

## From the School of Dance Director...

### New Connections, Relationships, and Growth

The impact that the arts have on our everyday lives is often invisible to those who have separated the creative process from what they are seeing, hearing, and/or feeling. From mass production lines to individual freelancers, our existence is filled with the creative designs of artists and thinkers. The traits of creativity and expression within desire for community is what makes us human. Merriam Webster dictionary defines the word 'craft' as "an occupation or trade requiring manual dexterity or artistic skill." When considering the field of dance, like any other craft, to develop skill it requires practice, reflection, and courage to make mistakes and try again. Unlike other crafts dance is more temporal and communal as it often includes collaboration with other art forms like music and fabric design. It's roots are in tribal ritual and expression is performed by and for the community. As we enter into another year of dance at the Arts Center, we remain aware of what drives us to dance and who it is for - our community.

I hope this year finds you, your family, and neighbors all joined in dance as we continue towards health and growth together.

Sincerely,

Hanan Misko  
School of Dance Director  
Lawrence Arts Center

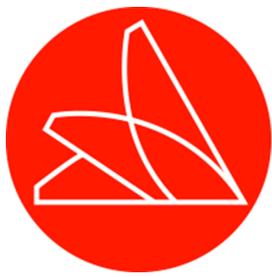
**New Email Alert! In order to improve the School of Dance's communications, we have created a department email. Send all regular dance correspondences here: [dance@lawrenceartscenter.org](mailto:dance@lawrenceartscenter.org)**

Students are required to enroll each semester before attending class. Class listings are available online and in the catalog. Interested students may enroll in classes online, over the phone, or in person through the Front Desk. In-person class participation is subject to Lawrence-Douglas County Health Department guidelines and studio availability. All classes will be held in-person with virtual option by request. View the School of Dance Handbook for important class-specific policies and more by visiting the School of Dance homepage.

### **Dance Bundle Discount!**

Individuals and families who enroll in **3 or more weekly dance classes** receive a **Dance Bundle Discount of 25% off all dance tuition**. Discount pricing can be applied when enrolling online or with the front desk. Additional benefits of our program include no registration fees for classes/auditions, costuming fees, or End of Year Showcase fees!

**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.**



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## School of Dance

# Fall 2021 Events & Opportunities

### Mark Your Calendars

Meet and Greet + Attire Swap | Saturday, August 21  
9:30-11:30AM

Stop by the swap! Bring your loved-and-laundered dance attire (leotards, shoes, jazz pants, etc) & swap for the next size, level or a little newer! This event is donation based and is facilitated by the School of Dance, so please be aware that we cannot guarantee item availability. Gently used items must be dropped off to the front desk by August 20th.

Dance Shoppe Pop-Up | Sunday, August 22  
1-4 PM

Looking to buy new dance attire items in Lawrence? Don't miss Dance Shoppe of Kansas City's pop-up sale event. 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. If you have questions about this event, please contact us at [dance@lawrenceartscenter.org](mailto:dance@lawrenceartscenter.org)

Parent Meeting | Wednesday, August 25  
7-7:30 PM | via Zoom

Join us as we begin the fall semester. Hanan Misko, School of Dance Director, and Program Coordinator, Claire Buss, will be presenting an orientation to the dance program and answering questions. We will communicate the Zoom meeting details to all families enrolled in fall classes, via email. For questions, contact us at [dance@lawrenceartscenter.org](mailto:dance@lawrenceartscenter.org)

## Auditions

### Nutcracker 2021: September 11-12

Auditioning for the production is FREE but pre-registration online by Sept. 9 is required. Audition applicants are asked to arrive 30 minutes prior to their audition time and dressed wearing appropriate dance attire. Applicants do not need to prepare any material prior to the audition but those grades 1st-12th are expected to be actively enrolled in a dance class at any dance school/studio. There's no requirements for adults or Lawrence Ballet Theatre.

#### Sat, September 11:

- 11:00 AM: 5-6 Grades (equivalent to Ballet IV-Va, Teens Ballet. Will not include a segment of pointe work)
- 12:00 PM: 1-3 Grades (equivalent to Intro to Ballet & Ballet I)
- 2:00 PM: 3-5 Grades (equivalent to Ballet II-III)
- 3:30 PM: 7-12 Grades (equivalent to Ballet Vb-VII. Will include optional segment of pointe work)

#### Sun, September 12:

- 2 PM: Adults
- 3 PM: Call Backs

## Performances

### *Madeline At the Carnival*

Madeline is back! Lawrence Ballet Theatre will again present an adorable dance adaptation of the book Madeline and the Gypsies by Ludwig Bemelmans. Pepito, the son of the Spanish Ambassador, invites the 12 little girls to a carnival. A sudden storm causes Madeline and Pepito to be left behind with the traveling carnival. Will they ever return to the old house in Paris that is covered with vines?

October 9 | 3pm  
October 10 | 3pm  
\$15 Adult/\$10 Student Tickets, Mainstage

### *Alinea: Presented by Tristian Griffin Dance Company*

In a life full of transitions, we spend a great deal of time learning how to delegate and navigate through them. Yet rarely do we talk about the inception of those conversions. The characters in ALINEA explore "the beginning of a new idea," and start to discover that it is not always about the process or how you finish. It is about how things are set into motion in the beginning.

November 6 | 7:30pm  
November 7 | 3pm  
\$25, Mainstage

### *The Nutcracker; A Kansas Ballet*

It's back! Experience the sensation and charm of the Lawrence Arts Center's Nutcracker production. A winter family favorite, this ballet is based on E.T.A. Hoffman's original story and set in Kansas during the civil war. Witness the magic and wonder of this story as Drosselmeyer and Clara defeat the Mouse King and liberate the Nutcracker from his enchanted form.

December 9 | 7 PM  
December 10 | 7 PM  
December 11 | 2 PM & 7 PM  
December 12 | 2 PM & 6 PM  
\$25, Mainstage