

Mission Statement

For three decades, the mission of Ballet Westside has been to provide dance education to students in Northwest Arkansas in a manner that will not only enhance technical skills but also self-confidence. Our goal is to instill in our students principles of self-expression, discipline, passion and respect for themselves and others. These principles will be valuable in every student's life regardless of what career path he or she chooses. We are dedicated to helping all students reach their unique potential in a fun and safe environment.

Calendar

June 9th - Competition Team Auditions 5:30 pm
June 11th - Recital 1 at Arkansas Arts Academy 7:00 pm
June 12th - Recital 2 at Arkansas Arts Academy 2:00 pm
June 13th - June 24th - Summer Session I
June 30th - NWARDC Gems perform Walt Disney World
July 11th - July 22nd - Summer Session II
July 15th - Last Day for Early Enrollment Discount
July 25th - Aug 5th - Summer Session III
August 18th - Open House 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
August 29th - Fall Classes Begin
September 5th - Closed for Labor Day



Registration

Students enrolling before July 21st will receive a discounted enrollment fee of \$20.00 per student or \$35.00 per family (siblings). Registration fees after July 21st are \$25.00 per student or \$45.00 per family (siblings). This summer, we will have online registration available.

We're on the Web

Check us out on the internet! We have a web site for obtaining studio and recital information, newsletters, etc.

www.balletwestside.com

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Free Wi-Fi

Wi-Fi is available at the studio for your convenience. Complete work or browse the internet while you wait for your child.

Password: balletw1

Summer Classes

Ballet Westside's Summer Program is designed to introduce the beginner to some of the ideas and concepts of the main fall/spring sessions. It also gives the more accomplished student a chance to polish his or her skills.

Ballet Westside offers three different summer sessions. You may choose one, two, or all. Sessions will run two weeks and will meet Monday, Wednesday, and Friday. The cost is \$85.00 per session for 1 hour classes or if you have multiple sessions or siblings it is discounted at \$75.00 per session. Please call me if you need a special scheduling time. Students may split up their classes between sessions to accommodate vacation plans.

Classes offered for summer sessions include Ballet, Tap, and Tumbling for preschoolers; Ballet, Tap, Jazz combo, Jazz/Hip Hop, Ballet Technique, and Tap Technique classes for intermediate and advanced students.

The three sessions are as follows:

- Session 1: June 13th-24th
- Session 2: July 11th-22nd
- Session 3: July 25th-August 5th



Summer Session Class Schedule:

- 9:30-10:30: Ages 3-6 Beginner ballet/tap/tumbling
- 9:30-10:30: Intermediate/Advanced jazz/hip hop technique
- 10:30-11:30: Ages 5-9 Beginner/Intermediate ballet/tap/tumbling/some jazz
- 10:30-11:30: Ages 9-teen Intermediate/Advanced conditioning/contemporary/turns
- 11:30-12:30: Ages 11-teen Intermediate/Advanced ballet technique
- 11:30-12:30: Ages 8-teen Beginner/Intermediate jazz/hip hop technique
- 12:30-1:30: Ages 8-teen Beginner/Intermediate ballet technique
- 1:30-2:30: Ages 8-teen Beginner/Intermediate conditioning/turns/lyrical technique
- 2:30-3:30: Ages 8-teen Beginner/Intermediate tap technique
- 5:30-6:30: Ages 3-7 Begging ballet/tap/tumbling
- 5:30-6:30: Ages 4-9 Beginner/Intermediate jazz/hip hop
- 6:30-7:30: Ages 11-teen: Intermediate/Advanced jazz/hip hop
- 7:30-8:30: Ages 11-17: Intermediate/Advanced ballet technique

August 1st-12th (M/W/F) taught by Kelsey Byrd

- 6:30-7:30 pm Intermediate/Advanced Tap

Additional classes may become available, based on enrollment demands. Class times are subject to change according to enrollment and availability for each session.

Fall Enrollment

There will be no specific enrollment dates at the studio this year. Parents may enroll their children any time during the summer when the studio is open. Please call the studio for hours of operation. A fall class schedule will be available in July.



