



Newsletter

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Fall/Winter Session Begins September 10



Welcome to another Ballet Etc. school year. Classes will start September 10. Our Fall/Winter Session will run through January 26, 2019. There will be no classes the week of Thanksgiving, November 19-24. We will also be closed from December 24 through January 5 for the Christmas Holiday.

Early Registration will be August 23 from 10-6 pm. In order to take advantage of the 10% early registration discount, you must register and pay your tuition in full during early registration. As you figure your tuition, you must also add a \$20 registration fee. You may pay your tuition with cash or checks only, as we do not accept credit/debit cards.

The schedule this year is pretty much the same as last year. Mr. M will offer a Partnering class again this year. The class size is limited, so please register early. We will again offer an Adult Ballroom class, but ladies, you are going to have to convince your husbands or significant others to join you Monday night from 7:30 -8:30. Miss Amy will again teach the Adult Beginning Ballet class on Monday evening.

Justin Koertgen will take over the Young Adult Intermediate Ballet class on Thursday evening and Jennifer Belmar will teach the Children's Advanced Ballet on Thursday.

Check the schedule for any other changes.

Welcome back!

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Early Registration is August 23

You can save an additional 10% off your total tuition by registering on or before August 23, 2018. Here's how it works!

Note Early registration discount only applies to those paying their tuition in full by August 23, 2018.

*Following is an example of a student enrolled in two 90 minute classes and two 30 minute classes.

1. Figure your tuition for all classes in which you are enrolled.
2. Figure your Multiple Class or Family Discount.
3. Subtract 10% Early Registration Discount from your total tuition.
4. Add a one time per year \$20 registration fee.

Example

Tuition	<u>\$828.00</u>
Minus 10% Multiple Class or Family Discount	<u>\$745.20</u>
<i>You save \$82.80</i>	
Minus 10% Early Registration Discount	<u>\$670.68</u>
<i>You save an additional \$74.52</i>	
<i>Total savings</i>	<i>\$157.32</i>
Add \$20 Registration Fee	
Total Tuition	<u>\$690.68</u>

MONDAY		TUESDAY		WEDNESDAY		THURSDAY		FRIDAY		SATURDAY	
STUDIO A	STUDIO B	STUDIO A	STUDIO B	STUDIO A	STUDIO B	STUDIO A	STUDIO B	STUDIO A	STUDIO B	STUDIO A	STUDIO B
										Children's Ballet II 9:00-10:00	Children's Ballet I 9:00-10:00
						Adult Cont Ballet 9:30-11:00				NMBT Company Class 10:15-11:15	
				Ballroom 3:30-4:30						NMBT Rehearsal 11:30-5:00	NMBT Rehearsal 11:30-5:00
								Partnering 4:00-5:30			
Children's Adv Ballet 4:30-6:00	Children's Int Ballet 4:45-6:00	Yng Adult Int Ballet 4:30-6:00	Cr Move 4:30-5:00 Pre-Ballet 5:00-5:45 Children's Ballet I 5:45-6:45	Yng Adult Adv Ballet 4:30-7:00	Children's Int Ballet 4:45-6:00	Yng Adult Int Modern 4:30-6:00	Children's Adv Ballet 4:30-6:00				
Beg Pointe 6:00-6:30	Children's Tap/Jazz 6:00-7:30	Yng Adult Int Pointe 6:00-6:45		Children's Cont Tap 6:00-7:00		Beg Pointe 6:00-6:30					
Children's Int Jazz 6:30-7:30				Children's Tap 6:00-7:00		Yng Adult Int Ballet 6:30-8:00	Children's Int Modern 6:30-7:30				
Adult Ballroom 7:30-8:30	Adult Beg Ballet 7:30-8:30	Yng Adult Int Jazz 7:00-8:30	Irish Step Dance 7:00-8:00	Adult Cont Ballet 7:00-8:30	Yng Adult Int Tap 7:00-8:00						
						Yng Adult Int Pointe 8:00-8:45					

Term Schedule & Rates

FALL/WINTER SESSION September 10-January 26		DROP-IN RATES (Single Class)		MULTIPLE CLASS & FAMILY DISCOUNTS	
30 MIN CLASS	\$164	30 MIN CLASS	\$12	2-4 CLASSES PER WEEK	10%
45 MIN CLASS	\$180	45 MIN CLASS	\$13	5-7 CLASSES PER WEEK	15%
60 MIN CLASS	\$200	60 MIN CLASS	\$15	8+ CLASSES PER WEEK	20%
75 MIN CLASS	\$225	75 MIN CLASS	\$16		
90 MIN CLASS	\$250	90 MIN CLASS	\$18		
150 MIN CLASS	\$300	150 MIN CLASS	\$26		



Northwest Michigan Ballet Theatre News



Gala en Pointe

Enjoy an enchanting night of music, dance, delicious cuisine and fun while supporting the Northwest Michigan Ballet Theatre. The company is holding its 3rd annual Gala en Pointe fundraiser, “Swing Into the Fabulous Forties” which will be held on the evening of October 6 at the Bluewater Hall located at 13424 S. West Bay Shore Drive in Traverse City. Doors open at 6 p.m.

