



Fall 2025 Newsletter

Mark Your Calendars

July 29 & August 8 | Fall Enrollment Dates

Fall enrollment for members begins July 29 and open enrollment on August 8!

Aug. 16 | Attire Swap & Meet and Greet

9:30-11:30am

Kick off the Fall semester with a good start! Join us as we begin the new semester! Meet the School of Dance Staff and learn about our exciting dance season and most important policies.

Stop by the swap! Bring your loved-and-laundered dance attire (leos, shoes, jazz pants, etc.) and swap it for the next size, level, or a little newer! This event is donation-based and is facilitated by the School of Dance Staff, so please be aware that we cannot guarantee item availability. Gently used items must be dropped off at the front desk by August 23rd. Reach out to dance@lawrenceartscenter.org with any questions!

August 23 | First Day of Classes, Dance and Pre-K 40th Year Celebration

10-12pm, Main Lobby

Come celebrate the 40th anniversary of the Early Childhood Education and Dance Programs. Enjoy fun and creative activities for the whole family. Catch up with alumni families and make new connections. Details can be found online.

Aug. 24 | Dance Shoppe Pop-Up Store. 1-4pm

Looking to buy new dance attire items in Lawrence? Don't miss Dance Shoppe of Kansas City's pop-up sale event. Meet with sales representatives from Dance Shoppe and get fit for your new dance attire, including new leotards, jazz pants, dance shoes, tights, and more! If you have questions about this event, please contact us at dance@lawrenceartscenter.org. Connect to the Dance Shoppe's here: <https://www.facebook.com/danceshoppeinc/>

Dec. 12-14 | *The Nutcracker Tea Party* | A Fundraiser for LBT

December 12 | 5:30 PM

December 13 | 12:30 PM

December 14 | 11:30 AM

\$25 Tickets

We invite you to indulge in a delightful tea party before *The Nutcracker*, *A Kansas Ballet*, where you can contribute and show your support for Lawrence Ballet Theatre, the Arts Center's pre-professional ballet company.

Enjoy festive treats and meet costumed dancers as they visit each table. Get an exclusive photo with your favorite character and a commemorative souvenir to take home. Have a magical time with that special child in your life and create a new holiday tradition while supporting Lawrence Ballet Theatre at the *Nutcracker Tea Party*.

Scholarships and More

DANCE BUNDLE DISCOUNTS

Enroll in three or more dance classes at the same time and get 20% off dance tuition. Applies to the entire household. Online, automatically applies at checkout.

BOYS DANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

are for young men who demonstrate a strong interest in the field of dance. Applicants must be in the 2nd - 12th grade to be eligible. Contact Hanan Misko to apply.

CARMINE BALLERE SCHOLARSHIPS

are awarded by audition to two students who have demonstrated excellence in dance and a commitment to their craft. Auditions for this scholarship are held each spring.

TRY IT BEFORE YOU BUY IT!

Give any dance class a try before enrolling. Call the front desk for more information about discounts and trial classes.



Upcoming Auditions

Sept. 6-7 | Auditions for *The Nutcracker. A Kansas Ballet 2025*

1st Grade to Adults

This production is based on E.T.A. Hoffman's original story and set in Lawrence, Kansas during the Civil War era. This ballet production tells the story of how Drosselmeyer and Clara liberate the Nutcracker from the clutches of the Mouse King. This family production is for audiences of all ages. Be a part of this winter seasonal favorite! Auditions are Saturday, Sept. 6.

Auditioning for the production is FREE but pre-registration online by Sept. 4 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 youth applicants are required to be enrolled in **Intro to Ballet-VII** classes at the Arts Center. There are no requirements for adults.

Upcoming Performances

Sept. 12-15 | Lawrence Ballet Theatre Presents *Madeline*

Hosted by and at the Lawrence Public Library

Fri, Sept 12 | 6pm

Sat, Sept 13 | 10:30am & 2pm

Mon, Sept. 15 | 10:30am & 6pm

Free, but space is limited, and registration is required

Back by popular demand, it's Madeline! This dance performance, inspired by the beloved children's books by Ludwig Bemelmans, tells the story of the brave little girl, Madeline. Under the watchful eye of Miss Clavel, Madeline and her boarding school classmates take on the adventures of life. With choreography by Cynthia Crews and performed by the acclaimed Lawrence Ballet Theatre, this performance is for children of all ages.

Oct. 17-18 | Lawrence Arts Center Irish Dancers presents *Children of Lir*

Fri, Oct. 17 | 7pm

Sat, Oct 18 | 10:30am, 2:00 pm

Tickets: Pay-What-You-Can (\$5, \$10, \$20)

Lawrence Arts Center Irish dancers present: The Children of Lir, an Irish dance story. This original stage drama uses Irish myths and folklore, music, and poetry, and will leave you breathless. Please join us on to witness the fate of the Children of Lir.

Dec. 12-14 | Lawrence Arts Center's *The Nutcracker. A Kansas Ballet 2025*

December 12 | 7 PM

December 13 | 2 PM & 7 PM

December 14 | 1 PM & 5PM

Experience the sensation and charm of the Lawrence Arts Center's original 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.

