

2015-16 Handbook

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New Albany Ballet Company is located in the heart of New Albany. Our studios are professionally designed for the dancer. Our faculty members are a collaboration of true professionals in the field of dance. Individuals that can meet the high expectations of the school and its director only teach our students. Please read our faculty's biographies located on the school's website www.newalbanyballet.com.



Mission Statement

s young children enter NABC, they are invited to explore what it is to be a ballerina. NABC has developed a children's program that is fun and expressive, as well as disciplined and structured. We work very closely to nurture these young children and instill the idea of training in ballet, and learn the love for this art form. As they grow, they have the opportunity to audition into a more serious program of training in the "A" levels. Young dancers are surrounded by peers that share a common goal and commitment to ballet. Faculty work very closely with each student to not only push them to the next level, but to instill the passion for the ballet even at a young age. As students reach their teenage years, many make the decision to further their training in dance. NABC has developed two programs for these dancers. One of which is our pre-professional level. These individuals take several ballet classes a week as well as exploring both modern and jazz classes that are structured to support the ballet dancer. We encourage all ballet students to train in both the modern and jazz curriculum. Several of

the pre-professional students choose to study tap.

Another path advanced dancers take is one that will allow them to achieve successful auditions into the college dance departments. These dancers are placed into a program at NABC that consists of several ballet classes taught especially to the college requirements and advanced level, as well as the modern and jazz techniques the universities are looking for.



On both levels, NABC guides these students to seek out auditions they can attend, summer programs that will enhance their training, as well as opportunities to learn repertoire and perform on the pre-professional level. As a faculty, we work one-on-one with each of these dancers in order to guide them toward their goal.

NABC understands that not all of our students are seeking out such high levels of success and commitment. We are aware that a majority of students take a ballet, tap, jazz, or modern class for fun! We support this and encourage all children, teenagers, and adults to do so. Taking dance is a wonderful activity, and NABC has the resources for this activity to serve the community. NABC has hired teachers that will give proper training and a wonderful experience to these students.

2015–2016 Season Important Dates

Fall Quarter starts	Saturday, September 12, 2015
Fall Quarter watch week	October 17–23, 2015
No classes after 3pm (Trick or Treat)	October 29, 2015
Recital 2016 costume fees due by	November 1, 2015
Nutcracker tickets go on sale through Ticketma	aster November 1, 2015
NACBT Nutcracker Father Daughter Ball	November 13, 2015
Thanksgiving break — No classes	November 25–29, 2015
Winter Quarter tuition due by	December 1, 2015
Nutcracker dress rehearsal Act I	December 4, 2015
Nutcracker dress rehearsal Act II	
Nutcracker evening performances	. December 11 and 12 (7pm), 2015
Nutcracker matinee performances Decemb	er 12 (2pm) and 13 (1 & 5pm), 2015
Holiday break — No classes	-
Classes resume	
No classes	January 18, 2016
Winter Quarter watch week	-
No classes	February 15, 2016
Spring Quarter tuition due by	March 1, 2016
Repertoire Concert	March 12, 2016
Spring Break — No classes	March 21–27, 2016
Recital pictures	ТВА
Recital dress rehearsals	
Children's, General, 1A-4A, all general division	
Intermediate, Int/Adv & BT	May 14, 2016
Ballet 5A and Up	May 20, 2016
Recitals	May 21 and 22, 2016

Other important dates that parents need to be aware of will be posted on our quarterly newsletter and annual recital newsletter provided via email. Please read all newsletters thoroughly and call the office if you have any questions. Please make sure we have your current email address.



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School Policies NABC Parent Responsibilities Tuition

Tuition for the children's division and general division students is due quarterly. Tuition payments are due August 15 or upon registration for fall, December 1, 2015 for winter quarter and March 1, 2016 for spring quarter. All tuition that is received on the 6th or after will be charged a \$15.00 late fee. Any student with an outstanding tuition balance will not receive his/her recital costume and may not perform in

the spring recital until balances have been paid in full. Tuition may be made by mailing payment into the office: 5051 Forest Drive, by leaving a visa, master card, or discover number on the secure studio voice mail (614) 939-9058 or by stopping in the office during regular office hours. Please note the office will be closed on Saturday, December 5 due to the Nutcracker dress rehearsals. Although regular Sat-



urday classes will still be held the office manager will not be there to collect winter quarter tuition. Please plan to pay accordingly.

