship for collegiate dance training. Lindsey is an American Ballet Theatre® certified Teacher, in Pre-Primary through Level 5 of the ABT® National Training Curriculum. As well as certified in Progressing Ballet Technique. She is very excited to be on the staff of Ballet Academy of Texas, for she has been teaching since 2010. Lindsey's passion is spreading the joy and love she has in ballet to every student she comes across. Lindsey is an advocate of performance quality and clean technique. She loves to see each child's personality shine as they blossom into the artist whom they are meant to be. Dancing from the soul is a virtue she instills in the children she teaches. It has always been a goal of hers to know every students' name in the studio and make sure they always feel welcome and loved.

CHILDREN'S DIVISION



Creative Ballet
Emphasis on Creative Movement
 Age 3 Minimum
 One Class Per Week Recommended

Saturday 9:30-10:15 Cobb C



PreBallet
Beginning Ballet Terminology and Technique
 One Class Per Week Recommended

Monday 4:45-5:30 Cobb C
 Saturday 10:15-11:00 Cobb C



Primary Ballet
Building on PreBallet Technique
 One Class Per Week Recommended

Wednesday 4:00-4:45 Cobb C
 Friday 4:15-5:00 Miller B
 Saturday 11:00-11:45 Cobb C

CB/PB/PR DRESS CODE

Leotard: light pink or black (no skirt attached)
 skirt allowed for center in Primary Ballet
 Tights: pink (no underwear)
 Shoes: pink
 Hair: bun required for girls
 Boys: black tights, white shirt, black shoes



Level 1
Basic Ballet Steps
 Jazz/Tap Offered Once Per Week

Tuesday 4:45-5:45 Cobb C
 Thursday 5:30-6:30 Yoes Daniel C
 Saturday 10:00-11:00 Reinsch B

Jazz 1
 Tuesday 5:45-6:30 Cobb C

Tap 1
 Thursday 4:45-5:30 Reinsch C

LEVEL 1 DRESS CODE

Leotard (Ballet/Jazz/Tap): light pink, light blue or black (no skirt attached) skirt allowed for center
 Tights (Ballet/Jazz/Tap): pink (no underwear)
 Shoes: pink for ballet class
 Jazz: black jazz shoes and dance shorts are optional
 Tap: black buckle or lace-up shoes and dance shorts are optional
 Hair (Ballet/Jazz/Tap): bun required for girls
 Boys: black tights, white shirt, black shoes



Level 2
Building On Basic Ballet Steps
 Two Ballet Classes Per Week Required
 Jazz/Tap Offered Once Per Week

Monday 5:30-6:30 Cobb C
 Tuesday 4:30-5:30 Yoes Daniel D
 Wednesday 4:45-5:45 Cobb C
 Thursday 4:30-5:30 Yoes Daniel B
 Saturday 11:00-12:00 Reinsch B

Jazz 2
 Monday 4:30-5:30 Reinsch B

Tap 2
 Thursday 5:30-6:30 Reinsch B

LEVEL 2 DRESS CODE

Leotard (Ballet/Jazz/Tap): light pink, light blue or black (no skirt attached) skirt allowed for center
 Tights (Ballet/Jazz/Tap): pink (under leotard)
 Shoes: pink canvas split-soled for ballet class
 Jazz: black slip-on jazz shoes and dance shorts are optional
 Tap: black lace-up or split-soled shoes, dance shorts are optional
 Hair (Ballet/Jazz/Tap): bun required for girls
 Boys: black tights, white shirt, black shoes

INTERMEDIATE DIVISION



Level 3
Intermediate
Three Ballet Classes Per Week Required
Jazz/Tap Offered Once Per Week

Wednesday	4:30-5:45	Yoes Daniel	D
Thursday	6:30-7:45	Yoes Daniel	C
Friday	6:30-7:45	Cobb	B
Saturday (3/4)	9:30-11:00	Yoes Daniel	D

