



CORVALLIS ACADEMY OF BALLET

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Session II 2025-2026 Newsletter

Dear CAB students and parents,

We are a little more than halfway through the 7-week Session I, and it's been a busy month for Corvallis Academy of Ballet! Ms. Jessica premiered a new tiny dance in late September at the Corvallis Fall Festival edition of *Ten Tiny Dances*, and Ms. Leya, along with 15 Corvallis Academy of Ballet and Willamette Apprentice Ballet dancers (plus one OSU Ballet dancer) performed in the Grand Kyiv Ballet's touring production of *Swan Lake* on October 1st. Many CAB students/classes are currently preparing for performances in November and December, so our dancers will continue to be busy as we head into Session II and the winter holidays season.

The last day of Session I will be Saturday, October 25th, and Session II will begin on Monday, October 27th. Session II tuition should be paid anytime between now and Saturday, November 1st, to avoid being charged a late fee.

Please note that Session II is a 6-week session, not 7 weeks, like Session I, so there are different tuition rates for Session II. Session II runs October 27th- December 13th, 2025; we will be closed for the entire week of Thanksgiving, November 23rd- 30th, 2025.

Also, if you registered for the 2025-2026 academic year and paid the \$10.00 Registration Fee during Session I, OR if you registered early for Session I this summer (before July 31st), and you had the \$10.00 Registration Fee waived, you do NOT need to pay the \$10.00 Registration Fee again for Session II.

"Halloween Week" at Corvallis Academy of Ballet:

Students are welcome and encouraged to wear costumes to their classes and rehearsals **Friday, October 24th-Friday, October 31st**. Students must be able to easily and safely dance in their costumes; no costumes that play music or make other sounds, and no costumes that are gory, or vulgar, or contain offensive language or images.

Adjusted CAB Schedule for Friday, October 31st:

- The Int/Adv Chinese Dance class is CANCELED. Session II tuition for this class has been adjusted accordingly.
- There will be a combined Modern Dance Level II & III class, 4:30pm-6:00pm. All students in both classes should please do their best to attend this class, so as not to miss a week of rehearsals for the December performances. Friday Modern Dance Level II & III students should please notify Ms. Jessica in advance if they will not be able to attend the October 31st class. If most of the students in these classes won't be able to attend on Oct. 31st, Ms. Jessica might decide to cancel.



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- The Downtown Corvallis Organization's Trick-or-Treat will be held 2pm-5pm on Halloween, and there will be a significant increase in pedestrian and vehicle traffic downtown that day. Friday Modern Dance students should please allow extra driving and parking time to arrive on-time for the 4:30pm combined class.
- Ms. Jessica will be dressing up and passing out candy in front of the studio from 2pm-4pm on Halloween, so all CAB students who are doing the Downtown Corvallis Trick-or-Treat are encouraged to stop by! *If there are a couple of Friday Modern Dance students who want to help pass out candy, before the 4:30pm class, just let Ms. Jessica know. 😊

Veterans Day: Tuesday, November 11th, 2025

We will be OPEN and holding all classes and rehearsals as usual on Veterans Day, November 11th. Please notify your instructor(s) in advance if you will be absent on this day and make plans to attend a makeup class during Session II.

Thanksgiving Week: November 23rd-30th, 2025

We will be CLOSED for the entire week of Thanksgiving, Sunday-to-Sunday, and we will not be holding most of our classes and rehearsals. Possibly Adult Ballet and/or Modern Dance classes will be held on Monday, Tuesday, and/or Wednesday morning that week, November 24th, 25th, and/or 26th, if there are enough interested students.

*We are asking the dancers/classes who will be performing in *Making Spirits Bright* (Dec. 6th & 7th) to come to the Majestic Theatre on Monday, November 24th, for onstage spacing rehearsals, between 4:30pm-7:30pm. A separate email will be sent to these dancers/classes with a schedule for that day.

Session II classes will resume on Monday, December 1st, 2025.

Making Spirits Bright: Saturday, December 6th & Sunday, December 7th, 2025

This year there will be THREE performances of the popular holiday dance concert (3pm & 7pm on Dec. 6th & 3pm on Dec. 7th), featuring performances by Corvallis Academy of Ballet, Willamette Apprentice Ballet, Downtown Dance, Pacific Tap Dance Company, and more! Both of our Modern Dance Level III classes, Int/Adv Character Dance, Int/Adv Chinese Dance, and students from Ballet V and VI will perform in this concert, as well as the WAB dancers & trainees. Tickets are on sale NOW for *Making Spirits Bright*, and it is strongly recommended that you purchase your tickets as early as possible, as MSB is highly likely to have sold-out shows. To purchase tickets, go to www.majestic.org, or visit their box office during business hours.

Corvallis Community Band Holiday Concert: Saturday, December 13th, 2025

Our Beg/Int Character Dance class, both of our Modern Dance Level II classes, and Graduating Seniors Quinny Riseley and Ziva Grossman-Naples will be performing in this festive, FREE holiday concert, 2pm at the Ashbrook Independent School Theatre.



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Willamette Apprentice Ballet Holiday Fundraiser: Saturday, December 13th, 2025

After you enjoy the CCB Holiday Concert, return to the Ashbrook Independent School Theatre for Willamette Apprentice Ballet's annual holiday fundraiser, 5:30pm-8:30pm! \$20.00 admission at the door includes refreshments, one raffle ticket, access to a silent auction, and performances by the dancers of WAB, CAB Ballet IV & V students, as well as ALL CAB character dance and modern dance classes, and the Int/Adv Chinese Dance class.

Willamette Apprentice Ballet is seeking donations of items and experiences for the raffle prizes and silent auction at the December 13th event. Please email Megan Skinner at wabcorvallis@gmail.com if you have an item or experience that you would like to donate to the 501(c)3 nonprofit branch of the Corvallis Academy of Ballet. Suggested donations include gift baskets, gift cards or gift certificates to dancewear retailers/restaurants/coffee shops, memberships to a gym or to OMSI/Portland Zoo/Oregon Coast Aquarium/Portland Art Museum, ticket voucher for a performance at a local theater, 2 or 3-night stay at a vacation home, certificate for a wine/beer/spirits tasting at a local vineyard/brewery/distillery, etc.

Observation Week: December 8th-13th, 2025

Family members and friends of our dancers are invited to observe classes and rehearsals during the last week of Session II, December 8th-13th. We will hopefully have some information about our May 30th, 2026 Recitals to share with you that week. 😊

Winter Weather Studio Closures:

If/when the Corvallis schools are closed due to severe winter weather, Corvallis Academy of Ballet will post announcements by 1pm on our outgoing voicemail message (541-758-0180), our Facebook page, and our website, to alert our students and their families as to whether or not afternoon and evening classes will be held that day. For our students who live on steep hills and/or in rural areas, if our studio is open for classes, but it isn't safe for you to drive to and from the studio, please stay home! You can request a Zoom meeting link and dance at home, or plan to take a makeup class later on in Session II or III.

Winter Break: December 14th, 2025-January 4th, 2026

We will be CLOSED for a 3-week Winter Break, December 14th, 2025- January 4th, 2026. No classes or rehearsals will be held during this time. Session III classes will begin on Monday, January 5th, 2026.

~ Thank you- Happy Fall & Winter Holidays! -Megan Skinner