

Bayer Ballet Academy

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2010–2011 Parent/Student Handbook

Goals and Objectives

- a. To provide students an opportunity to partake in the magical art of dance.
- b. To build confidence and self-esteem in each student.
- c. To help develop an ability to define a goal and achieve it.
- d. To help accomplish a meaningful experience of fulfillment and self realization through dedication and perseverance.
- e. To help attain a refined and personal aesthetic outlook.
- f. To create an inspired and professional atmosphere for students with talent and desire to learn the art of dance.

Dear Students and Parents,

My name is Inna Bayer and I want to welcome you to my school. I opened my school in the belief that all children can learn to dance. In learning to dance they can share and appreciate beauty, culture and art. By enriching a child's world, we open it up to be a joyful place. I hope all children will have the opportunity to work hard and celebrate whatever success they are capable of and learn that with diligence comes achievement—an invaluable life lesson.

For children with the goal of a professional career my school offers excellent ballet education with great attention to detail that will serve as an ideal foundation for an adult dancer.

Sincerely,

Inna Bayer
Artistic Director

Bayer Ballet Academy Programs

Elementary Program

This is where children begin to study ballet. All of the classes are taught with the integrity of a class aimed at the pre-professional level. All who study at the Bayer Ballet Academy are given the caliber of training to prepare them for more devoted training.

Children who do not have an interest in pursuing a career in dance will still enjoy the fun, discipline and artistry of ballet during their classes.

Performance Program—Starting at Level I

As children progress they may achieve the Performance Program Level. This Level provides additional opportunities for performance. With this privilege comes the responsibility of attendance. Students invited to be in the program must attend required and additional classes per week, depending on their level of ability. There will be no exceptions to this rule. Students who take less than the minimum classes required for the Performance Program will still be able to dance in their annual class showcase.

Bayer Ballet Academy Policies

These policies apply to all students.

Classes

All classes are to be conducted in closed studios for the benefit of the students. Parents are not allowed to be in class; however, classes will be open for observation only during designated time at the discretion of the instructor.

- a. Students will attend all regularly scheduled classes unless ill or other teacher approved absence.
- b. If a student is not able to be present for class, she is required to notify the teacher prior to noon of the day of class.
- c. Attendance records will be taken in every class and a permanent record will be kept in the office.
- d. Students will be on time for class with hair and clothes done appropriately as instructed. Parents and students are expected to observe class etiquette, and be polite and cooperative.

Rehearsals

Students will attend all scheduled rehearsals in the school and/or at the location where performances are to be held. Absences will not be tolerated except in the event of the most urgent personal emergency.

- a. Failure to be present for rehearsals shall be reason for suspension for performance.
- b. Parents and students are expected to cooperate in every way to make the classes and productions polished and professional. Any misbehavior or misconduct deemed inappropriate may be cause for expulsion from the school.
- c. Participation fees cover theatre rental and equipment rental costs as well as publicity and additional administrative expenses.

Expenses

Each student (and her parent or guardian) will be responsible for expenses incurred in the recital and other performances.

1. Costumes: \$50-\$100 each (maximum \$300)
2. Costume & participation fee are non-refundable
3. Tickets to the Recital or other performances
4. Participation Fee (June 2011)— payment due with April tuition \$95.

Holidays

See 2010/11 calendar for schedule.

Note: Students involved in performances are required to attend rehearsals if scheduled during breaks.

Dress Code for Dance Classes

Children will wear appropriate shoes. Girls will have hair tidy in bun or pony tail.

No jewelry should be worn or brought to class and the school will not be responsible for lost or stolen items.

