

## 2021/22 Handbook

### Fundamental A/B

### Level IA/IB



**Welcome** to the Performing Arts Program at Ballare Teatro Performing Arts Center. We are so happy to have you with us this year and look forward to a great year of dance. This brochure is intended to give you a snapshot of what to expect this year in class and let you know what our expectations are as well.

**Communication** In any learning situation, communication is the key to a great experience. At Ballare Teatro we want parents to feel in the loop of the learning that goes on in the studio. We have windows on the doors of each studio space so you can observe the classroom at any time. You will notice as you observe classes that our instructors are professionals who truly love what they do. If you are watching and notice that your child is distracted by seeing you (or a younger sibling), we ask that you step away or be more discrete so your child can focus on class. If there is ever an issue in class, your dancer's instructor will make sure you are aware of it and work with you and your dancer to make the learning process positive. If you have concerns about what is going on in class, please know that your dancer's instructor would be happy to have a conversation with you. We have two family visitation weeks where you can attend class via zoom. The links will be available in the resources section of Jackrabbit. Feel free to share the meeting with family and friends. All family members are welcome on these days.

**Newsletter** You should be receiving a monthly Constant Contact newsletter in your e-mail inbox. If you have not received any communication to date, please stop by the front desk to double check that we have your information in our databases. These include Jackrabbit and Constant Contact.

**Bulletin Boards** We update our bulletin boards regularly with info on upcoming events, important classroom information, etc. Check them out!

- **Facebook** <https://www.facebook.com/BallareTeatroPAC>
- **Twitter** <https://twitter.com/BallareTeatro>
- **Instagram** @ballareteatro

Ann has the studio phone forwarded to her cell phone. She is always happy to talk you! She will contact Mia if there is ever anything you need when she is not at the studio. Otherwise, e-mail is the best way to communicate with us! E-mail Ann at [ann@ballareteatro.com](mailto:ann@ballareteatro.com). Our administrative e-mail is [ballaret12@gmail.com](mailto:ballaret12@gmail.com). Please let us know about questions or concerns you may have.

**Classroom expectations** Our expectation is that dancers are on time, dressed

appropriately, and committed to their dance education. We expect our dancers to respect themselves, the other dancers, the classroom and the instructor. What you can expect from us is a nurturing environment where your dancer is given the tools they need to build their technique, confidence, creativity and ability.

**Attire** Dancers in Fundamental A/B and Level IA/B should come dressed to dance. Dancers that identify as female need a plain, black or solid color tank leotard, pink or skin toned tights, plain black leggings, pink leather ballet shoes and black 'strappy' tap shoes (not shiny, with a buckle). Dancers that identify as male need black leather ballet shoes, black tap oxfords, black sweats and a plain white or black t-shirt. Dancers who identify as non-binary may choose to wear either a plain black or solid color, leotard, pink or skin toned tights, plain black leggings, black sweats, and a plain white or black t-shirt, pink or black leather ballet shoes, matte black strappy tap shoes (with a buckle) or black tap oxfords. When it gets colder, dancers may wear a sweater in class until they get warm. Dancers may bring a water bottle. The water bottle filler function is still being utilized.

Please secure your dancer's hair back before class; buns and ponytails are great for longer hair; and for shorter hair half ponytails, pigtails, headbands/clips work well too.

**Health Screening Checklists** Please fill these out by 3 pm (weekday); 8 am (Saturday); or Noon (Sunday). We have been allowing people to fill out the health screenings at the door these first few weeks, but we will be turning you away if we haven't received the form. If you don't fill it out we will see your dancer on Zoom!

**Covid Protocols** Everyone entering the building must be masked. If you have forgotten your mask, we have child and adult sized masks at the front door. Please use hand sanitizer upon entering.

- **What if I test positive for Covid?** If you test positive for Covid, you need to dance virtually for 14 days and have a negative covid test prior to returning to class.
- **What if I have been a close contact of someone who tested positive for Covid?** The protocols are different depending on if you are vaccinated or unvaccinated.
- **If you are vaccinated** If you were exposed you need to dance virtually and receive a negative covid test 5 days after exposure. Once you receive the negative test results, you may return to class.
- **If you are unvaccinated** If you were exposed, you need to dance virtually for 14 days, 10 days with a negative covid test.
- If someone from your family was exposed, you need to dance virtually until they receive their negative covid test. If their test comes back positive, you need to dance virtually for 14 days, or 10 days with a negative covid test.
- **What if someone in my class tests positive for Covid?** If someone in your class tests positive within 24-48 hours of being in class, we will teach the class virtually for 14 days. All of the Ballare instructors and staff are fully vaccinated. Your instructor will teach class from their home until they receive a negative test result 5 days after exposure.

**Attendance** As in any learning situation, you get out of it what you put into it. You need to be present to learn. Absenteeism slows down the learning process for everyone. Please make your dance education a priority. However, if your dancer is showing any signs of illness, please keep

them home.

If your dancer is dancing from home for any reason, it is very important for them to keep their camera on. If the instructor can't see what they are doing, it is difficult to move the technique forward. It is also important that the dancers put their phones or any distractions away. We know that for many of you the device they will be using for class may be in a high traffic area. Please do your best to help your dancer focus.

