

Académie de Ballet History

Académie de Ballet & Dance Center was founded thirty years ago by Arnora and David Hummel. The school has expanded from a small, one-room studio to a spacious facility in Chesapeake, Virginia. Mrs. Hummel is the Executive Director of Masterworks- our non-profit, resident performing arts company. Melissa Moore is the studio Manager and Administrator. We hope that your dance experience with Académie de Ballet will be positive – physically, mentally, emotionally and spiritually.

Académie de Ballet School

Students receive training in ballet, pointe, adagio, tap, jazz, lyrical, contemporary, hip-hop, and acrobatics/tumbling. Students are placed into a level (for up to three years) according to their abilities, and promoted at their own pace. Ballet students who have achieved Level 2 or higher are encouraged to take two classes per week.

Masterworks – Académie de Ballet’s Company

Masterworks is a non-profit performing arts company whose vision is to both restore all types of performing arts to their original respect for God, and to boldly and without shame dramatize God’s love and His call to righteousness to audiences of all ages. Masterworks is primarily made up of our advanced Académie students and others who audition for entrance to the Company. Original works such as *Storyland Christmas*, *The Christmas Gift*, *Hadassah* (the story of Esther), *Lily and the Gypsies* (a girl saved from the occult), and *The Eternal Covenant* (God’s promises to Israel) are performed locally and televised abroad.

Académie de Ballet –Winter /Spring 2021 Schedule

Easter/Spring Break closure April 2-8, 2021 Picture Week (during class) TBD
Memorial Day closure May 29-31, 2021
June 25, 2021- Dress rehearsal Day ***** June 26, 2021-Spring Recital Day

Académie de Ballet School Dress Code & Rules

Tattoos & body piercings (except pierced ears on females) must be covered while attending classes and at all ADB/Masterworks performances (teachers and all students)

Ballet – Females

Hair must be secured in a bun, if possible. Hair must be pulled back out of the face and off of the neck. No skirts or jewelry allowed. Tights not allowed on outside of leotard.

Levels S.S. through 3 must wear black leotards, pink or skintone tights, and pink or skintone ballet shoes.

Levels 3/ 4 -6 may wear dark, solid colored leotards, pink or skintone tights and pink or skintone shoes. Leotards must be modest, no low necklines or plunging backs.

Ballet – Males: White T-shirt, black shorts, black tights and white or black ballet shoes.

Tap, Lyrical, Hip-Hop, Acro & Jazz-

Leotards must be worn-with tights, choice of biker shorts or fitted Capri pants. Hair must be pulled back out of the face and off of the neck. Acro & Tumbling- Any color leotard with #1-long bike shorts and tights or #2-leggings with Black Acrobatics shoes.

Académie de Ballet General Policies

1. Class Size requirements: Classes with less than 6 students on February 1st, 2021st are subject to cancellation.
2. Tuition payments are due by the 7th of each month. A \$10 late fee will be added to overdue accounts. Students with a two-month outstanding balance will not be permitted to take class until the account is current. All accounts must be paid in full to participate in the Spring Rehearsal & Recital. TUITION IS NON-REFUNDABLE.
3. Session tuition rates can be pro-rated in 6 equal payments (January – June). Each installment is due regardless of the length of the month. Our rate schedule reflects a percentage discount for adding multiple classes for immediate family members. No further discounts can be given. Tuition is for group classes. If less than 3 students come to class- the lesson will be shorter to reflect a semi-private or private rate.
4. Returned Checks – A \$25 fee will be charged for returned checks. We will not accept checks after an account has been charged for 2 returned checks.
5. Make-up classes for missed classes must be made within four weeks in the same level, or lower.
6. Costumes can be paid for anytime between October 15th, 2020 and February 1st, 2021. A deposit of \$25 per recital class must be paid before December 15, 2020. Balances of \$50 for each recital class costume must be paid for in full by February 1st, 2021 all classes - \$75. We will NOT order costumes for students that have not paid a deposit by December 15, 2020. Costumes ordered late, if available, will have a \$25 shipping/handling fee added. COSTUMES ARE NON- REFUNDABLE.
7. Pictures will be taken at a date TBD. Payment is made directly to *Hampton Roads Photography* on Picture Day.
8. Attendance – Students should arrive no more than 5 minutes early, and be picked up promptly after class. Unattended students, siblings and guests are not allowed in the studio at anytime. Please do not leave children at the studio outside of class time while you run errands. (*The Académie cannot assume responsibility.*)
9. Withdrawals – One month’s written notice must be given students who move or withdraw. No withdrawals are permitted after February 1, 2021 without paying a \$200 withdrawal fee. (*Special cases considered*) (Add/drop classes on 1st of month only.)
10. Age requirements – Age on January 1, 2021 determines class eligibility. Students must be fully toilet trained and have their third birthday prior 1/1/21.
11. Spring Performance- There is a \$40 per family Recital fee due before April 1, 2021 to help offset costs of the production. – Location TBD, times subject to change
Friday, June 25th Rehearsal Saturday, June 26th Recital
12. A Non-refundable Session Registration/Administrative Fee (due at registration) will hold your class spot: First student: \$65, each additional family member student \$20. Classes are available on a first come-first served basis. Please have a second choice available when registering.
Registration must be in person. No online or telephone registration is available.