Levels	Girls	Boys
Pre-Ballet 1-4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pink Leotard—Camisole style preferred - Attached or Detached Pink Skirt - Pink Leather Ballet Shoes - Pink Tights/White Socks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Black Shorts or Pants -White Fitted Shirt -White Leather Ballet Shoes -White Socks
Pre-Ballet 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Light Blue Leotard -Detached Light Blue Skirt - Pink Leather Ballet Shoes - Pink Tights/White Socks 	
Level I	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - White Leotard—Camisole style - Detached White Skirt -Pink Leather Ballet Shoes -Pink Tights/White Socks 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Black Shorts -White Fitted Shirt -White Leather Ballet Shoes -White Socks
Level II	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lilac Leotard—Camisole style - Detached Pale Lilac Skirt -Pink Canvas Ballet Shoes -Pointe Shoes -Pink Tights -Black Character Shoes 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Black Shorts -White Fitted Shirt -White Canvas Ballet Shoes -White Socks
Level III	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Burgundy Leotard—Princess cut - Wrap-Around Burgundy Skirt -Pink Canvas Ballet Shoes with Ribbons -Pointe Shoes -Pink Tights -Black Character Shoes -Black Character Skirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Black Tights -White Fitted Shirt -White Canvas Ballet Shoes -White Socks -Black Character Shoes
Level IV	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Teal Leotard—Princess cut - Wrap-Around Black Skirt -Pink Canvas Ballet Shoes with Ribbons -Pointe Shoes -Pink Tights -Black Character Shoes -Black Character Skirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Black Tights -White Fitted Shirt -White Canvas Ballet Shoes -White Socks -Black Character Shoes
Level V	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Royal Blue Leotard—Princess cut - Wrap-Around Royal Blue Skirt -Pink Canvas Ballet Shoes with Ribbons -Pointe Shoes -Pink Tights -Black Character Shoes -Black Character Skirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Black Tights -White Fitted Shirt -White Canvas Ballet Shoes -White Socks -Black Character Shoes
Level VI	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Black Leotard—Princess cut - Wrap-Around Black Skirt -Pink Canvas Ballet Shoes with Ribbons -Pointe Shoes -Pink Tights -Black Character Shoes -Black Character Skirt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Black Tights -White Fitted Shirt -White Canvas Ballet Shoes -White Socks -Black Character Shoes

Tuition Policies for 2010-2011

- I. BBA students register for 10-month training program starting:
Classes begin September 13th through June 19th.
- II. Tuition is due by the 10th of the month. Late tuition is subject to a \$20 late fee, \$20 returned checks.
- III. Parents are responsible for tuition regardless of attendance. Illness or vacations do not excuse tuition payment.
- IV. A student will not be given a refund for classes missed. A student who fails to continue with the program for whatever reason is responsible for paying the last month attended.
- V. Make-up classes must be taken within 30 days of the absence and are given for illness or emergency only. Make-up classes must be scheduled with the front desk.
- VI. Prorating is only applied to entering new students in the middle of a month. Classes will be prorated at \$20 per class. Classes missed due to extended vacation or illness cannot be prorated.
- VII. Registration and tuition fees are non-refundable.
- VIII. Tuition for 2010–2011 School Year (10 Months) Sep 13th, 2010—June 19th, 2011

Plan I:

Monthly Tuition

1 class x a week	- \$90
2 class x a week	- \$162
3 class x a week	- \$218
4 class x a week	- \$269
5 class x a week	- \$314
6 class x a week	- \$345
7 class x a week	- \$365
8 class x a week	- \$385
9 class x a week	- \$405
10 class x a week	- \$425
11 class x a week	- \$445

Plan II: Two Semesters:

First Semester: Sep 13th–Jan 31st

Second Semester Feb 1st–June 20th

1 class x a week	- \$425
2 class x a week	- \$785
3 class x a week	- \$1065
4 class x a week	- \$1320
5 class x a week	- \$1545
6 class x a week	- \$1700
7 class x a week	- \$1800
8 class x a week	- \$1900
9 class x a week	- \$2000
10 class x a week	- \$2100
11 class x a week	- \$2200

Plan III:

10 Month Tuition Paid Due Sep 18 2010

1 class x a week	- \$825
2 class x a week	- \$1545
3 class x a week	- \$2105
4 class x a week	- \$2615
5 class x a week	- \$3065
6 class x a week	- \$3375
7 class x a week	- \$3575
8 class x a week	- \$3775
9 class x a week	- \$3975
10 class x a week	- \$4175
11 class x a week	- \$4375

Registration Fee:

Returning students \$75

New students \$125

For families with more than one child enrolled, a 10% discount is applied to the tuition of every additional child.