Jazz 3

Wednesday	6:00-7:00	Reinsch	C
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Tap 3

Friday	5:30-6:30	Reinsch	B
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Level 4
Intermediate
Four Ballet Classes Per Week Required
Jazz/Tap Offered Once Per Week

Monday	5:00-6:30	Yoes Daniel	D
Tuesday	7:00-8:30	Johnston	C
Wednesday	5:45-7:00	Yoes Daniel	D
Friday (4/5)	5:00-6:30	Cobb	A
Saturday (3/4)	9:30-11:00	Yoes Daniel	D

Jazz 4

Wednesday	7:00-8:00	Reinsch	C
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Tap 4/5

Friday	6:30-7:30	Reinsch	D
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Level 5
Intermediate - Beginning Pointe
Four Ballet Classes Per Week Required
Five Ballet Classes Per Week Recommended
Jazz/Modern/Tap Offered Once Per Week

Monday	6:30-8:00	Vendt	D
Tuesday	5:30-7:00	Yoes Daniel	D
Wednesday	7:00-8:30	Yoes Daniel	D
Thursday	5:00-6:30	Johnston	D
Friday (4/5)	5:00-6:30	Cobb	A
Saturday (5/6)	11:00-12:30	Yoes Daniel	D

Modern 5

Monday	5:30-6:30	Reinsch	B
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Jazz 5

Tuesday	7:00-8:00	Reinsch	B
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Tap 4/5

Friday	6:30-7:30	Reinsch	D
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LEVEL 3/4/5 DRESS CODE

Leotard (Ballet/Jazz/Tap): ballet appropriate (skirt allowed for center)
 Tights (Ballet/Jazz/Tap): pink (under leotard)
 Shoes: pink canvas split-soled for ballet class
 Jazz: black slip-on jazz shoes, dance shorts are optional
 Modern: barefoot, dance shorts/leggings are optional
 Tap: black lace-up or slip-on split-soled shoes, dance shorts are optional
 Hair (Ballet/Jazz/Tap): bun required for girls
 Boys: black tights (dance belt required), solid colored shirt, black shoes
 (Level 5 can wear black or gray tights)

ADVANCED DIVISION

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Level 6

*Advanced - Intermediate Pointe
Five Ballet Classes Per Week Required
Six Ballet Classes Per Week Recommended
Jazz/Modern/Tap Offered Once Per Week*

Monday	5:00-6:30	Askew	A
Tuesday (6/7/8)	5:30-7:00	Johnston	B
Tuesday <i>BET</i>	5:30-7:00	Clower	A
Wednesday	5:00-6:30	Johnston	A
Thursday	5:00-6:30	Clower	A
Friday (6/7/8)	6:30-8:00	Rotating Staff	A
Saturday <i>BET</i>	10:00-12:30	Clower	A
Saturday (5/6)	11:00-12:30	Yoes Daniel	D

Jazz 6			
Thursday	6:30-7:30	Reinsch	B

Modern 6			
Monday	6:30-7:30	Reinsch	B

Tap 6/7/8			
Friday	8:00-9:00	Reinsch	A

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Level 7

*Advanced
Five Ballet Classes Per Week Required
Six Ballet Classes Per Week Recommended
Jazz/Modern/Tap Offered Once Per Week*

Monday	6:30-8:00	Yoes Daniel	C
Tuesday (6/7/8)	5:30-7:00	Johnston	B
Tuesday <i>BET</i>	5:30-7:00	Clower	A
Wednesday	6:30-8:00	Clower	B
Thursday	6:30-8:00	Johnston	D
Friday (6/7/8)	6:30-8:00	Rotating Staff	A
Saturday <i>BET</i>	10:00-12:30	Clower	A

