



CORVALLIS ACADEMY OF BALLET

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Session III 2025-2026 Newsletter

December 26th, 2025

Dear CAB students and parents,

We are almost at the end of 2025, getting ready to welcome the new year, with lots of exciting upcoming events to look forward to at Corvallis Academy of Ballet in 2026!

Session III at CAB will begin on Monday, January 5th, 2026. Tuition for this 7-week session may be paid anytime between now and Saturday, January 10th, to avoid being charged a late fee. Thank you to the CAB families who have already paid their Session III tuition!

Corvallis Academy of Ballet 2026 Recital Preparations: The CAB Instructors are beginning to choose music and costumes and plan choreography for our annual Lower & Upper Division Recitals. Both recitals will be held on **Saturday, May 30th, 2026**, at the Ashbrook Independent School Theatre: Lower Division Recital will be at 2pm; the Upper Division Recital will be at 5pm.

The following classes will perform in the Lower Division Recital:

Preballet I
Preballet II (A) & Preballet II (B)
Ballet I
Ballet I Intermediate
Ballet II
Ballet III
Modern Dance Level I
Beg/Int Character Dance
Chinese Dance (both classes)

Catalogue costumes will be ordered for all the classes listed above, with the exceptions of Beg/Int Character Dance and the Chinese Dance classes. The catalogue costumes must be purchased by the dancers' families, and the dancers get to keep these costumes after the May 30th performance. *The Beg/Int Character Dance class will be renting costumes from Willamette Apprentice Ballet, and the Chinese Dance classes will be renting costumes from Mimi Chen.*

Please Note: once the costumes have been ordered for the classes specified above and students begin to learn their recital choreography, registration will be closed for the rest of our 2025-2026 academic year: no new students will be admitted to Corvallis Academy of Ballet for Sessions IV or V (February 23rd-May 30th, 2026). Registration for these classes will be closed by February 21st, 2026 (at the latest), so if your dancer has a friend who has been contemplating joining a dance class at CAB, please advise them to register at the start of Session III, to guarantee that they can join the class and participate in the CAB 2026 Recitals.



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Please put these important dates listed below in your calendars if you haven't done so already. If you have realized that you have a conflict with the days and times for the Corvallis Academy of Ballet dress rehearsals and recitals, or if you simply do not want to perform in the CAB Recitals this year, please notify your teacher(s) immediately, so that we do not order a costume for you or have you fitted for a rental costume, and we do not include you in the recital choreography. **The recital Dress Rehearsals are MANDATORY: if you cannot attend your dress rehearsal(s), you cannot perform in the CAB Recitals.**

Corvallis Academy of Ballet 2025 Recitals

Saturday, May 30th, 2026

Ashbrook Independent School Theatre

4045 SW Research Way

Lower Division Recital, *The Four Seasons*

Dress Rehearsal: Saturday, May 30th, 10am-12pm

Performance: Saturday, May 30th, 2pm-3pm (approx.)

Preballet I, Preballet II (A), Preballet II (B) Ballet I, Ballet I intermediate, Ballet II, Ballet III, Modern Dance Level I, Beg/Int Character Dance, and Chinese Dance (both classes).

Upper Division Recital, *Theme/Title TBD*

Dress Rehearsal: Friday, May 29th, 4pm-9pm

Performance: Saturday, May 30th, 5pm-7pm (approx.)

Ballet IV, Ballet V, Ballet VI, Modern Dance Level II (both classes), Modern Dance Level III (both classes) Int/Adv Character Dance

***Featuring our Graduating Seniors:** Amelia Colvert, Evelyn Gettings, Ziva Grossman-Naples, Quinny Riseley, & Petra Ross.

ALL dancers who will perform in CAB's Upper Division Recital will be renting costumes from Willamette Apprentice Ballet and/or Donna Blatt-Ervin. Costume rental fees will range from \$15.00 to \$25.00 per costume, depending on how elaborate the costume is and how labor-intensive alterations, repairs, and cleaning the costume will be.

