

THE LOUDOUN SCHOOL OF BALLET

2012 PRESCHOOL DEPARTMENT

BABY BALLET (Ages: 2 - 3 yrs.)

Our youngest dancers enjoy learning the fundamentals of ballet along with developmental and coordination skills through the use of props, costumes, games, mime, and improvisation. The perfect thirty-minute introduction to ballet!

Saturday	9:00 - 9:30 am	Instructor: Danielle Sirinsky	Studio C
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CREATIVE DANCE (Ages: 3 - 4 yrs.)

A fun and imaginative introduction to the world of dance! Students learn different ways to move their bodies, correct dance vocabulary, basic classical technique, and the art of telling a story through mime, all while engaging in educational games to a variety of music. Costumes, wands, tiaras, videos, and coloring papers are just part of the fun. Students are also introduced to dance history through storylines, music, and steps from famous classical ballets.

Parents are encouraged to stay in the lobby throughout the class time.

Thursday	3:45 - 4:30 pm	Instructor: Danielle Sirinsky	Studio C
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CREATIVE / PRE-BALLET (Ages: 3 - 5 yrs.)

A bridge class between Creative Dance and Pre-Ballet in which students continue to learn different ways to move their bodies, correct dance vocabulary, basic classical technique, and the art of story-telling.

Monday	12:30 - 1:15 pm	Instructor: Connie McCrary	Studio C
Saturday	8:00 - 8:45 am	Instructor: Danielle Sirinsky	Studio C

PRE - BALLET (Ages: 4 - 5 yrs.)

An introduction to classical ballet! Students learn to incorporate correct ballet technique into their original movements, work on learning new steps, and perfecting everything learned while in Creative Dance. Pre-Ballet classes focus on self-confidence and self expression, while developing control, balance, and coordination abilities. Students will continue to work with props, play musical games, and learn more about dance history by imitating steps from famous classical ballets.

Tuesday	9 - 9:45 am	Instructor: Kim Thornley	Studio C
Wednesday	4:15 - 5:00 pm	Instructor: Lisa Hale	Studio C
Saturday	12:00 - 12:45 pm	Instructor: Danielle Sirinsky	Studio C
Saturday	12:45 - 1:30 pm	Instructor: Danielle Sirinsky	Studio C

BALLET I (Ages: 5 - 6 yrs.)

Students focus on classical. Each one-hour class uses the traditional ballet class format, starting with barre exercises, stretching, center work, and traveling floor movements. Students continue to study dance history through storylines and music from famous classical ballets. Older dancers may be invited into class for demonstration.

Wednesday	5:00 - 6:00 pm	Instructor: Lisa Hale	Studio C
Friday	9:00 - 10:00 am	Instructor: Kim Thornley	Studio C
Friday	4:00 - 5:00 pm	Instructor: Danielle Sirinsky	Studio C
Saturday	8:00 - 9:00 am	Instructor: Kim Thornley	Studio A

PRE- JAZZ and TAP (*Level I*, Ages: 3 - 4 yrs. *Level II*, Ages: 5 - 6 yrs.)

Using different forms of music, props, and their feet, students will learn to appreciate the importance of rhythm while experiencing the thrill and excitement of two contemporary dance styles.

Thursday	Pre-Jazz & Tap	Level I & II	4:30 - 5:30 pm	Instructor: Danielle Sirinsky	Studio C
Saturday	Pre-Jazz & Tap	Level I & II	1:30 - 2:30 pm	Instructor: Danielle Sirinsky	Studio C

MUSICAL THEATER (Ages: 4 - 7 yrs.)

Students will incorporate expressions of jazz, singing, and drama to learn the FUNdamentals of musical theater!

Wednesday	9:00 - 10:00 am	Instructor: Kim Thornley	Studio A
Saturday	9:30 - 10:30 am	Instructor: Danielle Sirinsky	Studio C

our newest class * BALLET & TAP COMBO (Ages: 4 - 6 yrs.)

Explore two styles in one hour. This class is the perfect introduction to the world of dance for young, active dancers.

