



Dream Pointe Ballet Company

Mission

The Dream Pointe Ballet Company is a pre-professional ballet company producing classical ballets for the community, building and educating the community in the performing arts, and provides gifted ballet students the opportunity to further their classical ballet study by enrolling in a serious program of ballet instruction. Auditions for Dream Pointe Ballet Company productions are open to all dancers regardless of dance affiliation.

The Dream Pointe Ballet Company program will not only prepare performers for Dream Pointe ballet productions, but will also prepare students for auditions with professional ballet companies (such as Ballet West), enrollment into full-time ballet academies (such as the Ballet West Academy), prepare students for entrance into college dance programs and companies, prepare students to become future ballet instructors, give students the opportunity to perform primary roles in full-length ballets and help them reach their greatest potential in this beautiful, creative and disciplined art form.

Enrollment, Requirements & Rehearsals

The Dream Pointe Ballet Company runs September through May with a summer ballet program hosted by Starlite Express Dance Academy. Ballet level II and above are required to take summer ballet. We encourage all levels to enroll in summer classes to expedite progression of their technique and skills. Enrollment for classes begins mid-April and runs through the following enrollment deadlines: Nutcracker – September 15th & Recital – January 31st. Ballet students 3-6 years will be placed in classes by age. Ballet students 7 years and above will be evaluated and given a recommendation for placement by the teacher following the first couple of weeks of class. Guardians of dancers must sign a Dream Pointe policy statement contract and agree to stay with the ballet program from date of enrollment through the ballet production date. Dream Pointe dancers are expected to follow the dress code, be prompt, be respectful to teacher and fellow students, have a positive attitude, give full effort, implement critique, attend technique classes, and be attentive. Dream Pointe rehearsals are mandatory and will be held at the dance academy and venue to be announced. Student evaluations and recommendations are given to all students each April.

Performances & Full-Length Ballets

Nutcracker - “The Nutcracker” will be performed annually with auditions held each August. All those wishing to participate in The Nutcracker must attend auditions. Those missing auditions may participate if space and costuming is available. Last possible date to participate is September 15th. A participation fee will be due the first week of rehearsals (see current class schedule). All students will learn two Nutcracker dances in their ballet classes and attend rehearsals on Saturdays September through November. Performance of The Nutcracker will be held over Thanksgiving weekend unless otherwise announced. A rehearsal schedule will be available on our website the first of August. Pre-registration for auditions is required on line or at the dance academy. Those making these roles must enroll in appropriate Dream Pointe company ballet or acting classes. To participate in The Nutcracker, volunteering is required – see below.

Recital – Following “The Nutcracker”, students will perform one dance in the academy’s annual May recital. Costumes for recital will be purchased and kept by students. A finale t-shirt is required and a recital fee is charged to cover facility rental due in April.

Ballet Productions – As the ballet company grows, we will incorporate a greater variety of ballet productions which will be announced.

Competitive Ballet

Dream Pointe levels IV-V will learn choreography for the academy's production number and compete with the X'Pressions Dance Company at their spring competitions. In addition, they will compete their annual recital piece. Competitive dance fees will apply and must be paid on time. Competitive dance schedule will be available in January each year. Competitive dancing provides dancers with critique from professional judges and allows greater performance opportunities. This opportunity may be extended to all Dream Pointe dancers in the future and will be discussed with parents during the August orientation.

Nutcracker Volunteers

Parents of students participating in The Nutcracker are required to volunteer. A sign-up sheet will be available at registration and followed up by academy staff. A volunteer training meeting will be held in August to be announced. Funding volunteers will be trained and begin funding operations in June to be announced.

Exams

Ballet exams will be held every other year. Dream Pointe levels I and above must pass with a minimum 75% score on written and demonstrative exams to continue with or move up to the upper levels of ballet. Students will be given a study sheet in February with required technique to be tested on. Testing will be conducted the second week in April during regular Dream Pointe classes.

