



Fall 2026 Newsletter

Mark Your Calendars | Events & Important Dates

July 28 & August 4 | Fall Enrollment Dates

Fall enrollment for members begins July 28 and open enrollment on August 8!

August 21 | Back to Dance Night

5:00 PM- 8:00 PM

Kick off the new dance season with the Lawrence Arts Center School of Dance! Meet faculty, explore the studios, connect with fellow dancers and families, and learn about classes, performances, and opportunities for the year ahead. Don't miss our School of Dance Attire Swap—a donation-based exchange of gently used dancewear and shoes to help dancers prepare for the season. Join us for an afternoon of community, connection, and excitement as we celebrate the start of a new year of dance!

August 23 | Dance Shoppe Pop-Up Shop

1:00 PM- 4:00 PM

Get ready for the dance season with the Dance Shoppe of Kansas City! Dance Shoppe representatives will be on-site to help students find the perfect fit for all their dancewear needs, including leotards, tights, jazz pants, ballet shoes, tap shoes, and more. Whether you're purchasing your first pair of dance shoes or updating your attire for a new level, this is a convenient opportunity to get fitted, ask questions, and shop for the essentials you'll need for the year ahead.

Dec. 11-13 | *The Nutcracker* Tea Party | A Fundraiser for LBT

December 11 | 5:30 PM

December 12 | 12:30 PM

December 13 | 12:30 PM

\$25 Tickets

We invite you to indulge in a delightful tea party before *The Nutcracker, A Kansas Ballet*. Enjoy festive treats, meet costumed dancers as they visit each table, and receive a special commemorative photo with your favorite character.

Upcoming Auditions

Sept. 26-27 | Auditions for *The Nutcracker, A Kansas Ballet 2026*

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 September 26 and 27.

Auditioning for the production is FREE but pre-registration online by Sept. 24 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.

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, it automatically applies at checkout.

BOYS DANCE SCHOLARSHIPS

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 Claire Buss to apply.

CARMINE BALLETO SCHOLARSHIPS

Awarded by audition to three 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 Performances

October 9-10 | *Transcendent: Excerpts from Giselle and Other Works*

Fri, October 9 | 7 PM

Sat, October 10 | 7 PM

Join Lawrence Ballet Theatre for a mixed-repertoire show celebrating ballet, from the romantic era to the neoclassical. This performance will comprise excerpts from the haunting ballet *Giselle*, from a joyful peasant tableau to the iconic chilling graveyard scene—watch ballerinas waltz cheerfully across the stage before the ghostly Willis entrance you. The program will also include a selection of original classical and contemporary works, showcasing the artistry, athleticism, and versatility of Lawrence Ballet Theatre's pre-professional dancers

December 11-13 | Lawrence Arts Center's *The Nutcracker, A Kansas Ballet 2026*

December 11 | 7 PM

December 12 | 2 PM & 7 PM

December 13 | 2 PM & 7 PM

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.