Jazz 7			
Thursday	8:00-9:00	Reinsch	D

Modern 7			
Monday	8:00-9:00	Askew	D

Tap 6/7/8			
Friday	8:00-9:00	Reinsch	A

Pas de Deux 7			
Wednesday	8:00-9:00	Clower	B

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Level 8

*Pre-Professional
Five Ballet Classes Per Week Required
Six Ballet Classes Per Week Recommended
Jazz/Modern/Tap Offered Once Per Week*

Monday	6:30-8:00	Askew	A
Tuesday 6/7/8	5:30-7:00	Johnston	B
Tuesday (<i>BET</i>)	5:30-7:00	Clower	A
Wednesday	6:30-8:00	Johnston	A
Thursday	6:30-8:00	Clower	A
Friday (6/7/8)	6:30-8:00	Rotating Staff	A
Saturday (<i>BET</i>)	10:00-12:30	Clower	A

Jazz 8			
Wednesday	8:00-9:00	Reinsch	A

Modern 8			
Monday	8:00-9:00	Vendt	A

Tap 6/7/8			
Friday	8:00-9:00	Reinsch	A

Pas de Deux 8			
Thursday	8:00-9:00	Clower	A

LEVEL 6/7/8 DRESS CODE

Leotard (Ballet/Jazz/Tap): ballet appropriate (skirt allowed for center)

Tights (Ballet/Jazz/Tap): pink (under leotard)

Shoes: pink canvas split-soled for ballet class

Jazz: black slip-on jazz shoes, dance shorts/leggings are optional

Modern: barefoot, dance shorts/leggings are optional

Tap: black lace-up or slip-on split-soled shoes, dance shorts/leggings are optional

Hair (Ballet/Jazz/Tap): bun required for girls

Boys: any color tights (dance belt required), solid color shirt,

black shoes



Pre-Professional Program
Levels 6, 7, 8

Tuesday			
10:00-12:00	Technique	Askew	A
12:00-1:00	Pointe	Askew	A
Wednesday			
10:00-12:00	Technique	Donovan	A
12:00-1:00	Pointe	Donovan	A
Thursday			
10:00-12:00	Technique	Yoes Daniel	A
12:00-1:00	Pointe	Yoes Daniel	A

Initiated to provide advanced dancers aspiring to a career in ballet an intensive training program in the tradition of the leading professional ballet company programs in the US. Ballet Technique is offered each day for two hours. Girls are given a one-hour pointe class with emphasis on mastering the classical vocabulary, strength, foot articulation, musicality, and artistry.

Much of the work is geared to those steps and combinations which are a staple in variations in addition to general work from the classical repertoire the students will encounter as they progress in their training and hopefully later on in the profession. The same is to be said for the technique classes. Personal attention is given to each students' level and the student is continually challenged to the highest degree of technical and artistic demands expected in the profession.

Students must have achieved Level 6 to be considered for placement in the Professional Prep Program. These classes are to be taken in addition to evening classes.



Men's Division
Advanced Levels 6-8
Intermediate Levels 3-5

Intermediate Men			
Wednesday	4:45-6:15	Clower	B
Pas de Deux 7 (Level 7 Men)			
Wednesday	8:00-9:00	Clower	B
Pas de Deux 8 (Levels 7-8 Men)			
Thursday	8:00-9:00	Clower	A
Company Men			
Saturday	12:00-12:30	Clower	A

A ballet technique class must be taken before Pas de Deux classes.

Ballet Academy of Texas is known for its thriving program for male dancers. Through the years we have nurtured boys and men with their unique needs in the world of dance. Male dancers will take class alongside female dancers and advance through the levels while learning solid ballet technique. Once they advance to Level 3 they begin taking a class especially geared toward learning specific steps for the male dancer. Male conditioning and strength training is part of this process.

Pas de Deux class is also offered to learn the art of partnering. Ballet requires dedication and commitment, just like baseball or football. In addition, ballet is physically and mentally demanding—it helps develop balance, strength, and discipline. In addition to the tenacity and grit, you must appear effortless and be a selfless gentleman to your partner. It requires musicality, poise, and self-confidence to surpass the physical demands, conveying a compelling story to the audience with your technique.

