



**ALBERTA BALLET  
TRAINEE PROGRAM**

# WELCOME



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**Welcome to Alberta Ballet School. We are excited for you to join us and we look forward to contributing to your personal and professional growth.**

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

Under the leadership of Alberta Ballet School Director, Ashley McNeil, Alberta Ballet School's professional programs have an annual enrollment of approximately 135 local, national and international students.

It is Alberta Ballet School's mission to inspire all students to reach their potential, achieve success and prepare for their next step in life—whether it is a career in dance or otherwise. Alberta Ballet School is a welcoming, caring, respectful and safe learning environment that helps all students achieve their best in dance and dance education.

On behalf of everyone here, we are thrilled you are considering our school for your future.

If you have any questions feel free to contact us at :  
[registration@albertaballet.com](mailto:registration@albertaballet.com) or **403 245 2245 EXT. 722.**

# THE ALBERTA BALLET TRAINEE PROGRAM



The Alberta Ballet Trainee Program is an innovative 1-year program created to attract top-level dancers on the verge of successful, professional careers. Trainees are chosen through our Post Graduate Program and through our international audition tour. The School's Director Ashley McNeil oversees this project between Alberta Ballet Company and Alberta Ballet School.

The Alberta Ballet Trainee Program bridges the gap between training and a professional dance career. Trainees receive intensive daily instruction to successfully audition for, perform with, and excel in professional dance companies around the world. The Trainee Program is a full-time program which trains approximately 35 hours a week in classes at both the school or the Alberta Ballet Company. The Alberta Ballet Trainee Program schedule includes ballet, pointe, contemporary class, pas de deux, repertoire and career planning lectures with professionals in their field.

This program is tuition free, however it does include mandatory performances both in the community and with Alberta Ballet Company (subject to casting).

Working with Alberta Ballet's Artistic Principal Jean Grand-Maître, visiting guest artists and choreographers, and other talented Alberta Ballet artistic staff, Trainees may participate in exclusive works in addition to learning existing Alberta Ballet repertoire.

Employment with Alberta Ballet Company is not guaranteed upon completion of the Certificate Program.

**Alberta Ballet  
Trainee Certificate Program  
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# ALBERTA BALLET TRAINEE PROGRAM ADMISSION REQUIREMENTS



## Acceptance to the Alberta Ballet Trainee Program is by invitation only or by a successful Alberta Ballet School/Company audition

- Applicants must be 18 years or older
- High school diploma (or a similar international designation)
- Confirmation of advanced technical ability and performance level via audition(s)
- Doctor's note disclosing musculoskeletal injuries that could affect performance (upon request)
- International students require a valid passport, study permit and completed ELL Assessment Form
- Applicants agree to participate in all research activities with current and prospective School/Ballet Company partners within the existing realm of appropriate Medical Ethics

Alberta Ballet School does not discriminate on race, gender or sexual orientation.

# GENERAL SCHOOL INFORMATION

## SCHOOL FACILITIES

Alberta Ballet School is located in downtown Calgary. Our school is spread over 30,000 square feet and boasts the following: 6 dance studios, wardrobe department, physiotherapy room, student changing rooms with showers and lockers, a lobby and dining area for students, Alberta Ballet School Dance Supply Store, staff offices and reception area.

## RESIDENCE PROGRAM

Our Residence, located on the Mount Royal University campus, is a 15-minute drive from the school.

Alberta Ballet Trainees are eligible to participate in our Residence Program. Students rent rooms from September to the end of June of the following year. Students interested in our Residence Program should contact Admissions at [registration@albertaballet.com](mailto:registration@albertaballet.com) as early as possible.

## ALBERTA BALLET COMPANY

As the official school of Alberta Ballet Company, our students and families receive a 20% discount on all subscriptions and single tickets to any Alberta Ballet production. This discount is valid for both Calgary and Edmonton performances in the Jubilee Auditorium, where Alberta Ballet Company performs. New students of Alberta Ballet School will receive their discount code in September of each year.





## LEARN MORE

Visit: [www.albertaballetschool.com](http://www.albertaballetschool.com) for additional information about our Professional Division program.

## COME SEE US

We would be delighted to give you and your family a tour of our facility and residence, meet our faculty, allowing you to ask any questions and get to know us better.

Please contact our Head of Admissions to arrange a private tour: [registration@albertaballet.com](mailto:registration@albertaballet.com)





## **SCHOOL INFORMATION**

### **Alberta Ballet School**

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