Progressive and Pre Professional Tuition is due on the 1st of each month from September 1, 2015 to May 1, 2016. There are nine equal payments in our season. Tuition will not be prorated for absences unless a doctor's excused injury has occurred. Tuition will not be prorated for illness, non-excused injury, vacations, school functions, or non-excused absences. An excused absence is excused by the director of the school only. Monthly tuition that is received on the 6th of the month or later will be charged an additional \$15.00 late fee.

Tuition is non-refundable.

Withdrawal

A parent may decide to withdraw a child at any point in our season. Refunds will not be given for any withdrawal within a quarter. If a parent withdraws a child before December 1 then winter quarter tuition will not be billed. If a parent withdraws a child before March 1 then spring quarter tuition will not be billed. Costume fees will be due in full by November 1st and costumes will be ordered the following week. If a child withdraws after payment for the costume has been made there will be no refund. Costumes will be available for pick up in March. All costumes are ordered in November 2015 and cannot be returned or cancelled due to costume company regulations. All withdrawals must be made through e-mail directly to tara@newalbanyballet.com. Withdrawals from the program can no longer be made by stopping into the office. An e-mail will be required for complete withdrawals. Tuition will be billed until a withdrawal e-mail has been received by the director.

Tuition Refunds/Credits

No refunds or credits will be given unless the following:

- 1. A serious injury or illness results in the student being unable to continue. A doctor's note will be required.
- 2. The student moves out of a 45 mile radius from NABC.
- 3. A drastic change in the finances of the family occurs. Please e-mail the director to explain. tara@newalbanyballet.com.

In the event that one of our Pre Ballet or Little Ballet students are resistant to attending classes a credit for the remainder tuition will be given and needs to be used within one year from the start of the current quarter. We understand and appreciate these situations and will try our best to find a comfortable and secure class for each of our youngest dancers.

Dress Code

Parents are asked to read the dress code policy under the student section carefully. It is the parent's responsibility to follow the dress code set forth as well as the required hair code for each class.

Communication

All parents are required to give the office a current e-mail address at the beginning of the season. Quarterly newsletters, tuition reminders, recital 2016 information, and important date reminders will all be made by e-mail. Please also friend New Albany Ballet Company on Facebook to receive current information. If a parent does not have access to e-mail please let the office manager know before September 15, 2015.

You may contact the faculty of NABC by e-mail:

Tara Miller, Studio Owner

tara@newalbanyballet.com

Ellen Selegue, Office Manager

ellen@newalbanyballet.com

Barbra Fograscher, Boutique Manager

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Teacher e-mails will be released by permission of the teacher. Each teacher will hand out an e-mail address to use on the first class.

Parents are asked to use e-mail for communication with each teacher. Please do not try and speak with your child's teacher before or after class.

Voice Mail

Our office phone number is (614) 939-9058. The office manager will check messages between 3:30–4:00pm Monday-Thursday and on Saturday mornings by 9am. If you need to notify the office of a child's absence please note these times. Messages will be checked throughout the day on Tuesday, Thursday and Friday until 1:30pm as well. The office will only be open until 1:30pm on Friday. Any message left on the office voicemail after 1:30pm on Friday will NOT be retrieved until Saturday morning.

NABC Website

Please visit us online at www.newalbanyballet.com to stay up to date.

Recital 2016

All students of NABC are invited to participate in the spring recitals held May 21 and 22, 2016. NABC considers the spring recitals a key element to dance training but provides the parents and children the option to participate. If a decision to not participate is made parents need to notify the office by November 1 before recital costumes are ordered. Each class will be assigned to one of the approx. 90 minute shows. We will be holding five recitals this year and they will be spread out over the May 21 and 22 weekend. Classes will be assigned to the recital days and times in March 2016. If a child takes more than one class they may be assigned to more than one recital. We now have more than 600 students and can no longer accommodate all recital requests. If you have a special restriction for that weekend please notify the office manager before February 1, 2016. Our recitals are held at the Jeanne B. McCoy Community Center for the Arts in New Albany, Ohio. Tickets go on sale Sunday, April 10. NABC does not charge a recital fee.

