



AFFILIATES PROGRAM

WELCOME

Established in 1991, Alberta Ballet School is recognized as one of Canada's leading professional dance schools.

Under the leadership of School Director Ashley McNeil, Alberta Ballet School's Professional Division has an annual enrolment of approximately 100 local, national and international students in grades 7 through 12.

In addition to the intensive artistic training, the school offers private on-site academic instruction, residence accommodation, summer training programs and performances opportunities to all students.

As the official training school for Alberta Ballet Company (www.albertaballet.com), our students are afforded the opportunity to train with the ballet's artistic staff and dance in company productions. This opportunity paired with the quality instruction provided by our acclaimed school faculty ensures our students have every opportunity to develop a professional dance career.

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Expose, nurture and foster talent and training in our province.

The Affiliates Program is an exciting new program designed for students ages 9 to 14, who have the passion and potential for dance, and who aspire to gaining a greater insight into classical ballet. The program is designed to increase accessibility of professional training for students and teachers across the province.

The program focuses on principles of movement, refinement of technique, and an emphasis on artistry and musicality. Students will benefit from developing a strong classical foundation, further enhancing their execution, and understanding of the fundamentals of classical ballet technique. This unique program will help nurture the talent that exists in Alberta, exposing students to a high standard of professional training. Alberta Ballet School is recognized for training and producing professional dancers for ballet companies all over the world. Affiliate Program students will have a rare opportunity to learn and train with the school's experienced teaching faculty.



PROGRAM INFORMATION

THE PROGRAM:

Students enrolled in the Affiliates Program will attend classes at Alberta Ballet School in Calgary* one Sunday per month throughout the school year, learning from our renowned Professional Division Faculty, as well as benefiting from an introduction to the Alberta Ballet School Professional Division Curriculum and system of training. They will also gain access to the new Virtual Training Platform that has been designed by, and created for Alberta Ballet School students to augment their learning and training at home. The combination of the virtual and on site training at Alberta Ballet School will be an enriching experience for all passionate young dancers while still enjoying the programming in their hometown studio or school.

The Affiliates Program is accessible via invitation, through any of Alberta Ballet School's programs, or by video audition.

Only 40 students ages 9-14 accepted a year.

HOW TO APPLY:

Teachers or studio owners with students enrolled in the Affiliates Program may attend all Affiliates Program classes which will include insightful instructor Q&A sessions, as well as have access to the Virtual Training Platform. This access will allow teachers to gain additional learning and development of their knowledge to help nurture the young talent they teach in their schools.

Teachers can view all classes via live stream or in person (depending on COVID-19 restrictions)

HOW TO APPLY:

Those wishing to apply are encouraged to complete the application form along with video requirements. Application form can be found at albertaballetschool.com

*Due to on-going health regulations in Alberta, classes will be offered virtually for months that in-person is not permitted.

VIDEO REQUIREMENTS:

Short video (maximum 2 minutes) showing the following:

- Demi-Plié in 1st position (slow 2 counts down and 2 counts up) with camera directly in front
- Tendu a là seconde (slow 2 counts out and hold for 2 counts, return to 1st) with both right and left feet, camera directly in front
- 16 sautés in 1st position with camera directly in front
- Stretches – Right and left splits held for 5 seconds each, camera in front
- Stretches - Center split held for 5 seconds, camera in front
- Improvisation - If available, please include either a clip of a classical solo filmed within the last 8 months or film a short improvisation in any space to any music. Aim to emphasize musicality, expression, and joy of dance. This should be a minimum 30 seconds and should not exceed one minute. Be sure that this is not pre-choreographed, the goal is to see how the student naturally and intuitively moves and expresses.

Please note videos can be recorded on cell phones and do not require musical accompaniment. If students are unable to access studio space for video they can be recorded in an open space of your home. Female students should wear solid coloured leotard and pink tights without slippers, or bare feet, with hair in a classical bun. Male students should wear solid coloured tights with no slippers.

Applications for the 2020-2021 Affiliates Program will be open for applications until September 1, 2021.

CALENDAR:

September 26, 2021

October 31, 2021*

November 28, 2021

January 16, 2022

February 13, 2022

March 13, 2022

May 1, 2022 **

June 12, 2022 ***

* Parent Viewing and discount tickets to Alberta Ballet's performance of Swan Lake in Calgary October 30, 2021

** Discount tickets to Alberta Ballet's performance of Cinderella in Calgary April 30, 2022

*** Parent Viewing and 3 complimentary tickets to Alberta Ballet School's Year End Performance in Calgary June 11, 2022

PROPOSED INSTRUCTION SCHEDULE

10:30 am - 12:30 pm - Ballet

12:30 - 1:15 pm - Lunch

1:15 - 2:00 pm - Pointe/Preparation for Pointe / Boy's Work

2:15 - 2:45 pm: Stretch + Strength

2:45 - 3:00 pm - Teacher Q+A (if applicable)

PROPOSED ARTISTIC FACULTY

All classes will be taught by Alberta Ballet School's Professional Division faculty, as well as guest teachers including:

Diane van Schoor, Artistic Advisor and former Ballet Principal of The Royal Ballet School, White Lodge

Christopher Anderson, Artistic Director Designate, Alberta Ballet Company

Christiana Bennett, Ballet Mistress, Alberta Ballet Company

Taryn Klassen, Director of Open and Provincial Programs, Head of Junior School

TUITION

\$890.00 per year

- Includes all artistic training
- Alberta Ballet School Affiliates Program uniform
- Discounts to select Alberta Ballet performances
- Tickets to Alberta Ballet School's Year End Performance in Calgary (June)

LEARN MORE

Visit www.albertaballetschool.com to register

For more information about the Affiliates

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SCHOOL INFORMATION

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