



Summer 2025 Newsletter

Mark Your Calendars

April 1 & 8 | Fall Enrollment Dates

Summer enrollment for members begins April 1 and open enrollment on April 8!

June 2 | First Day of Classes

Enroll and dance with us this Summer!

July 11 | School of Dance Choreographer's Showcase. 7:30pm

Calling all movers ages ten to adult to apply for the annual School of Dance Choreographer's Showcase! This event provides a venue for both new and experienced choreographers to exhibit their work in a supportive and encouraging environment.

Choreographers must apply and be approved before their work is eligible to be performed. Applying choreographers must adhere to the choreographic guidelines listed online. There is no cost to apply and perform if selected.

Upcoming Auditions

June 8 | Auditions for Lawrence Ballet Theatre Company, 2-4pm

Auditions are held each year for company members and apprentices. To be considered for Lawrence Ballet Theatre, applicants must attend a formal audition. Pre-registration is required. The deadline to register online is June 6. Auditions will be held on Saturday, June 8 from 2-4 pm.

Lawrence Ballet Theatre (LBT) is the resident pre-professional ballet company of the Lawrence Arts Center. The mission of Lawrence Ballet Theatre is to provide extensive training and performance opportunities and to broaden connections to the dance community. Led by Artistic Director Cynthia Crews, company members gain exposure and experience through numerous performances of classical ballet repertoire and original works.

Lawrence Dance Intensive 2025

LDI is back in collaboration with the University of Kansas Dance Department! Since 2016, the Lawrence Dance Intensive has connected regional dancers with sought-after instructors and guest artists to enrich your skills and artistry.

Based on a diverse and well-balanced curriculum, the Lawrence Dance Intensive strives to develop the artists of tomorrow.

Junior Intensives

Students ages 10 and up dancing at the intermediate level can participate in junior dance intensives.

Session I:

Prerequisites: Ages 11-15, dancing at an intermediate level (equivalent to Arts Center Ballet level IV-Va).

Enroll by June 5.

6/9-6/14, MO-SA; 9:00 AM-11:45 AM, \$250

Session II:

Prerequisites: Ages 10-15, dancing at an intermediate level (equivalent to Arts Center Ballet level III-Va).

Included showing on final day.

Enroll by July 17.

7/21-7/25, MO-FR; 9:00 AM-11:45 AM, \$200

Senior Intensives

Senior dance intensives cover a variety of dance styles at the intermediate/advanced levels.

Includes ballet, pointe, partnering, variations, wellness/enrichment, contemporary, improv, creative process, hip hop, repertory, choreography sessions and showing on the final day.

Prerequisites: Ages 12-21, dancing at intermediate/advanced level (equivalent to Arts Center Ballet level Vb-VII).

Enroll by June 5.

6/9-6/14, MO-SA 9:00 AM-3:30 PM, \$500



Summer Dance Camps

June 2-6 | Elemental Fusion | A Hip-Hop, Jazz and Commercial Dance Camp, 9am-12pm

Unleash your creativity and energy at the ultimate summer camp experience where jazz dance, hip hop, music, and film collide through the exciting world of commercial dance. This one-of-a-kind camp explores tv commercials, backup dancing, hip hop culture, music videos, short cut videos, and one take videos. Camps includes a final showing on the last day and an original camp short film.

For Grade 4-9. No previous experience is required.

June 16-18 | Take Me to the Ballet Camp, 9:30-11:30am

Slip on your dance shoes and experience the magical world of classical ballet. Learn famous dance steps as you take flight over Swan Lake, awaken the Sleeping Beauty, and help Cinderella find her slipper. Then, use your imagination to help create an original ballet to perform on the last day of camp. No story ballet is complete without a costume, so you will be crafting your very own tutu and other accessories to wear for your performance. See you at the ballet!

No camp on June 19. For age 5-6

June 23-27 | Step into the Ballet | Firebird & A Midsummer Nights Dream Ballet Camp, 9:30-11:30am

A next step for those who enjoyed Take Me to the Ballet or want to dance these famous comedic and dramatic ballets. Explore Firebird, where a mystical creature helps a prince and princess defeat an evil sorcerer, and A Midsummer Night's Dream, where fairies, mischief and mistaken identities make for fun. Costumes and crafts will be included for the final presentation.

For Grade 2-6.

June 30-July 11 | Dance Performance Camp | The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe, 9am-12pm

Step through the wardrobe and bring this beloved tale to life through dance! Explore a variety of dance styles with Lucy, Edmund, Susan, and Peter on their adventure through Narnia while meeting mythical creatures and facing the White Witch. With themed choreography and costumes, dancers will build technique, confidence, and artistry in a magical setting with a performance on the final day of camp.

For ages 7-14. Some prior dance experience is required. No camp on July 4.