A detailed recital packet will be available on line and will be distributed to all students of the school the week of March 30, 2016 in class. Students participating in the recital will be required to remain in the assigned dressing rooms during the entire duration of the recital. Parents will not be permitted back stage at any point until the entire performance is complete. We will be following the same pick up procedures as last year detailed in the recital 2016 packet. Parents will be permitted to pick up each child in assigned zones and will no longer be permitted

backstage for pick up. Parents will be asked to remain seated in the theatre until their zone is announced onstage.

Required Recital Parent Volunteers

Each class will need a parent to volunteer to stay with the class backstage in their assigned dressing room. If you would like to volunteer to be the backstage parent please e-mail Ellen before March 30, 2016. If no one volunteers from your child's class then a babysitter will be hired to take care of the class. There will be a \$5 per child babysitter fee required to be paid by May 15, 2016 in order for your child to participate in the recital. We cannot allow any classes to be left unattended backstage and take the security and comfort of each of our students very seriously.



Recital Costume Payments

Costume fees will be due in full by November 1st. Parents need to decide by October 31st if their child will be participating in the May 2016 recitals. Recital is not mandatory. Faculty will show each class a picture of the selected recital costume during the fall watch week (October 17th-October 23rd). Parents are encouraged to take a picture of the costume. Faculty will measure each child in class and allow room for the child to grow. Costumes are ordered the first week of November and arrive in the winter. Costumes will be distributed in class the first week of March to all students that have paid their spring quarter tuition.

Costume Fees:

Children's Division Classes: \$68 plus tax

General Division Classes: \$70 plus tax

All A level tap, jazz, modern/contemporary classes: \$70 plus tax

Ballet 1A, 2A, 3A, 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A, Int, Int/Adv, Ballet tech: A \$50 costume deposit will be due by November 1st. Some of these costumes will not be ordered from the recital costume books but will be hand made. Therefor balances will be due once the costume seamstress has finished the costume. Prices will be similar to years past.

Recital Photos and DVDs

Each recital season Lorn Spolter sets up in our studio to take each dancer's individual photo and a photo of each class. Parents may choose to order photos directly with Lorn. All students are expected to be in the group photo regardless of whether they order a picture package. Please take note of costume picture dates and plan to bring your dancer in costume on the assigned date. Recital picture packages will be mailed to each student. Parents will pay additional processing and handling fees. We also hire a professional performance photographer to take pictures during all the dress rehearsals and recitals of the dancers on



stage. These photos can be ordered directly from the photographer's website and information will be detailed in the recital 2016 playbill. Photos must be ordered by June 1, 2016 and will be mailed to the students.

Our recitals are all videotaped by a professional videographer. Order forms for DVDs are included in the recital packet. DVDs order forms are due in by June 1, 2016 and DVDs are available for pick up during our summer quarter classes.

Liability Release

Dance training is demanding on the body. All students run the risk of being injured in class. As a parent of a student, you must agree that you understand these risks and do not hold the New Albany Ballet Company faculty, the New Albany Children's Ballet Theatre faculty and board members, and the artistic director responsible for any injuries, loss of property, or illness during attendance at the school or any related field trips or performances.

Photo Release/Social Media

Each parent gives permission for their child to be photographed for promotional purposes. All students will also be videotaped during the recital. Any concerns need to be directed to the Artistic Director.

Each parent and student also agrees to **NOT** place pictures or videos of other students or teachers on the internet or any social networking site without the permission of the student's parents or the teacher. No student or parent is permitted to represent NABC or NACBT on any websites or social media.

Emergency Medical Release

Each parent gives permission for emergency medical care of his or her child. Any concerns need to be made in writing and turned into the office prior to the second class.

