

Professional Ballet School



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Performance Info

It's hard to believe, but the June performance is in approximately two months! Rehearsals are coming along well. We especially want to thank all students and their parents who have been committed to attending classes and rehearsals.

Wanted:

Dressers/Chaperones

We still need Dressers/Chaperone volunteers to donate their valuable time to chaperone Dress Rehearsal and Saturday Performance. The job entails:

- supervising a pre-assigned group of dancers
- helping them dress into and out of their costumes
- taking them backstage when it's time for their piece
- returning them to the dressing room after they've finished performing

Please see **Katie Roberts** at the front desk for details.

Jazz 1 Dancers

Kim Drake would like to remind Jazz 1 dancers, that from now until June, class begins at 3:45 on Thursdays, instead of 4:00—we need extra rehearsal time to ensure a pleasant experience on stage.

PBS Students Shine

Thirteen years old PBS Ballet student **Janice Hu** was

awarded two full scholarships

to participate in prestigious, company-affiliated summer ballet programs for Houston Ballet (HB) and Pacific Northwest Ballet. She's chosen to attend Pacific Northwest Ballet's (PNB) summer program located in Seattle, Washington.

Other PBS students also attended national auditions and were accepted into the following ballet summer programs:

17 yrs **Danielle Schmidt**
American Ballet Theatre New York (ABT), Pennsylvania Ballet (PB), Boston Ballet (BB), and San Antonio Joffrey Ballet (SAJ)

17 yrs **Jennifer Stahl**
ABT and SAJ

15 yrs **Emily Zimmerman**
ABT, PB, BB, and SAJ

14 yrs **Genevieve Yang**
Suzanne Farrell, San Francisco Ballet (SAB)

13 yrs **Jillian Cunningham**
PNB and PB

13 yrs **Janice Hu**
ABT, PB, HB, BB, SAJ, and PNB

12 yrs **Lindsey Lowrie**
ABT, PB, BB, and SAJ

11 yrs **Jean-Marc Ault-Riche**
SAB

Attending class regularly with a good work ethic provides happy rewards like these.

Congratulations PBS dancers!

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Absences, Lateness, and Hair, oh my...

Sometimes the PBS staff feel like the newsletter content is redundant, but these subjects are worth repeating, especially as the upcoming performance grows near.

Absences: As stated in your performance contracts, should students be absent too frequently, it falls to the discretion of the instructor

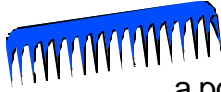


whether or not a dancer will be allowed to participate in the June performance. This is a very difficult decision for teachers to make, but the good of the group--what happens on stage during the performance must be the main consideration. It's not a matter of knowing the choreography--rehearsals are necessary for optimal performance. Dancers need each other to attend rehearsals for spacing arrangements. Younger students are especially confused when there are missing dancers. Dancing is a team effort! Unfortunately, certain students have already reached their attendance limit and are reaching the point losing the privilege (yes, it is a privilege to perform on stage) of performing.

Late Students: Students arriving late may observe class, but are unable to participate in class.



Hair: All ballet students must arrive for class with hair pinned securely up in a bun (not a pony tail) and no loose wisps. This is a mandatory requirement.



Special note: We do not close for Spring Break--we're rehearsing for the performance. Please keep your dancer in class!

Important Events and Reminders

April 10
Tuition Due

April 13
Good Friday
PBS CLOSED

April 15
Happy Easter

April 25
Brete Martin's Birthday

June 16
Last Day of Classes before Summer Break

June 17 – July 1
PBS Closed

July 2 – August 11
PBS Summer Session

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