



Newsletter

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Fall/Winter Session Begins September 8



It's been a cool summer. I hope that doesn't mean we will have temps in the 90s come September. This will be our 20th year at Ballet Etc. Where has the time gone? It seems like only yesterday that I opened the business on Boon Street with just one studio and 65 dancers. I taught all the classes, did all the business work and all the cleaning! I now have five very talented instructors, a wonderful office staff and cleaning crew

and it promises to be another outstanding year. We will begin our Fall/Winter Session on September 8 and it will run through January 31, 2015. The studio will be closed October 31 for Halloween. There will be no classes the week of Thanksgiving, November 24-29. We will also be closed from December 22 through January 3 for the Christmas Holiday.

Early Registration will be August 19 & 21 from 2-6 pm. In order to take advantage of the 10% early registration discount, you must register and pay your

tuition in full on or before August 21. 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 no longer accept credit/debit cards.

We will continue the Men's Ballet Class as well as the Ballroom and Irish Step Dance classes beginning in September. We are adding a Children's Beginning Pointe Class for the Children's Advanced level this year as well. Miss Lisa will offer a Yoga Vinyasa class on Tuesday evening. This is a great opportunity for all you adults and parents. Check the schedule on page 2 for any other changes.

Welcome back!

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Early Registration is August 19 & 21

You can save an additional 10% off your total tuition by registering on or before August 21, 2014. Here's how it works!

Note Early registration discount only applies to those paying their tuition in full by August 21, 2014.

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

	Example
1. Figure your tuition for all classes in which you are enrolled.	Tuition <u>\$796.00</u>
2. Figure your Multiple Class or Family Discount.	Minus 10% Multiple Class or Family Discount <u>\$716.40</u>
	<i>You save \$79.60</i>
3. Subtract 10% Early Registration Discount from your total tuition.	Minus 10% Early Registration Discount <u>\$644.76</u>
	<i>You save \$71.64</i>
4. Add a one time per year \$20 registration fee.	<i>Total savings \$151.24</i>
	Add \$20 Registration Fee
	Total Tuition <u>\$664.76</u>

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Ballet Etc. Class Schedule 2014-2015

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
				Men's Ballet 2:00-3:30		Adult Cont Ballet 9:30-11:00				Children's Ballet II 9:00-10:00	Children's Ballet I 9:00-10:00
				Ballroom 3:30-4:30		Adult Beg. Ballet 11:00-12:30					
	Irish Step Dance 4:00-5:00										
Children's Adv. Ballet 4:30-6:00		Yng. Adult Int. Ballet 4:30-6:00	Children's Tap/Jazz 5:00-6:00	Yng. Adult Advanced 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			NMBT Company Class 10:15-11:15	
Beg. Pointe 6:00-6:30		Int. Pointe 6:00-6:45	Cr. Movement 6:00-6:30		Yng. Adult Int. Tap 6:00-7:00		Beg. Pointe 6:00-6:30			NMBT Rehearsal 11:30-5:00	NMBT Rehearsal 11:30-5:00
Children's Int. Modern 6:30-7:30	Yng. Adult Cont. Ballet 6:30-8:00		Pre-Ballet 6:30-7:00			Yng. Adult Int. Ballet 6:30-8:00	Children's Int. Jazz 6:30-7:30				
Yng. Adult Beg. Ballet 7:30-8:30		Yng. Adult Int. Jazz 7:00-8:30	Adult Yng. Adult Yoga Vinyasa 7:00-8:00	Yng. Adult Cont. Ballet 7:00-8:30							
							Int. Pointe 8:00-8:45				

TERM SCHEDULE AND RATES

FALL/WINTER SESSION

September 9—February 1

30 MIN. CLASS	\$150
45 MIN. CLASS	\$175
60 MIN. CLASS	\$190
75 MIN. CLASS	\$224
90 MIN. CLASS	\$248
150 MIN. CLASS	\$300

DROP-IN RATES

(Single Class)

30 MINUTE CLASS	\$10
45 MINUTE CLASS	\$12
60 MINUTE CLASS	\$13
75 MINUTE CLASS	\$15
90 MINUTE CLASS	\$17
150 MIN. CLASS	\$26

