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Children's Division

2011 - 2012

August 29th - June 16th

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Contra Costa Ballet Centre

The Contra Costa Ballet Centre's program serves the development of its students from their first encounter with music and movement to their emergence as young dancers. The curriculum is designed carefully to introduce the correct technique and instruction at the appropriate age and physical development of the student. While some students may go on to pursue professional careers, the focus of training is on the excellence and joy of dance at each level of achievement. We hope you will share our enthusiasm for the benefits that ballet and its interrelationship with the other arts will provide for your child.

PRE-BALLET (ages 3 ½ and 4)

These classes are designed to gently introduce children to the dynamics of music and dance through movement and rhythmic exercises and games, while creatively using their bodies and imagination.

MONTHLY TUITION: \$65 FOR 1 CLASS PER WEEK; \$120 FOR 2 CLASSES PER WEEK

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>SCHEDULE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
Pre-Ballet A	Tuesday 4:00 – 4:45	Alison Christie
Pre-Ballet B	Thursday 4:00 – 4:45	Alison Christie
Pre-Ballet C	Saturday 10:00 – 10:45	Alison Christie

DRESS CODE: Ladies: Capezio pastel pink, short-sleeved leotard (style #132C), ballet pink tights and pink ballet slippers.
Hair worn in a neat bun. No dangling jewelry.

Gentlemen: Fitted white t-shirt, black dance tights and black ballet shoes.
Hair worn styled off the face.

BASIC BALLET (ages 5 through 7)

These classes introduce stretches and strength-building exercises that are prerequisites to ballet training. The fundamentals of ballet are introduced in conjunction with exercises that develop musicality, coordination and movement skills.

MONTHLY TUITION: \$65 FOR 1 CLASS PER WEEK; \$120 FOR 2 CLASSES PER WEEK

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>SCHEDULE</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR</u>
(1 st year classes, age 5)		
Basic Ballet 1A	Tuesday 4:45 – 5:45	Alison Christie
Basic Ballet 1B	Thursday 4:45 – 5:45	Alison Christie
Basic Ballet 1C	Saturday 9:00 – 10:00	Alison Christie
(2 nd year classes, age 6)		
Basic Ballet 2A	Tuesday 6:00 – 7:00	Alison Christie
Basic Ballet 2B	Thursday 6:00 – 7:00	Alison Christie
Basic Ballet 2C	Saturday 11:00 – 12:00	Alison Christie

DRESS CODE: Ladies: Capezio Columbian blue, short-sleeved leotard (style #132C), ballet pink tights and pink ballet slippers.
Hair worn in a neat bun. No dangling jewelry.

Gentlemen: Fitted white t-shirt, black dance tights and black ballet shoes.
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School Policies

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REGISTRATION

The Contra Costa Ballet Centre offers an educational program structured on an academic year (August through June) and a four-week summer term. When a student registers, their place is reserved through the end of the academic year.

TUITION

Each class level's tuition fee is calculated on an average of four weeks of lessons per month. The tuition is not adjusted for months containing slightly more or less weeks within the pay period except for December and June, which each contain three weeks of instruction; therefore, tuition for December and June is pro-rated. Tuition for May and June is to be paid in one payment due by May 1st.

New students must enroll for a minimum of two months' instruction, paying in advance the first two months' tuition plus a one-time, \$15.00 registration fee. Thereafter, tuition payments are due the first of each month. **THERE ARE NO BILLINGS MAILED.** A late fee of \$10.00 is charged to all accounts outstanding beyond the 10th of each month. A \$30.00 service charge will be charged on all returned checks.

There are no tuition refunds or adjustments, except for prolonged absence of ten days or more due to documented illness, injury or family emergency. Tuition will not be adjusted for family vacations, so please plan your vacations accordingly.

FAMILY TUITION DISCOUNT

Families with two children enrolled at the Contra Costa Ballet Centre receive a 10% discount on the lower-level child's tuition. Families with three or more children enrolled receive a 10% discount on each child's tuition. These discounts do not apply to students on scholarship.

STUDENT WITHDRAWAL

If a student wishes to withdraw before the end of the school year, the office must be notified two weeks in advance to the withdrawal date by submitting a withdrawal form (available at the front desk); otherwise two weeks' tuition will be owed. Tuition will not be adjusted for withdrawal requests made after May 1st of the current academic year unless due to a documented illness, injury or family emergency.

MAKE-UP CLASSES

Students are encouraged to make up classes they have missed. Make-up classes must be taken at or directly below the student's level and within four weeks of the student's absence by signing

CLASS OBSERVATION

Parents are invited to observe their child's class during the weeks of October 31st through November 12th, and March 5th through March 17th.

STUDENT PERFORMANCES

All students are invited to perform in the Contra Costa Ballet Centre's annual Student Showcase held in June at the Diablo Valley College Performing Arts Center. Each class will present a choreographic demonstration based on their class syllabus.

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

FALL 2011

Monday, August 29th – Fall semester begins

Monday, September 5th – CLOSED – LABOR DAY

Monday, October 31st through Saturday, November 12th – Parents' Observation classes

Thursday, November 24th and Friday, November 25th – CLOSED – THANKSGIVING

Thursday, December 1st through Saturday, December 3rd – "Story of the Nutcracker" @ Leshner Center for the Arts

Monday, December 19th through Sunday, January 1st – CLOSED – WINTER BREAK

SPRING 2012

Monday, February 20th – CLOSED – PRESIDENTS' DAY

Monday, March 5th through Saturday, March 17th – Parents' Observation classes

Monday, April 2nd through Sunday, April 8th – CLOSED – SPRING BREAK

Tuesday, May 1st – Tuition for May & June (June pro-rated) due in one payment

Friday, May 11th and Saturday, May 12th – Spring Rep @ Leshner Center for the Arts

Monday, May 28th – CLOSED – MEMORIAL DAY

Saturday, June 16th – Last day of classes