



Welcome to the Ballet Conservatory 2016-17

We are pleased to welcome you to this new year of dance. We are honored that your child will participate in the Ballet Conservatory, and we look forward to instructing him or her this season. As part of the growth in ballet technique that will be attained this year, all ballet levels will receive individual assessments. The criteria or expectations for each assessment will be given the first week of each month so that students have the entire month to focus and practice the particular requirements. Expect a “cheat sheet” to be brought home the first week of the month that will cover all the keys to achieve the assessment successfully. Each dancer’s instructor will complete student assessments the last week of each month.

For tap and jazz, you will receive an email with goals and overviews for the dance season. Should we feel you need to be informed of your child’s progress for any reason over the course of the year, you will be notified via email.

For tap this year, students will be working with a guest choreographer. Students must attend a choreography class. Tap C/D/E will attend the evening of November 4th. Tap A/B will attend the afternoon of November 5th. Please mark your calendars. Our guest choreographer is Casey Mizell, who began training and performing at age 2 in all styles of dance. Based out of St. Louis, MO, she has traveled the world as a professional performer and choreographer, most recently spending time in Cairo, Egypt. Casey is excited to sharing her passion for dance with our students.

In addition to the above, you may also receive videos over the course of the year for your child to practice at home. Home study and student assessments provide a fantastic opportunity to be involved in your child’s improvement and to witness the growth in dance technique. You will notice that as each month progresses the material covered will become more advanced and will be appropriately assessed according to each individual and level.

Thank you so much for your care and involvement. It will never go unnoticed. We look forward to getting to know you and your child and creating friendships that will always be cherished.

Please remember that it is important that BCDR students follow their dress code. This dress code can be found online. Below are the links to the following items they will need to purchase. Also, all female students must wear their hair slicked back unto a cinnamon bun. Buns must be tight and pinned in with open hairpins and clipped back away from face. Fake buns are not allowed. Please be sure to understand the BCDR requirements.

Links for Attire:

Black Leotard:

http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_TH5112C.html?pid=19031&Shop=Style&&skey=black+leotard&search=true&SID=720904331

http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_TH5112.html?pid=19030&Shop=Style&&skey=black+leotard&search=true&SID=720904331

Ballet Pink Tights:

http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_1872.html?pid=9007&Shop=Style&&skey=pink+ballet+tights&search=true&SID=720904895

http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_A45.html?pid=2029&Shop=Style&&skey=pink+ballet+tights&search=true&SID=720904895

Boys:

-White ballet shoes with white elastic securely sewn (with white ballet socks):

http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_S1C.html?pid=62&Shop=Style&SID=723171404

<http://boysdancetoo.com/products/ballet-socks>

-Beginner levels may wear black shorts:

http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_M037.html?pid=3989&Shop=Style&SID=723171570

-Fitted dance tee: http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_B400.html?SID=563838286

Links for Shoes:

Ballet-

Child Size Zenith Bloch (BCDR) ballet shoe:

http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_S0282G.html?&pid=19115&Shop=Style&&skey=Zenith&search=true&SID=597177148

Adult Size Zenith Bloch (BCDR) ballet shoe:

http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_S0282L.html?&pid=18481&Shop=Style&&skey=Zenith&search=true&SID=597177148

*Dancer's Pointe in Lemoyne does carry Zenith Bloch, but we suggest calling them about your size before going so they can order your size. If during the first week of classes a teacher sees that a student's shoe is "too big" the parent will be notified to save them for when their child's feet grow and parents will need to get the appropriate size for the fall semester.

**All Zenith Bloch Ballet Shoes must be sized 2-3 sizes smaller than street shoe size.

Tap-

Level A-B - **Tan** Tap Shoe (FlexMaster, Split-Soled)

Level C-D - **Black** Tap Shoe (FlexMaster, Split-Soled)

*Below are examples for tap shoes. Must look like the shoe in these links:

http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_CG16.html?pid=4464&Shop=Style&&skey=tap+shoe&search=true&SID=597137987

http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_CG16C.html?pid=8070&Shop=Style&&skey=child+tap+shoe+split+sole&search=true&SortOrder=R&SID=986524499

OR

http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_S0388L.html?pid=6406&Shop=Style&&skey=tap+shoe&search=true&SID=597137987

http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_S0388G.html?pid=6407&Shop=Style&&skey=child+tap+shoe+split+sole&search=true&SortOrder=R&SID=986524499

Jazz-

Level A/B Jazz Shoe, **Tan:** Bloch Phantom Canvas Slip-On

http://www.danceweareolutions.com/shoes/jazz/s0473.aspx?utm_source=Pricegrabber&utm_medium=datafeed&utm_term=S0473-0056115&utm_campaign=CSE

OR

http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_S0473L.html?pid=19378&Shop=Style&&skey=jazz+shoe&search=true&SID=597137722

Level C/D/E - Jazz Shoe, **Black:** Bloch Phantom Canvas Slip-On

http://www.discountdance.com/dancewear/style_S0473L.html?pid=19378&Shop=Style&&skey=jazz+shoe&search=true&SID=597137722