MULTIPLE CLASS &

FAMILY DISCOUNTS

2-4 Classes per week	10%
5-7 Classes per week	15%
8+ Classes per week	20%

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”



NMBT Auditions

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The Northwest Michigan Ballet Theatre will hold auditions for the 2014-2015 season on Saturday, September 20, from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm at the studios of Ballet Etc. Auditions are open to all Intermediate and Advanced Level students ages 9 to 19. All members are required to attend two additional ballet classes and at least one modern and one jazz class each week at Ballet



Etc. Company class will be held every Saturday with rehearsal immediately following until 5:00 p.m. Additional rehearsal may be necessary, so please try to be flexible. The Company commitment is September through mid-June and a fee

of \$350.00 for senior members and \$250.00 for junior members, ages 9-12, will be charged to cover production costs. The purpose of the company is to provide serious students additional performance opportunities and to introduce the community to

live ballet theater.

This year the company will re-stage *Whither Thou Goest: The Story of Ruth* which is scheduled for February 6 & 7, 2015 at the Dennon Museum Center-Milliken Auditorium. An elementary school touring program is also planned for the upcoming season. The company will travel to Flint in February to be adjudicated in hopes of once again participating in the Michigan Youth Arts Festival in May 2015 in Kalamazoo. And NMBT will be featured in the Annual Spring Concert in June. This will be another full and exciting year.

Give Us Your Oleson's Receipts

The Northwest Michigan Ballet Theatre has several fundraisers each year. One of the simplest methods is to collect Oleson's cash register receipts. We all need to eat and replenish items for the home like soap, napkins and tissues. Rather than dis-

carding or recycling those receipts, put them to good use and help support NMBT. We receive 1% cash back for every dollar spent on all your grocery shopping, excluding alcohol and cigarettes. For example, for every \$5,000 in receipts, NMBT

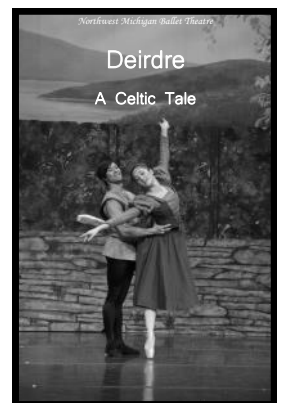
receives \$50. And it doesn't matter how long ago the receipts were issued. Ask your friends, neighbors and relatives to save their receipts as well. It's just another way Oleson's Food Stores help support the youth in our community. There is a drop box at the studio. Please help out in this worthwhile cause. Thank you.

Spring Concert DVDs and Photo Disc Now Available

If you have not picked up your Spring Concert DVD or Photo Disc, they are available at the studio. The DVD is \$20 and only \$15 for the Photo Disc.

We also have DVDs of all three performances of the Northwest Michigan Ballet

Theatre production of "Deirdre, A Celtic Tale" The cost is just \$25, two shows for \$40 or all three shows for \$55. The sales of these videos is a fundraising campaign and 100% of the proceeds goes directly to the company. Stop by the studio to pick up your copy.

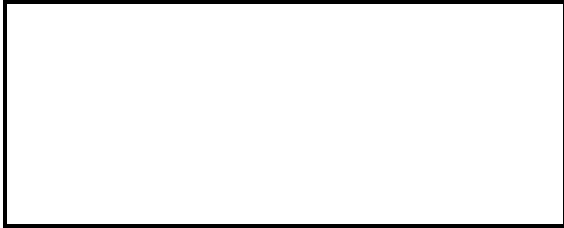




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Registration and Policies

Fall Session will begin on September 8. Early registration is August 19 and 21 from 2-6 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.

FALL/WINTER CALENDAR

- Aug. 19- Early Registration
- Aug. 21 Discount Deadline
- Sep. 8 First day of classes
Fall/Winter Session
- Sep. 20 NMBT Auditions
10:30-12:00
- Oct. 31 No classes
Halloween
- Nov. 24- No classes
- Nov. 29 Thanksgiving Recess
- Dec. 22 No classes
- Jan. 3 Holiday Recess
- Jan. 19- Early Registration for
- Jan. 31 Winter/Spring
Session
- Jan. 31 Last day of classes
Fall/Winter Session