



CORVALLIS ACADEMY OF BALLET

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Session II 2026-2027 Newsletter

Dear CAB students and parents,

We are about halfway through the 7-week Session I, and it's been a busy month for Corvallis Academy of Ballet. We had to say goodbye to our beloved Ms. Kristin, we welcomed Amy McDonnell as our new Modern Dance Level III teacher, and two of our advanced students, Addie LaPointe & Juliet Merback, performed in the Fall Festival Ten Tiny Dances concert last weekend. 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 24th, and Session II will begin on Monday, October 26th. Session II tuition should be paid anytime between now and Saturday, October 31st, 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 26th- December 12th, 2026; we will be closed for the entire week of Thanksgiving, November 22nd- 29th, 2026.

Also, if you registered for the 2026-2027 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.

Willamette Apprentice Ballet Fundraiser Sale: There are still some gently used costumes, as well as CAB & WAB merchandise, available for purchase in our studio lobby, as a fundraiser for Willamette Apprentice Ballet, the nonprofit performing branch of the Corvallis Academy of Ballet. This fundraiser sale will continue through Saturday, October 17th, and then any remaining costumes & props will be donated to Goodwill, while the remaining CAB & WAB merchandise will become raffle prizes at the December 12th WAB Holiday Fundraiser. If you've had your eye on any of the sale items, please be sure to purchase them by October 17th. Willamette Apprentice Ballet accepts cash, check, or PayPal.Me/WillametteApprentice. Thank you for your support!

Grand Kyiv Ballet's Swan Lake: Symphony of Lights: Grand Kyiv Ballet's touring production of *Swan Lake: Symphony of Lights*, will be performed on **Monday, October 19th, 7pm**, at the LaSells Stewart Center. Please note that this is a new performance date, as the original Corvallis performance date of October 10th conflicted with the OSU Homecoming Football Game. There won't be any CAB students in this October 19th performance, unfortunately, but Grand Kyiv Ballet is a company worth seeing, full of talented dancers, so I recommend that you go see them on October 19th, if possible. Tickets can be purchased at www.artisticspaceproductions.us.



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Classical Indian Dance Class with Nrityagram: Wednesday, October 21st, 2026:

As part of their workshops and performances at PRAX at Oregon State University, the classical Indian Dance company, Nrityagram, will be teaching a class at Corvallis Academy of Ballet on Wednesday, October 21st, 7:00pm-8:30pm. This class is intended for the students who are in the Int/Adv Character Dance class, but it is also open to all Ballet V & VI, Modern Dance Level II & III, Chinese Dance, and Contemporary Dance students. PRAX is sponsoring this class, so there is no additional fee for participating students.

"Halloween Week" at Corvallis Academy of Ballet:

Students are welcome and encouraged to wear costumes to their classes and rehearsals **Monday, October 26th-Saturday, October 31st, 2026**. 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.

- The Downtown Corvallis Organization's Trick-or-Treat will be held 2pm-5pm on Halloween, and there will also be special activities at Riverfront Park during that time. Combined with the Saturday Farmer's Market, 9am-1pm, there will be a significant increase in pedestrian and vehicle traffic all day on October 31st: please allow for plenty of additional driving and parking time, to get to your Saturday classes on-time, on what promises to be a very busy day in downtown Corvallis.
- We will hold all Saturday classes as usual on October 31st, although we might end the 12:15pm Ballet V & Ballet VI classes 15 minutes early, at 2pm, so that the dancers can go enjoy the Halloween festivities. TBD if we will hold Nutcracker rehearsals on October 31st: if the Spanish & Arabian Dances are in good shape, we will cancel rehearsals on this day.

Veterans Day: Wednesday, November 11th, 2026

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.

Nutcracker! Magical Christmas Ballet: Monday, November 16th, 2026

19 Corvallis Academy of Ballet students will be performing in the touring production of *Nutcracker! Magical Christmas Ballet*, on Monday, November 16th, 7pm, at the LaSells Stewart Center in Corvallis. Tickets may be purchased online at www.nutcracker.com; use the QR code on the Nutcracker flyers in our studio lobby to get a discount on tickets.

Thanksgiving Week: November 22nd-29th, 2026

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 23rd, 24th, and/or 25th, if there are enough interested students.



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*We are asking the dancers/classes who will be performing in *Making Spirits Bright* (Dec. 5th & 6th) to come to the Majestic Theatre on November 23rd, 24th, and/or 25th, for onstage spacing rehearsals. A separate email has been sent to these dancers, to inquire about their availability on those three days: if you haven't responded to this email yet, please do so asap.

Session II classes will resume on Monday, November 30th, 2026.

Making Spirits Bright: Saturday, December 5th & Sunday, December 6th, 2025

This year there will be THREE performances of the popular holiday dance concert (3pm & 7pm on Dec. 5th & 3pm on Dec. 6th), featuring performances by Corvallis Academy of Ballet, Willamette Apprentice Ballet, OSU Ballet, Downtown Dance, Pacific Tap Dance Company, and more! Modern Dance Level III, Int/Adv Character Dance, Chinese Dance, and Ballet VI/Willamette Apprentice Ballet will perform in this concert, and our Ms. Leya will perform the Les Sylphides Pas de Deux with OSU Ballet dancer, Isaac Witham. 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 12th, 2026

Our Contemporary Dance class, and this year's Graduating Seniors, Lila Day, Milla Ellenburg-Paris, Luna McDermott, and Brynne Snyder, will be performing in this festive, FREE holiday concert, 2pm at the Ashbrook Independent School Theatre.

Willamette Apprentice Ballet Holiday Fundraiser: Saturday, December 12th, 2026

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! \$25.00 general admission at the door (\$15.00 admission for children, students, and seniors) includes refreshments, one raffle ticket, access to a silent auction, and performances by the dancers of WAB, CAB Ballet V students, as well as Int/Adv Character Dance, Modern Dance Level II & III, Contemporary Dance, and Chinese Dance .

Willamette Apprentice Ballet is seeking donations of items and experiences for the raffle prizes and silent auction at the December 12th 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-12th, 2026

Family members and friends of our dancers are invited to sit in our studios to observe classes and rehearsals during the last week of Session II, December 7th-12th.



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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 in Session II or III.

Willamette Apprentice Ballet Student Choreography Showcase: The registration deadline for the March 2027 WAB Student Choreography Showcase is **Sunday, December 20th**. The showcase is recommended for dancers ages 12 years old and up- all dance styles are welcome! Please return your completed registration forms to me at the studio or email a copy to wabcorvallis@gmail.com.

Winter Break: December 13th, 2026- January 3rd, 2027

We will be CLOSED for a 3-week Winter Break, December 13th, 2026- January 3rd, 2027. No classes or rehearsals will be held during this time. Session III classes will begin on Monday, January 4th, 2027.

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