About the Director

Dorothy Taylor has owned and operated Ballet Westside in Rogers for 37 years. She is originally from Joplin, MO, where she studied dance for 15 years. She was principal dancer for the Joplin Dance Company and won numerous awards for her talent. She holds 5 grades in Cecchetti training as a student and her Associate III level in teaching. She is a past member of the Cecchetti Council of America and regularly attends classes at Dance Olympus and other dance seminars to further her training and teaching abilities. She recently choreographed the Walmart/Con-Agra music video for their Facebook page and the 2012 Walmart Year Beginning Meeting. She has also been a consultant to Disneyland and Disney Special Events of Anaheim, CA. Her students have won top awards at dance competitions held in Kansas City, Tulsa, Branson, Little Rock, Las Vegas, New York City, and Orlando. Awards include Best Overall Choreography, Presentation, Precision, Costuming, Overall Grand Champion, and 1st, 2nd, 3rd, & 4th runner up to Grand Champion. Her students have performed with dancers from Disney Special Events, toured with Dance Olympus as VIPs, performed at the Magic Kingdom and Epcot Center in the Walt Disney World Resort. Former students have been accepted into OCU's prestigious dance department, University of Arkansas's Razorback Dance Team, Miami Dolphins Cheerleader, the American Spirit Dance Company, danced for Carnival Cruise Lines, have been in the traveling Broadway shows Bring It On, Saturday Night Fever, Grease, "Sonny" on Fox TV's Grease Live and "King George" in Hamilton in Chicago. Many of her former students are now studio owners and teachers at area studios.



Instructors for 2022/2023

Jessica Jacobson - a dancer at Ballet Westside for 13 years and was a member of the performing company for 8 years. She has won numerous awards for duets and group dances at competitions. She was a member of the Rogers varsity dance team. She was a 2014 Dancer of the year finalist at Dance Olympus in Orlando. Her tap solo placed 5th out of 12 competitors in the senior tap category. Jessica will be teaching tap, jazz, and cheer/pom.

Caroline Dial - has taught dancers of every age for the past two years at Ballet Westside. She has also been a choreographer and teacher for the NWARDC gems competition team. In her short time teaching she has won numerous awards for her dances in the heels, modern, and cheer/pom categories. She was also a member of the Northwest Arkansas Regional Dance Company competition team for 5 years and won many awards herself for group dances as well as for her musical theatre/heels solos. Caroline was also a member of the Rogers High School Dance team for four years, the RHS competition team for two years, and Co-Captain her senior year.

Megan Gaile - dancer at Ballet Westside for 14 years and a member of the performing company for 7 years. She has won awards for solos and group dances. She was a member of the RHS Mountie Royals dance team for 3 years where she performed and competed at competitions, games, and events. She was selected as communications officer for the school dance team her senior year.

Kelsey Byrd - was a student at Ballet Westside for seven years, she is currently a Dance & Arts Management major at the prestigious Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Entertainment at Oklahoma City University. She competed and performed at a local, regional, and national level with Ballet Westside and Northwest Arkansas Regional Dance Company. Kelsey has won numerous awards for solos and group dances at these competitions. Kelsey has also been a part of the Star Dancers virtual shows directed by Jo Rowan. She has taught all ages of students at Ballet Westside, choreographed for the Northwest Arkansas Regional Dance Company, and been a choreographer's assistant.

Karahlyn Ker - starting her 12th year as a dancer at Ballet Westside. She has also been a member of the Performing Competition Team and Northwest Arkansas Regional Dance Company for 8 years. She has won numerous awards in solos and group dances while competing at regional and national levels. She has studied dance at Arkansas Arts Academy where she was awarded Gold for Level 7 of the American Academy of Ballet Performance Awards and was the recipient of the Mignon Furman Award Scholarship. Karahlyn is a member of the Heritage Varsity Dance Team since her Freshman year and was awarded All-American Dancer.



Ballet Westside Dance Studio 2022 Summer



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