Religious/Holiday Issues

If you would prefer your child to not be involved in certain classes due to your religious beliefs please let the teacher know. We often celebrate a current holiday with special holiday themed stickers, candies, or other goodies handed out at the end of each class. Please also let your child's teacher know if certain allergies or dietary restrictions exist. We also use holiday music at times that is always classical and will not contain any vocals affiliated with religious beliefs.

Drop off and Pick up Procedures

We ask all parents of our Pre Ballet, Little Ballet, Little Ballet/Tap, and Pre Primary students remain in the studio during the duration of class. Parents of all Primary Ballet and older students may use our drop off and pick up procedures.

Parents are asked to park either in the front or back parking lot for drop off and pick up. We have plenty of parking in the back parking lot. Please park there if our front parking lot is full. Do not park in the parking lots of our neighboring buildings.

Volunteer Opportunities

Please notify our office manager if you are interested in volunteer opportunities. Our school would not be successful without our wonderful parents.

Lobby/Restrooms/Common Area

NABC strives to have one of the nicest dance facilities in Columbus. We ask our parents to help keep the school clean and safe for our students. Please throw trash and personal belongings away when leaving the school. If you see anything that needs our attention please do not hesitate to let us know.



School Policies NABC Student Responsibilities Dress Code

The New Albany Ballet Company's dress code is designed to encourage discipline and unity among our classes. Students should be taught to respect ballet and all forms of dance from an early age and appearance is an important aspect to learning that respect. Students are required to follow dress code at all times.

Pre Ballet, Little Ballet, Pre Primary Ballet, and Little Ballet/Tap classes:

Pink leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet shoes need to be worn to all classes. Students may wear a pink tutu, skirt, leg warmers, or ballet sweater. Students need to have hair up in either a bun or secured neatly to the head. Bangs are permitted for class but will be required to be sprayed or pinned back for the spring recital. Little Ballet/Tap students will also need a small dance bag with their black tap shoes inside for tap class. Each child will be asked to put their ballet shoes in their dance bag between ballet and tap.

Primary Ballet and Primary Ballet/Jazz Classes:

White leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet shoes are to be worn for all classes. Students may wear a white tutu or skirt and either a pink or white pair of leg warmers or ballet sweater to class. Students need to wear their hair up in a bun with bangs sprayed or pinned back away from the face for class. Primary Jazz students will also need a small dance bag and a pair of black jazz shoes. Primary Jazz students may also wear black jazz shorts or pants to jazz class. Please do not wear undergarments under tights.

General Division Ballet Classes:

Black leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet shoes need to be worn for all classes. A small black ballet skirt is optional. Students need to wear hair in a bun with bangs pinned or sprayed back. Students may wear a black ballet sweater and pink leg warmers. Please no undergarments under tights.

Jazz Classes:

Students should wear either their ballet class leotard or a black camisole leotard. Students will need to wear either black tights, black jazz shorts, or back capri pants over their leotard. No t-shirts, sweat pants, or camisole tops will be permitted. Students need to wear either a bun or hair secured to the head. Black jazz shoes are required for most classes. Tan jazz shoes are required for Jazz 5A/6A, Jazz PPI/7A, PPII/III Jazz, and Jazz I/A BT only. Please see the office manager if you have any questions.

Tap Classes:

Students should wear either their ballet leotard or a black camisole leotard. Students will need to wear pink tights under their leotard and either black shorts or black Capri pants over top. Black tap shoes are required. Hair should be worn pulled up and away from the face. Students are not permitted to tap in the lobby. Please put tap shoes on right before class.

Modern Classes:

Students in the progressive division modern classes need to wear the ballet class leotard and pink convertible tights. Hair must in a bun with bangs pinned or sprayed back. Black shorts or Capri pants are permitted for the Pre Pro modern class only. The beginning modern class may wear comfortable dance clothes and will not be required to follow the dress code above.

Hip Hop Classes:

Students need to wear comfortable dance clothes. T-shirts, shorts and sweats are all acceptable. Tennis shoes that are secured to the feet are required. Tennis shoes need to have shoelaces.