**Isabella Saves the World**—We are very excited (and hopeful) to be presenting our original ballet, *Isabella Saves the World* in March of 2022! Dancers in Fundamental B-Level V get to participate in this performance. There are two shows, 1 pm and 4 pm. Dancers in Fundamental B/IA/IB will only be in one of these performances. Dancers in many classes have already begun learning choreography for the show in class. There will be some outside rehearsals:

- February 26 @ 3pm, 1pm show – Location TBD
- February 26 @ 5:30 pm, 4pm show – Location TBD
- March 4 @ 5:30 pm, 1 pm show (spacing rehearsal) – Minnehaha Academy North Campus
- March 4 @ 7:30 pm, 4 pm show (spacing rehearsal) - Minnehaha Academy North Campus
- March 10 @ 5:30, 1 pm show (dress rehearsal) – Minnehaha Academy North Campus
- March 11 @ 5:30, 4 pm show (dress rehearsal) – Minnehaha Academy North Campus

Unlike the end of year concert, we provide all costuming for this show. Your female dancer will need to wear their plain, black, tank leotard underneath the costumes. You will need to provide your own tights (pink or flesh toned). Dancers that identify male will need to wear their underwear and an undershirt under their costumes, and may need to have dance pants or leggings. Dancers that identify non-binary need to choose to wear a plain, black, tank leotard, tights (pink or flesh toned), underwear or an undershirt.

**End of Year Concert** Dancers in these levels perform in our end of year concert. This takes place at Minnehaha Academy North Campus on Saturday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at Noon or 3:30pm. Dress rehearsals will be June 8-10 from 5-9:30 pm. Your dancer will only need to be at the portion of dress rehearsal which they are scheduled, which could be any time during the hours listed. We keep the times earlier for the fundamental/level I dancers. Monday classes WILL have class on June 6. The rest of the week we will have no classes, just dress rehearsal. We will let you know the exact schedule in March. Costumes cost \$75 for a CS/CM; \$85 for a CL large; \$95 for a child XL. This includes tights for the recital. We order costumes now so that we have them in time for pictures in May. Dancers in these levels order ONE costume but do TWO dances (ballet and tap). We use the required dancewear to spice up show (ie. dancers may wear the costume leotard and tutu for ballet, and then the leotard and black pants for tap).

**A note about parking** We love it when you park and come into the studio! We prefer it to the drop and run method. We know that parking on the street can be difficult. There are a few things we need you to keep in mind: 1. Please do not block the alley. Cars need to be 5 feet from the alley on both sides. 2. Please park 30 feet from the stop sign. 3. Please do not pull over and drop

your child out at the stop sign as this backs up traffic on 43rd for those who are not patronizing the studio. Likewise, don't pull over on the corner across 43rd street as people who are turning are not expecting someone to be randomly stopped at the corner. This is a very busy intersection with no posted crosswalk, and we want you and your dancers to be safe when crossing the street. No dancer should be crossing the street unattended.

**Winter Weather Closing** If Minneapolis Public Schools close because of weather, or cancel after school activities due to winter weather, then we will be closed. We will post on Facebook, Twitter, the website, and voice mail by 3 pm. If there is time, we will also send an e-mail. If the weather is bad enough, we might not be able to get to the studio to post something on the door, so please check these places. Thanks to the pandemic, we now are able to hold these classes on Zoom!

**Discontinuing Class** If you need to discontinue class for any reason, you need to let us know in writing by the 15th of the month prior to leaving. Please e-mail Ann at [ann@ballareteatro.com](mailto:ann@ballareteatro.com) to discontinue class. If you let us know after the 15th, you will be responsible for the following month's tuition, but you won't be charged after that.

As always, if you ever have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to **contact Ann Williams, Director, (studio ) 612-721-8619, (cell) 612-267-1766, (e-mail) at [ann@ballareteatro.com](mailto:ann@ballareteatro.com)**. We are so thankful that you have chosen Ballare Teatro Performing Arts Center for your child's dance education. We are looking forward to a great year!

## **Important Dates**

### **October**

October 1-30 Simpls Fundraiser

October 12-18 Parent Info Days!

October 31 Halloween—classes cancelled after 4:45

### **November**

November 22 Monday classes DO happen

November 23-28 Studio closed for Thanksgiving

### **December**

December 13-19 Family Visitation via Zoom

December 20 Winter Break begins

### **January**

January 3 Classes resume

January 17 MLK WE DO HAVE CLASS

## February

February 1 – registration for summer session opens

February 21 Presidents Day WE DO HAVE CLASS

## March

March 12 Isabella Saves the World—a great performance for all ages to see!

March 21-27 Family Visitation via Zoom

## April

April 2-11 Spring Break

## May

Picture day TBD

28-30 Memorial Day no class

## June

### June 1 – 2022/23 dance registration opens

June 6 Last day of class

June 8,9,10 Dress Rehearsals at Minnehaha Academy North Campus – Schedule shared at March visitation

June 10 Creative Dance Show—Minnehaha Academy North Campus 5 pm

June 11 End of Year Concerts Noon or 3:30 pm. *\*We encourage dancers to come to the 6:30 pm Showcase of the upper level dancers to see what they have to look forward to if they continue dancing!*

June 20 Summer session begins. Summer session will run through July 29 and classes will be once/week as they are during the year.