Tuition, Fees, Ticket Sales & Fundraising

Please see current Dream Pointe class schedule for registration, tuition, rehearsal and costume fees. An annual registration fee is required for all students. A ballet participation fee is required for each ballet production due at registration. Recital costumes must be paid by January 1st. Fees may be paid by Autopay for checking or credit card or paid traditionally. See class schedule for details. Costs pertaining to the ballet productions will be covered by ticket sales, sponsorships and donations. To insure the continuance of our ballets, we ask for the support of company members in encouraging public support and selling tickets and sponsorships to cover costs. Commission and free merchandise given for sponsorship sales, advertisements and donations. Contests will be instigated to increase ticket sales.

Costumes

Nutcracker and ballet production costumes are designed and purchased by Dream Pointe Ballet Company for ballet productions and then rented to students. All rented costumes are the property of Dream Pointe and must be returned within one week of ballet production. Costumes purchased for recital performances are kept by the student. No refund on costumes rented or purchased.

Student Teaching

Dream Pointe students 14 years and older can qualify for the student teaching program designed to train dancers for future teaching positions. Student teachers receive reduced tuition and will be assigned to a class or set of classes in August for the entire dance season. Sign-ups are available in April. Student teachers will work as an apprentice under the direction of a trained ballet professional.

Merchandise

Ballet company sweatsuits are available for purchase. Dream Pointe sweatsuits will only be ordered in November for Christmas delivery. Other Dream Pointe merchandise is also available. Nutcracker merchandise will be available during the fall. Check academy for latest items.

Orientation Meeting

Dream Pointe will hold an annual orientation meeting in conjunction with the volunteer training meeting in August to answer any questions. Date and time will be announced.

Available Classes

Class & Level	Age	Times per Week	Class Length	Monthly Tuition
Dream Pointe Pre-Ballet A	3 - 4 Years	Once	30 Minutes	See Current Class Schedule
Dream Pointe Pre-Ballet B	5 - 6 Years	Once	30 Minutes	
Dream Pointe I	7 - 11 Years	Once	60 Minutes	
Dream Pointe II	8 - 17 Years	Twice	60 Minutes	
Dream Pointe III	12 - 14 Years	Twice	60 Minutes	
Dream Pointe IV	14 - 17 Years	Twice	90 Minutes	
Dream Pointe V	14 - 17 Years	Three	90 Minutes	
Open Ballet Technique	12 - 17 Years	Once	60 Minutes	
Adult Ballet	18 Years & Up	Once	60 Minutes	
*Flexibility & Conditioning	8 Years - Adult	Once	45 Minutes	

*Required for dancers not meeting flexibility requirement - Dream Pointe Levels II - V.

Dress Code

Each level of Dream Pointe requires an assigned colored tank leotard. Leotards must be ordered from the academy for uniformity and will be ordered the end of August to insure their arrival by classes beginning in September. Pricing is available on Dancewear Order forms at the dance academy. Separate skirts and lycra black shorts may be worn the last week of the month. Annual group pointe shoe fitting will be held in June for new summer pointe students as well as veteran dancers - date, time and place will be announced.

Class & Level	Leotard	Tights	Shoes	Hair
Dream Pointe Pre-Ballet A & B	Pink	Ballet Pink	Pink Ballets	Bun
Dream Pointe I	Violet	Ballet Pink	Pink Ballets	Bun
Dream Pointe II	Plum	Ballet Pink	Pink Ballets	Bun
Dream Pointe III	Copen Blue	Ballet Pink	Pink Pointe Shoes	Bun
Dream Pointe IV	Peacock	Ballet Pink	Pink Pointe Shoes	Bun
Dream Pointe V	Cerise Pink	Ballet Pink	Pink Pointe Shoes	Bun
Open Ballet Technique	Black	Ballet Pink	Pink Ballet	Bun
Conditioning	Any Color	Ballet Pink	Pink Ballet	Bun

If you have any questions, please contact

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