



Winter & Spring 2021 Newsletter

A Message from the School of Dance Director

The necessity to hope; the necessity to create.

When I was a child my mother often spoke the phrase, "Where there is a will, there is a way." Now in the pandemic for more than six months, this phrase keeps coming back to mind as I observe a society that is faced with challenges and desires for something more. When I heard this phrase as a child I understood it for what it said directly. Today I find it fascinating to think about what is required in order to have will and how a person finds their way. Although I do agree with this phrase, its meaning becomes deeper if you recognize the role of hope and how it fuels our will. The phrase also implies that in order to overcome an issue, we must be creative. This is important to me as this is a source of inspiration. In finding hope we can uncover the will and possess the creativity to overcome today's challenges. Yes, this concept is simple, but nonetheless true. Take this one step further and ask yourself the question, "What gives you hope?" With your answer you've uncovered the true power of this phrase.

For me, it is our teachers, students, and community who give me immeasurable hope. To these people, thank you.

As we enter 2021, may we all have that which gives us hope, and as always, stay creative!

Sincerely,
Hanan C. Misko
School of Dance Director

End of Year Showcase

Performances: May 14 -15, 2021

Select youth and adult classes are invited to perform in the End of Year Showcases. This annual event celebrates the achievement of the School of Dance students through senior solos and class-based performances. Only select youth and adult classes are eligible for this event. For eligible classes, students are required to confirm their participation at the time of class enrollment. Students may change their participation status prior to April 1, with no fee. Participation status changes after April 1 will result in a \$25 fee. Student participation is free and includes 1 complimentary ticket to the primary caregiver. Due to the pandemic, more event details will be made available early March, 2021 on the School of Dance homepage.

Surprise! Dance Kits To-Go

So, you know about our visual art kits, but did you also know we also have dance kits to move you through a world of adventure? Packed with mystery boxes, these fun kits are filled with surprise materials to make your own props and videos to guide you through movements.

Best of all, you can do them at your own pace with your family, friends or with your learning pod!

Video duration is approx. 25mins.

Age Group: Preschool thru Kindergarten

Dance Bundle Discount!

Students are required to enroll each semester before attending class. Individuals and families who enroll in three or more weekly dance classes receive a 25% discount. Cannot be combined with any other discount. Discount pricing will be applied when enrolling online or with the front desk. Please note: Families wishing to set up a payment plan and/or apply for financial aid will still need to do so by contacting the front desk staff by calling (785) 843-2787



Winter/Spring 2021 Events and Opportunities

Mark Your Calendars

WINTER OPEN HOUSE DANCE CELEBRATION

January 8-9, 2021

Join us as we celebrate the winter through various dance master classes, virtual students choreography showcase, virtual dance parties, and more. This event is free and for all ages and experience levels. In-person participation will be limited. Virtual participation is limitless. Official festival details will be made available online by Dec. 1, 2020.

Dance Shoppe Pop-Up | 2:30- 5:00 pm, Studio 206

Sunday, January 17, 2021

Looking to buy new dance attire items in Lawrence? Don't miss Dance Shoppe of Kansas City's pop-up sale event in our dance studios! Meet with sale representatives from Dance Shoppe and get fit for your new dance attire, including new leotards, jazz pants, dance shoes, tights, and more! Health and Safety Guidelines will be enforced during the event - 6 feet social distancing and masks will be required and studio capacity is limited. If you have questions about this event, please contact the School of Dance Coordinator at amyh@lawrenceartscenter.org.

VIRTUAL STUDENT CHOREOGRAPHY SHOWCASE

Calling Movement Creators 3rd Grade thru Adult for the First Ever Virtual Student Choreography Showcase!

Because we can't bring the audience to the dance, we've decided to take the dance to our audience by hosting this year's event virtually. Choreographers must be students of the School of Dance and will have access to working on their projects at home or in-studio while following health and safety guidelines. The final project will be a video montage of pieces created in quarantine, filmed safely on location at the Lawrence Arts Center, or in the dancer's home. This virtual event will be shared with fellow dancers, family members, and within our School of Dance community during the School of Dance's Winter Arts Fest on January 9 at 7pm. Spend your holiday enjoying these unique School of Dance student performances. See you there!

Visit the School of Dance website for application form and details.

Boys Dance Scholarships



During the Fall and Winter-Spring semesters, the School of Dance offers scholarships for young men who demonstrate a strong interest in the field of dance. To be eligible, applicants must be between 2nd to 12th grade, have trained at the School of Dance for a minimum of one year, and provide a reference from a School of Dance faculty member. Interested applicants should contact Hanan Misko, School of Dance Director, at hanan@lawrenceartscenter.org for more details.

Auditions for Carmine Ballere Scholarship

Sunday, Mar. 28 | Starting at 2:30pm
Mainstage | In-Person



Established in 1997, the Carmine Ballere Scholarship is awarded to students who have demonstrated excellence and commitment in dance. Encouraging the study of ballet and a lifelong devotion to dance, the scholarship covers the cost of four ballet and pointe classes per week, as well as all production and participation fees during the Fall 2021/Spring 2022 semesters. The awardees are required to serve as teacher's assistants for one Preschool/Kinder class per week, and must currently be enrolled in Ballet IV-VII to audition. Visit the School of Dance homepage for more info. **Pre-registration is required. Deadline to register online is March 25.**