Monday	1:15 - 2:15 pm	Instructor: Connie McCrary	Studio C
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Tuition rate for Baby Ballet, Creative Dance, and Pre-Ballet: \$12.50 per class = \$ 50 per month

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Tuition rate for Ballet I, Pre Jazz/Tap, and Musical Theater: \$15.00 per class = \$ 60 per month

GENERAL INFORMATION

CLASS PLACEMENT POLICY

The Loudoun School of Ballet operates according to the same age requirements used by the Loudoun County Public Schools, whereby a student must be of a certain age by September 30 to be placed in a particular class level.

DRESS CODE - We ask that students not wear tutus, dance skirts, or jewelry to class.

Creative Dance – Pink leotard, pink tights, pink leather ballet shoes; hair styled away from the face.

Pre- Ballet – Pink leotard, pink tights, pink leather ballet shoes; hair styled away from the face.

Ballet I – Black leotard, pink tights, pink leather ballet shoes; hair in a bun.

Pre- Jazz & Tap and Musical Theater – Solid color leotard, jazz pants or jazz shorts, caramel-colored jazz shoes; black tap shoes; hair styled away from the face.

THE R.A.D. (ROYAL ACADEMY OF DANCE) CURRICULUM

Developed to provide a strong foundation for future dance training that is appropriate and relevant for young children, the Royal Academy of Dance Pre-Primary and Primary curricula are renowned worldwide. We have incorporated this fun and rewarding program into our preschool training along with the traditional Vaganova and Cecchetti methods to help more fully develop children's physical skills, stamina, creativity, expression, and musicality using a range of activities, sounds, and musical styles.

PARENTS' OBSERVATION WEEK

Normally, parents are not permitted into our dance studios, but during these special weeks, parents, grandparents, sisters, brothers, extended family, and friends are welcome to visit our dance classes. These weeks are especially important for our younger dancers because they get great satisfaction from showing what they have learned. Please refer to the School Calendar for these special dates.

MISSED CLASSES

If a class is missed for any reason a student may make it up in another class of the same or lower level. "Make-Ups" may only be used for classes missed during the same semester. When coming in for a Make-Up class, please sign your child's name on the Make-Up Sign In Sheet at the front desk. If you do not record your child's name, attendance in that class will not be recognized.

SEMESTER RECITALS

The Preschool Program performs a themed Recital at the end of each semester at a local venue. This gives students a great introduction to the experience of performing onstage with lights, beautiful costumes, make-up, and hundreds of people applauding them. Our themes have included "The Sound of Music," "Colors of the Rainbow," and our upcoming "Peter Pan."

SUMMER OPPORTUNITIES

During the summer, The Loudoun School of Ballet offers an array of themed Dance and Art Camps held Monday through Thursday from 10:00am - 3:00pm. Students' lunch breaks even feature a movie that illustrates the camp's theme. Students will enjoy arts and crafts, make costumes, and dance to their hearts' content. At the end of each week, students perform a show for their parents, demonstrating the new steps they have learned and sharing all of their arts and crafts creations. For those interested in taking regular dance classes, The Loudoun School of Ballet also offers summer morning and afternoon classes at each dance level.

HINTS FOR PARENTS

1. It is important for students to arrive on time so they will not miss the beginning of the class or feel rushed when entering the studio.
2. Food is prohibited in the lobby, and any children waiting with parents during a class must be supervised and engaged in a quiet, non-disruptive activity.
3. Parents need to make sure that their child is picked up promptly after the class is dismissed. The fear that a young student feels when left alone can negatively influence an otherwise positive dance experience.
4. If your child is sick, or is getting sick, please keep him or her home to recuperate. We do not want to get other children or the instructor sick.
5. Write your child's first and last name on every article of clothing and accessory so they may be returned if accidentally left at school.
6. With the exception of Baby Ballet, all pre-school students must be potty trained; no pull ups allowed.
7. Parents must stay at the ballet studio during Baby Ballet classes.