Thom Clower is the director of the Men's Division and will help your male dancer reach their goals with many special opportunities through their dance training.

2025-26 RATES

ANNUAL ENROLLMENT FEE FOR ALL STUDENTS \$50.00		
Based on Hours of Instruction Per Week	Monthly	Semester*
45 min	\$ 86.00	\$ 405.00
1	\$ 92.00	\$ 435.00
1.25	\$ 97.00	\$ 460.00
1.5	\$137.00	\$ 660.00
1.75	\$142.00	\$ 685.00
2	\$148.00	\$ 715.00
2.25	\$165.00	\$ 800.00
2.5	\$171.00	\$ 830.00
2.75	\$176.00	\$ 855.00
3	\$182.00	\$ 885.00
3.25	\$187.00	\$ 910.00
3.5	\$194.00	\$ 945.00
3.75	\$200.00	\$ 975.00
4	\$211.00	\$1,030.00
4.25	\$216.00	\$1,055.00
4.5	\$222.00	\$1,085.00
4.75	\$227.00	\$1,110.00
5	\$239.00	\$1,170.00
5.25	\$245.00	\$1,200.00
5.5	\$250.00	\$1,225.00
5.75	\$256.00	\$1,255.00
6	\$261.00	\$1,280.00
6.25	\$268.00	\$1,315.00
6.5	\$273.00	\$1,340.00
6.75	\$279.00	\$1,370.00
7	\$284.00	\$1,395.00
7.25	\$290.00	\$1,425.00
7.5	\$295.00	\$1,450.00
7.75	\$301.00	\$1,480.00
8	\$307.00	\$1,510.00
8.25	\$313.00	\$1,540.00
8.5	\$318.00	\$1,565.00
8.75	\$324.00	\$1,595.00
9	\$329.00	\$1,620.00
9.25	\$335.00	\$1,650.00
9.5	\$340.00	\$1,675.00
9.75	\$347.00	\$1,710.00
10	\$352.00	\$1,735.00
UNLIMITED	\$369.00	\$1,820.00
Professional Prep Program (begins September 2)	\$500.00	Upon Request

Punchcards	
<i>Adult Students Only</i>	
8-Classess	\$ 200.00

Late Tuition Fee	\$25.00
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Tuition is due the first day of the month. The Late Fee is charged on the 11th day of the month.

Returned Check Fee	\$25.00
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*10% Discount for Second Student
15% Discount for Third Student
20% Discount for Fourth Student*

**Semester Payments are for five months (August to December or January to May) and receive a \$25.00 discount.*

SEMESTER PAYMENTS ARE NOT REFUNDABLE.

There are no tuition refunds, pro-rating, or credit for holidays or missed classes.

POLICIES

Dropping Classes/Withdrawing from the Academy

1. *Notice of dropping a class or withdrawal from the Academy must be received via email by the 25th day of the month prior to the change to avoid charge for the class(es).*
2. *There will be a 3% fee for refund due to injury or relocation.*

Make-Up Classes

1. *Make-up classes should be taken in the month in which they were missed and taken in a class of the same (or lower) level that is not full.*
2. *When you arrive for the make-up class please let the teacher know that you are doing a make-up class.*
3. *There is no need to schedule with the front desk.*

Tuition Payments

1. *Tuition is due by the first day of each month.*
2. *A late fee of \$25 will be added to your account if tuition is not paid by the 10th day of the month.*
3. *There are no tuition refunds, pro-rating, or credit for holidays* or missed classes.*
4. *One half month's tuition is due for the month if you wish to "hold a spot for my child(ren)" in a class that they are not attending for that month.*
5. *Semester Payments are for five months (August to December or January to May) and receive a \$25 discount. Semester Payments are non-refundable.*
6. *The Academy's tuition is based on a 4-week class month.*There may be up to 4 weeks annually for which you are not charged. These weeks cover holidays and other closures throughout the year. Therefore, a full months' tuition is due for the months with holidays such as December. Note: 52 weeks – 48 weeks paid = 4 extra weeks per year.*

Contact

Be aware that appropriate physical contact between teacher and student is sometimes necessary for the proper training in any dance form.

