

Greetings,

Enclosed with this letter please find a schedule and enrollment form for our current school year. To ensure that our database has the most up-to-date contact information, we ask all families—new and returning—to fill out an enrollment form. Taking into account our syllabus, on the back of this letter we have highlighted the class level that we feel will be most appropriate for your student(s). This syllabus is based on the Royal Academy of Dance Syllabi for Grades and Vocational Examinations and also incorporates Yoga, Feldenkrais, and Floor Barre Stretching and Strengthening as appropriate for the age and ability of the students. Every possible class has been listed for you to choose from and create a schedule that works for both your dancer and your family.

Once enrolled, each family will receive a Student Handbook along with a 2008-09 School Year Calendar, showing holidays for our upcoming school year and the dates for Summer Intensive 2009.

On the back of the 2008-09 Schedule of Classes, you will find information on our tuition policies and rates.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Office at (707) 938-1424.

Warmest regards,

Patricia O'Reilly, ARAD
Artistic Director, Sonoma Ballet Conservatory

PLEASE NOTE: Class size is limited to 15 students (12 for Joy of Movement I).

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SPECIFIC INFORMATION FOR:

Joy of Movement I-III: Choose the one (1) class meeting time that is best for your family.

- Joy of Movement I meets Wednesday 2:00-2:30 p.m. OR Saturday 9:00-9:30 a.m.
- Joy of Movement II meets Wednesday 2:45-3:30 p.m. OR Saturday 9:40-10:25 a.m.
- Joy of Movement III meets Friday 2:45-3:30 p.m. OR Saturday 10:30-11:15 a.m.

Threshold: Choose the one (1) class meeting time that is best for your family. They may also attend Master Classes in Character, Drama, Flamenco, Jazz, Modern or other movement styles as appropriate (look for information in the Newsletters).

- Threshold meets Wednesday 3:30-4:30 p.m. OR Friday 3:30-4:30 p.m.

Elementary I: Choose the one (1) class meeting time that is best for your family. Students are encouraged but not required to attend both ballet classes per week, and they may also attend Master Classes in Character, Drama, Flamenco, Jazz, Modern or other movement styles as appropriate (look for information in the Newsletters).

- Elementary I meets Tuesday 4:00-5:15 p.m. AND/OR Thursday 4:00-5:15 p.m.

Elementary II: Students wishing to progress to pointe shoes in Intermediate I should attend both class meeting times each week. Elementary II students, particularly those interested in dancing professionally, should consider continuing to attend Elementary I classes for extra practice in addition to attending Master Classes in Character, Drama, Flamenco, Jazz, Modern or other movement styles (look for information in the Newsletters).

- Elementary II meets Monday 4:00-5:30 p.m. AND Wednesday 4:30-6:00 p.m.

Intermediate I: Students wishing to dance on pointe should attend all three (3) class meeting times each week. Intermediate I students, particularly those interested in dancing professionally, should consider continuing to attend Elementary II classes for extra practice (can be taken wearing pointe shoes with teacher approval) in addition to attending all scheduled Master Classes (look for information in the Newsletters) and joining Sonoma Ballet Theatre to gain additional performing experience at community events.

- Intermediate I meets Tuesday 5:30-7:00 p.m., Thursday 5:30-7:30 p.m. AND Friday 4:30-6:00 p.m.
- Sonoma Ballet Theatre rehearses Thursday 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Intermediate II: Students wishing to continue on pointe should attend all four (4) class meeting times each week. They may also consider enrolling in Variations (provided they attend the technique class on Wednesday 6:00-8:00 p.m.). Intermediate II students, particularly those interested in dancing professionally, should consider continuing to attend Intermediate I classes for extra practice (can be taken wearing pointe shoes with teacher approval) in addition to attending all scheduled Master Classes (look for information in the Newsletters) and joining Sonoma Ballet Theatre to gain additional performing experience at community events.

- Intermediate II meets Monday 5:30-7:15 p.m., Wednesday 6:00-8:00 p.m., Friday 6:00-7:30 p.m. AND Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Variations meets Wednesday 8:00-9:00 p.m.
- Sonoma Ballet Theatre rehearses Thursday 7:30-8:30 p.m.

Advanced: Students wishing to continue on pointe should attend a minimum of four (4) class meeting times each week. They may also consider enrolling in Variations (provided they attend the technique class on Wednesday 6:00-8:00 p.m.). Advanced students, particularly those interested in dancing professionally, should consider continuing to attend Intermediate II classes for extra practice (can be taken wearing pointe shoes with teacher approval) in addition to attending all scheduled Master Classes (look for information in the Newsletters) and joining Sonoma Ballet Theatre to gain additional performing experience at community events.

- Advanced meets Monday 7:15-9:00 p.m., Tuesday 7:00-8:30 p.m., Wednesday 6:00-8:00 p.m., Friday 7:30-9:00 AND Saturday 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m.
- Variations meets Wednesday 8:00-9:00 p.m.
- Sonoma Ballet Theatre rehearses Thursday 7:30-8:30 p.m.