

Moving Forward!



The show is coming up fast! Classes are working hard, and the show is really taking shape. I can say with all confidence, it is going to be a blast!

Class attendance is extremely important right now! Remember that according to the attendance policy, you are only allowed to miss one class per number of days you practice each dance. Please also note that leaving early is not ok. This is often when we are learning and perfecting our choreography. Even if your dancer is done learning their dance, it is still crucial for them to be present. Not only is it important for them to perfect their own dancing, but dance is really a group art

form. They need to get comfortable moving with the rest of the class, and that can only be done in class. We know it is not always easy to get here, and we really do appreciate you all making it happen!

The All Cast Rehearsals are also approaching fast! Please remember that these are not optional. These two dates are the only times before the dress rehearsal where the dancers get to practice together as a whole.

The same goes for the spacing rehearsal. Please have your dancer present for their time slot, so we can get through spacing as quickly as possible. We want everyone to have time to be well rested for the dress and show the next day! **Note:** See the calendar or note further in this newsletter for call times.

All Casts and Costumes

All cast rehearsals are coming up fast! We break All Casts down by act. Act I will start at 12:15pm, and Act II will begin at 2:45pm. The list of which class is in each act is listed in the box on the side of this page. Please no food in the studio, so send dancers well fed, and with plenty of water! We will be posting on our Facebook page, if we are running late going into Act II.

If you are not a class coordinator for the all cast, please do not plan on staying with your dancer at the studio. There is simply not enough room for everyone, and it slows down our pick up and drop off times. Please check your child in with their class coordinators, leaving a number where you can be reached. When it is getting close to the time that your student will be released, you will receive a call or text from their class coordinator, asking you to head over to the studio. The coordinator will bring the

entire class out of the rehearsal space, and then you will need to check out your dancer with them. They will give you a ticket that you will need to hand to the attendant at the door, in order to leave the studio with your child. We know this can be inconvenient, but it is for the safety of our dancers. Thank you for your cooperation!

Only those volunteering at the all cast will be able to park in the ABA Lot. All others will need to park on a side street, or in one of the two lots we are authorized to use. One lot is at Highland Elementary, and the other is the detached lot, west of the LDS Church on Madison. Please see the instructions on the Billboard by the downstairs studio.

Costumes are coming along nicely!
Costume prices and info will be listed on the board downstairs by the middle of the month. Annie does her best to keep costume prices reasonable. The average price is around \$30. Fees are due by June 2nd.

Shows and Acts

Dancers Ballet I and up, all Boys classes, and all Jazz/Modern classes, perform in both shows, and should be at both All Casts. Pre-Ballet II performs in one show only, but needs to be at both all casts. Creative Movement & Pre-Ballet I only perform in one show, and need only attend one all cast. Sat. show performers attend May 19th All Cast, Sun. performers attend June 2nd All Cast. Here is the list of who is in which show & Act for the All Casts:

Act I:

Monday Creative Movement Saturday Creative Movement Monday Pre-Ballet I Wednesday Pre-Ballet I Monday Pre-Ballet II Saturday Pre-Ballet II Tuesday Ballet I Thursday Ballet I Tuesday Ballet II Evening Ballet III Ballet IV Ballet V Boys Ballet I Boys Ballet II Modern II Modern III

Act II

Tuesday Creative Movement Thursday Creative Movement Tuesday AM Pre-Ballet I Tuesday PM Pre-Ballet I Saturday Pre-Ballet I Wednesday Pre-Ballet II Thursday Pre-Ballet II Wednesday Ballet I Saturday Ballet I Monday Ballet II Thursday Ballet II Saturday Ballet II Afternoon Ballet III **Evening Ballet III** Ballet IV Ballet V Boys Ballet I Boys Ballet II

Please note these classes in both acts: Evening Ballet III, Ballet IV, Ballet V, Boys Ballet I, & Boys Ballet II

Advertising and Fundraising

As many of you know, each of our performances is a fundraiser for a local, deserving charity. As we said in our last newsletter, you can not only help us raise money by attending the show, you can also advertise in our program! Here is a repeat breakdown of pricing: 199.00 and under gets you a listing, 200-399 gets a ½ page ad and special recognition at the beginning of the show, and 750+ gets a full page ad, and special recognition at the beginning of the show. Please email or call us for more information.