Progressive Division Classes: Ballet 1A, 2A, 3A, and Int Ballet Classes

Students need to wear the class uniform sold in the boutique to all classes. Pink footed tights and pink ballet shoes are required. Hair must be in a neat bun with bangs sprayed or pinned back. No undergarments should be worn under the tights. All leotard straps need to be sewn and should not be tied together in the back. Students may wear light pink ballet sweaters and light pink leg warmers to class.

Ballet 4A, 5A, 6A, 7A, Int/Adv, and Ballet Tech Classes

Students need to wear the class uniform sold in the boutique to all classes. Pink tights and pink ballet shoes are required as well as pointe shoes for those attending pointe classes. Hair must be worn in a bun with bangs sprayed or pinned back away from the face. All hair needs to be gelled so no wispies form during class. All leotard straps need to be sewn so the leotard fits tightly. Warm ups will only be permitted for the warm up portion of class.

Pre Professional Classes

Please follow the pre professional division handbook

Admission into the Progressive Division

Admission into the progressive division classes is by invitation only. Students in the Primary Ballet division will be evaluated in January for placement into the Ballet 1A for the summer. Parents will be notified by mail if their child has been invited into the Ballet 1A class. Parents will have the opportunity to ask questions, attend a 1A class, and receive individual student evaluations from the director to help make the decision of admission into our progressive division. Primary students will not receive individual evaluations unless a request is made directly to the director of the school. Students not quite ready for progressive division will be placed into Ballet I for the summer/following season. If a child is placed into Ballet 1A both summer and fall registration will be required at the time of acceptance.

Students in our General Division Program (Ballet I, Ballet II, Ballet II, Ballet IV, and Ballet V) will be evaluated in January and February for proper placement. Faculty may advise parents admission into the Progressive Division program which will take place during the summer program. If a general division students accepts

the transfer into the Progressive Division program it will be highly advised that the student begin taking one of the proper A level classes along with the current general division class for the remainder of the season. This will help the general division student transfer into the progressive division program.

Progressive and Pre Professional Division Placement

Students in the Progressive and Pre Professional Division are evaluated throughout the year and not just when summer and fall schedules are released. The faculty will give the parents summer recommendations in January when the summer schedules are released and again when the fall schedules are released. These recommendations are given as a "best guess" for placement at that point in the child's progress within the current level. If throughout the remainder spring session or during the summer session the recommended placement changes the parent will be notified of the change in placement. Our goal is to place each individual student in the best class/level for his/her opportunity to achieve success in dance training. We understand this can put a strain on scheduling but our commitment to place each child accordingly is our goal and our responsibility. Each dancer's body grows, matures, and strengthens at different times. Each dancer's ability to retain movement, understand and apply corrections, and progress in the syllabus set forth for the level differs among the class. Not all students will progress into the next level at the same time. We ask parents to understand and respect our commitment in providing a safe and successful program for each of our dancers.

Students currently enrolled in the Ballet 5A, 6A, 7A, and Pre Pro I,II,III are strongly advised to audition for summer programs in January and February. Summer intensive programs greatly benefit the dancer ages 13–18 years old. Students ages

10–12 years old are encouraged to attend auditions for the audition experience. If the younger 10–12 year old student does decide to accept admission into a summer intensive program the program must not conflict with their summer intensive held at NABC. The outside program must be an addition to the summer intensive program for the level held at NABC and should be used as a supplement. Any conflicts must be approved by the artistic director before pro rated tuition/excuse will be granted. All submission for all students attending outside summer programs are due to the director by May 1st. Parents are encouraged to seek information, read summer dance forums, and educate themselves on the summer intensive options available. Any parent needing additional assistance may e-mail the school to set up a conference.



Placement on Pointe

Dancers are recommended for pointe training by the faculty based on several factors not limited to age. Dancers are required to train in ballet a minimum of three technique classes per week. Strength, flexibility, proper technical alignment, and years training in ballet are all factors that will be carefully taken into consideration when placing a student on pointe. Although the desire and age of the student are a factor, the evaluation of the faculty will be the deciding factor of whether a dancer is ready for the rigors of pointe training.