Physical Activity Risk

Be aware that there is a certain degree of risk involved in all physical activity, and that potentially severe injuries can occur. It is the express intent of the Academy to provide a safe environment and correct training in order to avoid any and all injuries to my child. Therefore, I agree to release the Ballet Academy of Texas, LLC from any liability should my child become injured while under the Academy's supervision.

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2025-26 ACADEMY CALENDAR

Professional Prep Program
First/Last Day
Studio Closed
Audition/Performance Info
Nutcracker Info

August 2025						
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February 2026						
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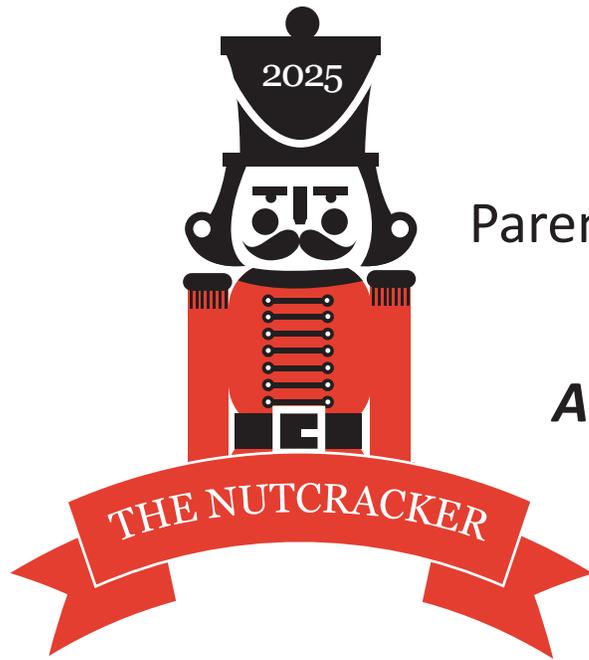
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Academy Dates

Aug 4 - First Day of Classes
 Aug 10 - Ensemble Audition
 Sept 1 - Closed for Labor Day
 Sept 13 - Nutcracker Parent Meeting
 Sept 20 - Nutcracker Audition

Nutcracker Studio Rehearsals:
 9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22
 Nov 1 - Dracula Performance
 Nov 24-29 - Closed for Thanksgiving
 Dec 6-7 - Nutcracker Performances

Dec 22 to Jan 5 - Closed for Christmas
 Mar 16-21 - Closed for Spring Break
 April 25-26 Cinderella Performances
 May 15 - Last Day of Classes
 May 16 - Spring Gala (Recital)



Mandatory Parent Meeting **Saturday, September 13 at 3:00**

Parents of Primary Ballet through Level 8
(Non-Company) must attend!

***A parent must attend the meeting to
AUDITION AND PARTICIPATE
IN THE NUTCRACKER!***

Auditions **Saturday, September 20**

Primary Ballet	Register 12:30	Audition 1:00-1:45
Ballet 1	Register 1:30	Audition 2:00-2:45
Ballet 2	Register 2:30	Audition 3:00-3:45
Ballet 3	Register 3:30	Audition 4:00-4:45
Ballet 4 & 5	Register 4:30	Audition 5:00-6:00
Ballet 6	Register 5:30	Audition 6:00-7:00

Staff will cast: Ballet 7, 8 and Company. There will not be an audition for these levels. Parents must attend the September 13 meeting unless your student is a member of the Ensemble.

Mandatory Rehearsals

*9/27, 10/4, 10/11, 10/18, 10/25, 11/8, 11/15, 11/22
and Theater Week 12/1-5.*

Performances are December 6-7, 2025 at Irving Arts Center.

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DRACULA

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