This is also a good time to bring up rose sales and the bake sale! Each All

Cast rehearsal we have a bake sale down stairs, and let me tell you, we have some amazing bakers in our ABA family! We also sell roses at the shows for you to buy to give to your dancer. The money from both of these items goes to scholarships for ABA dancers. We love teaching anyone and everyone possible here at ABA, and these scholarships help us reach out to families who may need a little help. Thank you so much for supporting the dancers here at ABA, and this community in whatever way possible!

Performance Weekend

Performance weekend is a busy, exciting, and for new families, sometimes confusing time. We try our best to answer any and all questions through meetings, newsletters, and postings on the bulletin board. However, questions invariably pop up. Don't be afraid to ask some of our "veteran" parent's questions! Of course, if they can't help you feel free to email the office (american-balletacademy@gmail.com)!

Spacing rehearsal is on Friday,
June 8th (June 9th for Pre-Ballet II), at
the Elsinore Theatre. **Please note that Creative Movement, Pre-Ballet I, and Boys I do not attend spacing re- hearsals**. Call times are as follows:
Ballet IV & Ballet V – 3:30pm
Contemporary II, &
Contemporary III – 4:30pm
All Ballet IIII classes, Boys II, Thursday
Ballet I – 4:45pm
All Ballet II Classes, Tuesday Ballet I,
Wednesday Ballet I, Saturday Ballet I –
5:15pm. **Pre-Ballet II – 9:30am June 9**th.

For spacing, please just come in your

usual class attire, with hair in a bun.

The Dress Rehearsals will take place on Saturday, June 9th, beginning at 10:00am, at the Elsinore Theatre (Pre-Ballet II has spacing at 9:30am). Unlike spacing, dancers should be in full costume and full make up, just like they will be for the show. We will be starting at 10:00, so we suggest you arrive at least 30 minutes early. We will run two dress rehearsals. The first one should finish by 1:00pm at which time the Creative movement and Pre-Ballet I students will be dismissed. All other dancers will be dismissed as they finish the second run. We hope to finish the second run by 3:00pm, so that everyone gets a good break. Call times for the shows are 5:45pm on Saturday, and 1:15pm on Sunday.

Summer Dancing at ABA

We will be offering summer classes at ABA July 5th-August 16th. Please see the April Newsletter for more details. We hope to see you all this summer!

ABA Calendar

May 19th, 2018

First Mandatory All Cast Rehearsal for the Spring Show, at ABA. Act I: 12:15pm; Act II: 2:45pm

May 28th, 2018

Memorial Day, No Class!

June 2nd, 2018

Second Mandatory All Cast, at ABA. Act I: 12:15pm; Act II: 2:45pm

June 8th, 2018

Spacing Rehearsal for the Spring Show, at The Elsinore Theatre.

BIV/BV: 3:30pm, Modern II/III: 4:30pm, Ballet III, Boys II, and Thurs BI: 4:45pm, BII, Tues BI, Wed BI, Sat BI 5:15pm

June 9th, 2018

PBII Spacing 9:30am

Dress Rehearsal for the Spring Show, at The Elsinore Theatre, 10:00am

June 9th, 7:00pm & 10th, 2:30pm 2018 Spring Show at the Elsinore Theatre

June 30th, 2018

Last day of 2017/2018 school year classes

July 5th-August 16th

Summer Dance Classes at ABA

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Store Hours:

Tuesday 4:30-5:30pm

Saturday 10:15-11:45am

By appointment