Ten Tiny Dances: February 7th, 2026; 3pm & 7pm shows at the Majestic Theatre

Our Ms. Kristin is choreographing and performing a piece in this unique dance concert where the choreography is danced on a stage that is only 4 ft. x 4 ft. & 18 inches tall! The theme for this year's performance is "Little Black Dress."

Willamette Apprentice Ballet Student Choreography Showcase: Saturday, March 7th, 2026

Willamette Apprentice Ballet, the nonprofit performing branch of the Corvallis Academy of Ballet, will present its annual student choreography showcase and fundraiser on Saturday, March 7th, 5pm-8pm, at the Ashbrook Independent School Theatre.



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The \$20.00 admission fee will include refreshments, raffle prizes, and a performance featuring 15 original dance pieces, choreographed by student choreographers from Willamette Apprentice Ballet, Corvallis Academy of Ballet, Downtown Dance, and Legacy Ballet of Albany.

We hope that you can join us for this exciting event, featuring the up-and-coming generation of new choreographers! Please contact WAB Director Megan Skinner if you are interested in volunteering for this event: donating refreshments and/or raffle prizes, helping with setup and/or cleanup, ticket sales, ushering, etc.: wabcorvallis@gmail.com

A big 'THANK YOU' to all the dancers, teachers/choreographers, and family volunteers who helped make Willamette Apprentice Ballet's annual Holiday Fundraiser on December 13th a great success: between the sale of fundraiser admissions, raffle tickets, silent auction bids, CAB & WAB merchandise, and direct donations, we have raised over \$7,000.00 for Willamette Apprentice Ballet during the month of December!

There is still time to make a 2025 tax-deductible donation to Willamette Apprentice Ballet...and if you make a matching donation to the Oregon Cultural Trust, you will receive a 100% tax credit on your Oregon 2025 tax returns!

To donate to Willamette Apprentice Ballet:

Mail your donation as cash, check, or money order to-

Willamette Apprentice Ballet
PO Box 2748
Corvallis, OR 97339-2748

**Donations must be postmarked by December 31st, 2025*

Or donate securely online at [PayPal.Me/WillametteApprentice](https://www.paypal.com/WillametteApprentice)

Donations to Willamette Apprentice Ballet help the nonprofit performing branch of Corvallis Academy of Ballet provide pre-professional performance experiences for the Upper Division students at CAB by paying for production expenses (theater rental, costumes, etc.) and providing opportunities to work with guest teachers and choreographers. For example, Donna Blatt-Ervin, who recently retired from full-time teaching and choreographing, after 30+ years as the Director of Modern Dance Technique, will stage her piece, *Road Well Traveled*, on six Willamette Apprentice Ballet dancers. The dancers will perform this piece at the annual Terpsichore community dance concert: April 4th, 3pm & 7pm, at the Majestic Theatre. WAB will sponsor Donna's residency, in preparation for these performances.

Weather-related studio closures:

If the Corvallis public and private schools are closed due to extreme weather and hazardous road conditions, announcements will be posted on our outgoing voicemail message, our Facebook page, and our website by 1pm that day, to alert our students and our families of any class cancellations.



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Sometimes the weather and the roads improve enough by the late morning to allow us to hold our afternoon and evening classes as usual, which is why we do not automatically cancel classes when the schools are closed.

- If Corvallis Academy of Ballet is ever open for business on a day when the weather and road conditions make it unsafe for you to travel to and from the studio, please stay home! You may be able to get a Zoom link for that day's class, provided you request the Zoom link early enough before the class begins, and assuming that internet connections are good. Or you may attend a makeup class later during Session III.

Ms. Kristin, Ms. Mimi, Ms. Jessica, and Ms. Leya, and I are looking forward to seeing and working with our students back in the studios soon. We hope that you are all enjoying the holidays with your families and friends, and we wish you all a healthy, happy, and prosperous new year!

Thank you!

-Megan Skinner, Director