Private Lessons:

For students registered with BBA, taking the group classes and selected to perform in our shows:

1 hour 30 min - \$105
1 hour - \$75
45 min - \$60
30 min - \$40

For students not registered with BBA:

1 hour 30 min - \$150
1 hour - \$100
45 min - \$75
30 min - \$50

Private lessons must be paid for in advance. There is a 24 hour cancellation notice.

Private lessons fees are non-refundable.

Private Lesson with Ms. Bayer – above current fee schedule.

New Fee Schedule for Teachers (NOT Ms. Bayer)

Teachers:

Private Lessons

\$50 per hour
\$45 per 45 min
\$30 per 30 min

All fees are based on the full tuition and are not dependent on the number of classes per month.

Registration & tuition fees are non-refundable.

- IX. Non-Payment of Tuition School at its discretion may dismiss any student if her tuition is not paid by the last day of the month that it is due. No student will be allowed to participate in any rehearsals, recitals and competitions if their tuition is overdue.
 - X. Promotions and/or Level Assignment are decided only by the school teachers and is not a subject for contests and/or discussions by parents and/or students.
 - XI. Administrative Questions are not to be discussed during the regular class hours. Any questions must be addressed after hours by appointment only scheduled at (650) 988-9971 or by e-mailing to inna@bayerballetacademy.com
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We hope this policy will help to avoid any misunderstandings which may occur.

Your signature below indicates that you have read and understand the school policy.

Parent's Name (please print): _____

Signed: _____

Date _____

BBA Calendar of Events for 2010–2011 (subject to change)

September 6 (Mon).....	Labor Day Holiday
September 13 (Tues).....	classes begin 1st semester payment due
September 12 (Sun).....	Parent Orientation 5:30 pm
October 24 (Sun).....	Boys Audition 10am–12pm
October 24 (Sun).....	Open House 1pm–5pm (after boy auditions)
October 30 (Sat).....	Halloween Dance-a-thon Fall Fundraiser 5:30–9:30pm
November 14 (Sun).....	Parent Performance Meeting 5:30–6:30pm
November 25–26 (Thu/Fri).....	Thanksgiving Break Note: show rehearsals will continue 11/27 & 28
December 18–19 (Sat/Sun).....	Winter Performance—A Winter’s Tale (MVCPA)
December 24–January 3.....	Winter Break
January 8 (Sat).....	Pre-ballet 1–4 Open Classes—New Year Celebration
January 9 (Sun).....	Master Class with Amparo Brito
January 17 (Mon).....	Martin Luther King Jr. Day—school closed
February 1.....	2nd semester payment due
February 21 (Mon).....	Presidents Day—school closed
February 26 (Sat).....	Open Class
March 5 (Sat).....	Summer Intensive Auditions
April 1 (Fri).....	Summer Intensive Registration Due
April 15–16 (Fri/Sat).....	Spring Break Note: Levels II–V Show participants may still rehearse
April 30 (Fri).....	Dance Week/Open House Observation & Free Trial classes
May 1(Sun).....	May & June payments due
May 7–8 (Sat/Sun).....	Master Class with Jean Paul Comelin, open to advanced students from any ballet school. Saturday 2–4 pm, Sunday 1–3 pm
May 15 (Sun).....	BBC performs at Russian American Fair, JCC, Palo Alto
May 30 (Mon).....	Memorial Day—school closed Note: Show participants may still rehearse
June 5 (Sat).....	Summer Intensive Full Tuition Due
June 12 (Sun).....	Summer Performance (Menlo-Atherton Performing Arts Center, Menlo Park)
June 19 (Sun).....	Class Showcase (in studio)—end of term
July 5	summer schedule begins weekday and Saturday classes continue
July 18–August 12	Summer Intensive

Semesters: Sept 13th–Jan 31st

Feb 1st–June 19th