Class/Studio Conduct

No gum, food, or drink is allowed in any of the four studios. All street shoes must be removed prior to entering any studio. Disrupted behavior in any class is not tolerated. The teacher is responsible for communicating any behavior issues to the parent. Children under the age of six are not permitted to be unattended at any time unless they are in a class. Please do your best to pick up your child on time. The school is not responsible for any child except during the duration of their class. If you are running late please call the office. No child is allowed to be left unattended. Parents that need to speak with their child's teacher may do so by leaving a note for them in their box. Please give to the office manager and she will put it in the appropriate box. Due to our class schedule.



between classes is not a good time to have a conversation with the teacher. Please do not allow younger students to play in the studios at any time.

Tardiness/Missed Classes

Students who arrive more then ten minutes late for class may be asked by the teacher to observe. This is for the safety of our students. Any missed classes may be made up in a similar or a level below at any time. Please refer to your season schedule. If your child is to miss more then one consecutive class a phone call to the office is required. If after three classes we have not heard from the student's parent that student may be removed from our class roster. No refund or credit will be given.

Injury

If a student becomes injured at any point in class he/she will need to notify the teacher immediately. The teacher will guide the student accordingly.

Personal Belongings/Locker Room

Students are asked to bring all dance bags and dance shoes to class at all times. If a student has more than one class in any given day they will need to keep all required dance shoes with them at all times. Students will no longer be permitted to go to the locker room to change shoes. Shoes will be changed in the dance room of their next consecutive class. School bags and coats may be stored in the locker room. These items should be hung on the hooks along the wall or set on the benches.

Students are asked to throw all garbage away in the locker room's trash can or the trash can in the lobby. This includes but not limited to all food wrappers, water bottles, band aid wrappers, pointe shoe items and all personal items.

Schedules/Newsletters/Handouts

Students are required to give all handouts, schedules, newsletters distributed in class to parents.

Summer 2016 Camps

Brochures will be distributed in class in January 2016 for our summer camp offerings. This will also be available on line. Camp registration will begin the end of January. Look for new and exciting camp offerings along with our all-time favorites for next summer.

Summer Quarter Classes

Brochures for summer quarter will be distributed in class in January 2016. All students interested in participating in Nutcracker 2016 will be required to attend a summer 2016 class for at least four weeks or a summer 2016 camp. Our summer quarter will run June 13 to August 6, 2016. Students can choose to attend four; six, or eight week sessions and the weeks do not need to be consecutive. Classes will be offered in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, hip hop, and cheer for ages 2–18 year olds.

Progressive Division Summer Requirements

Parents and Students will be notified in January of the recommendation for the summer and next season's classes for each individual progressive division student. Progressive Division students are required to attend the summer intensive and summer lessons. A requirement of 80% participation is required to be a part of the progressive division.

Summer Intensive and Summer quarter dates for our pre professional program will be released in January when we have a better idea of when we will be moving into our new building. Our goal will be to hold our progressive division intensives in the new building. Schedules will be similar to last summer so please refer to summer 2015 as a guide. Parents will be asked to plan all vacations, summer camps, and outside activities around these dates as much as possible. In the event that there is a conflict in the above requirements the director will work with the parent in providing a makeup schedule. All summer conflicts must be received by e-mail to tara@ newalbanyballet.com by May 1, 2016 to qualify for an excused absence. Summer tuition will not be prorated for any non excused absence.

Tutu Bella Boutique

We are very fortunate to offer the convenience of our own dancewear shop to our students. All required leotards, tights, and dance shoes along with dance bags, warm ups, and hair accessories are on sale in the boutique during regular business hours. The boutique will also offer gift items during the holiday season and before the spring recitals.

Office and Tutu Bella Boutique Hours

Monday: 3:30 – 7:00pm Tuesday: 9:30 – 11:30am and 3:30–7:00pm Wednesday: 3:30 – 7:00pm Thursday: 9:30 – 11:30pm and 3:30 – 7:00pm Friday: 11:15 am–1:30pm Saturday: 9:00 am–12:30pm

Tuition Schedule

Children's and General Division Classes

30 minute class	\$175.00 per quarter
45 minute class	\$195.00 per quarter
60 minute class	\$210.00 per quarter

New Location opening Summer 2016!

