



Dance Dialogue



Spring Show is Coming!

At ABA, we like to keep busy! We just finished IDA Awards, and now we are heading full speed into the Spring Show! First of all, great job everyone on the IDA Awards! We are seriously proud of all of you. Regardless of what grade you received, you truly did amazing. The judge was impressed with you all.

We know that spring is a busy time for everyone with Finals, Orchestra and Choir Concerts, Spring Sports, etc. We greatly appreciate you making ballet at ABA a priority! We need everyone here so that we can properly prepare for the spring show.

If you plan on **not** participating in the Spring Show, please let us know ASAP. Email us at americanballaetacademy@gmail.com, and let your teacher know as well. We need to know so that we

don't order your child a costume, or choreograph them into their class dance. They will still be able to fully participate in class and learn the dance, they just will not have a spot in the dance, so as not to confuse everyone at all-casts or the show.

Of course the Spring Show means casting! I have often heard Annie say what a challenge it is! I know that she spends hours trying to decide what part would be best for each class or individual. She does her absolute best to make each role fun and exciting, but there are always parts that have more of a draw for one reason or another. Please do your best to be excited for whatever role your child is given. If they see you are proud and excited, they will more than likely feel the same. Many of my favorite roles were ones I was originally disappointed to receive. Give it your best shot, and you might be surprised!

Parent Meetings April 9-14

With the Spring Show come the Parent Meetings and Costume Fittings (April 9-14). These meetings are for Ballet II, Jazz I, and Boys II and under (Ballet II will have their class meeting Tuesday and Saturday). For everyone's convenience, these meetings will take place during your dancer's class time. They are mandatory, and extremely important to the success of the show, so please make every effort to attend. It will help the meeting run smoothly if everyone can come prepared. Please bring your emergency contact info, email address, paper for taking notes, your

calendar, and your dancer's sizes for costumes (especially leotard, tight, and ballet shoe sizes).

These meetings are also the time we go over the volunteer sign-up lists. As we always say: we cannot do the shows without our volunteers! We know that it can feel like we are always asking for help, and that it can become tiresome. Sometimes it would be nice to just sit out a show! But if you think about all the jobs that need filling, and then times those positions times 4 (2 nutcracker shows, and 2 spring shows), you realize just how many jobs there really are, and how we truly need the help of all of our parents. We so greatly appreciate your repeated service, and dedication.

Spring Show Tickets and Seating

We wanted to write a reminder about tickets for the Spring Show. The date they will go on sale and the prices, will be announced at the parent meetings. Seating will be assigned again, so make sure you buy them early! We do not sell tickets at ABA anymore. To purchase tickets, either visit the Elsinore Box Office, or go to ticketswest.com.



One of the most important positions is class coordinator, the one who stays with the dancers when they are not on stage, helps them get ready, helps bring them to the stage and back etc. Other positions include runners, backstage helpers, ticket takers, rose preparation, clean up, and sales, set-up, and strike, and rolling the

Marley out back at the studio after the show. Please consider filling one or more of these positions!
Note: If you have children in different classes, or a child in more than one class (ballet 1 & 2, ballet and jazz, etc.), you are required to come to each classes meeting. Thank you!

Attendance Policy

Most of you are familiar with the Performance Attendance Policy from past shows, but here is a recap just in case. Students will rehearse during their regular class time, except Ballet IV, and Ballet V. Students are allowed one absence for how many days they rehearse a week. For example: If your child is in Pre-ballet II, that rehearses once a week, they are allowed to miss one rehearsal. If you child is in Ballet III, that rehearses their dance twice a week, they are allowed to miss two. If your child's class has different dances, then you should apply this rule to each class individually. Of course this does not include illness/mandatory school functions. However, if you are going to miss for any reason, please let your teacher know ASAP. If your dancer is

absent more than their allotted amount, they will be asked to come in for a private to catch up on choreography, so they don't fall behind.
 Please do your best to have your dancer present in class! That is the most important thing you can do to help them succeed. Also, private lessons are not cheap (27.50-32.50 for the first 30 minutes), and it is not always easy for our teachers to come in extra during this busy season. Thank you for your dedication!
Also: please take note of the mandatory rehearsals in the calendar. For the all cast rehearsals, we are not sure which class is in which act yet, so please check the future newsletters for exact times.

Summer Dancing

Even though the 2017-2018 dance year ends on June 30th, we still offer classes over summer! The summer schedule will be posted on the website when it is ready, and we will operate on punch cards like normal. Summer classes will be held July 5th-August 16th.

In addition to the regular classes, there will also be dance camps offered this summer for intermediate and advanced dancers. The intermediate camp (Ballet II/III) will be held July 16-20, and the Advanced camp (Ballet

IV/V) will be July 23-27. Prices and specifics will be out soon!
 We know that summer is busy, and that coming to dance is not always the first thing you think or want to do, but it really is so crucial for the continued growth and development of your dancer! This is especially true the more advanced your child becomes. As you plan out your summer vacations and activities, please remember ballet!

Calendar

April 9th-14th, 2018
 Mandatory Parent Meetings and Costume Fittings

May 19th, 2018
 First Mandatory All Cast Rehearsal for the Spring Show, at ABA.

May 28th, 2018
 Memorial Day, No Class!

June 2nd, 2018
 Second Mandatory All Cast, at ABA.

June 8th, 2018
 Spacing Rehearsal for the Spring Show, at The Elsinore Theatre.

June 9th, 2018
 Dress Rehearsal for the Spring Show, at The Elsinore Theatre

June 9th & 10th, 2018
 Spring Show at The Elsinore Theatre

June 30th, 2018
 Last day of 2017/2018 school year classes

July 5th-August 16th
 Summer Dance Classes at ABA

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