The event’s theme reflects this season’s Spring production of *Scenes From A Park*, to be presented March 16, 2019 at the Dennon Museum Center–Milliken Auditorium.

Festivities for the evening include enticing hors d’oeuvres prepared by The Cook’s House plus local wine, beer and cider. A fundraising silent auction and raffle will also be held during the event.

Dancers from NMBT will perform excerpts from the ballet, which features original choreography and stunning original costumes. Afterward, there will be a ballroom dance lesson taught by artistic director Thomas Morrell followed by an open dance featuring The Acme Jazz Project.

General admission tickets are \$30, reserved seating \$35 or sponsor a table for 8 at just \$300 and enjoy prime seating! All proceeds benefit the Northwest Michigan Ballet Theatre.

Order you tickets today.

The Nutcracker

NMBT will present its very first Nutcracker on December 8 at the Benzie Central High School Auditorium. The company for this production has expanded to 50 dancers including some guest dancers, younger children and even some parents!

Choreography by artistic director Thomas Morrell began in August and costume and set preparations began earlier this summer. Donna Hood is our costume designer and is heading up a team of costume construction volunteers. There have been two set building weekends and things are coming along nicely.

This is a huge undertaking with more than 125 costumes to be made, multiple sets to be constructed and painted and choreography to be learned. If you are a parent of one of the dancers, you are already aware of the number of volunteer hours required to complete this project. But if anyone else would like to volunteer their time and talent, we will welcome you with open arms



Scenes From A Park

NMBT will re-stage *Scenes From A Park* on March 16, 2019 at the Dennon Museum Center–Milliken Auditorium. This fun-filled ballet features the timeless music of Irving Berlin played live by the Laurie Sears Jazz Quartet.

This ballet has been an audience favorite over the years, featuring the original choreography of Thomas Morrell. The inspiration for the ballet occurred one summer when Mr. Morrell and his wife were chaperones for a tour group visiting Paris. One day he sat in a park and just watched people, young and old, rich and poor, together or alone, and marveled how they all shared this small microcosm in a large city.

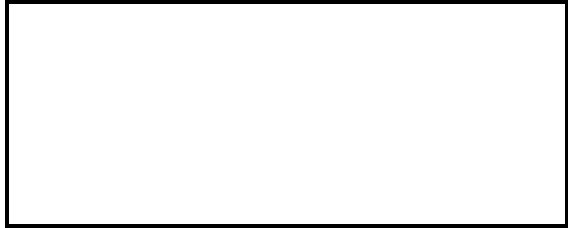
He created a wide range of characters including two lovers, children playing, stylish ladies, a tomboy, old men playing checkers, co-eds, a playful lady in a green dress, a naughty boy, women in uniform, a cop and even a bag lady. The ballet takes place over the course of four seasons in the 1940’s. It’s a charming ballet you won’t want to miss. It will make you smile, it will make you laugh...it may even bring a tear to your eye.



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Registration and Policies

Fall Session will begin on September 10. Early registration is August 23 from 10-6 pm. Tuition must be paid in full to receive your 10% early registration discount.

Policies

Make-ups—You may make-up in any class that is your level or below. For example: If you are enrolled in Children’s Intermediate Ballet you may make-up in Children’s Jazz, Children’s Modern or Children’s Ballet II. *Remember that all classes must be made-up before the end of Fall/Winter Session.*

Attendance—Students shall be expected to attend all classes at their designated time. Students more than 15 minutes late shall be asked to sit and observe.

Cancellations—Classes will be held unless notified otherwise. In the event that Traverse City Public Schools are closed due to bad weather, Ballet Etc. will also cancel classes. This does not include 1 or 2 hour delays, “in service” or “teacher work days”, in which case Ballet Etc. will still hold classes. When in doubt, call the studio at (231) 929-2787 and listen for a cancellation message.

Class Placement—Placement shall be according to the student’s age or current level. Ballet Etc. reserves the right to change a student’s placement at the discretion of the instructor.

Liability—No student shall be allowed in class unless a signed registration and liability form is completed.

Our Philosophy

“Ballet Etc. strives to build lifelong values in self-esteem, confidence and discipline, body and health awareness, poise and grace within a warm positive learning environment”

FALL/WINTER CALENDAR

- Aug. 23 Early Registration Discount 10-6 PM
- Sep. 10 First day of classes Fall/Winter Session
- Oct 6 Northwest Michigan Ballet Theatre Gala en Pointe Bluewater Hall 6 pm
- Oct 31 No Classes Halloween
- Nov. 19- No classes
Nov. 24 Thanksgiving Recess
- Dec. 8 The Nutcracker -7 pm Benzie Central High School Auditorium
- Dec. 24- No classes
Jan. 5 Holiday Recess
- Jan. 21- Early Registration for
Jan. 26 Winter/Spring Session
- Jan. 26 Last day of classes Fall/Winter Session