

Ballet Expressenz is a pre-professional ballet company for dancers ages 5-18 years old. The purpose of the company is to develop the technical and artistic skills required for dancers preparing for college or a career in the performing arts.

Ballet Expressenz will present a yearly ballet performance featuring classical and contemporary works. Admission into the company is by audition only.

Agreement:

- Students must attend all company rehearsals and technique classes.
- Students must be enrolled in at least the minimum required technique classes (TI level classes).
- Students are required to participate in all performance and community events.
- Dancers who participate in the NZ Dance Company must also participate in Ballet Expressenz.

Commitment: Ballet Expressenz participants are required to participate from August 2023 through May 2024. This is a serious commitment and will not be taken lightly. Participants are expected to fulfill this commitment. All students and their parents will be required to sign a parent/student agreement. Any violation of this handbook/commitment/contract may result in the dancer's immediate removal from the Ballet Expressenz. If a dancer quits Ballet Expressenz mid-season, said dancer is never allowed into Ballet Expressenz again, unless special circumstance, which is approved beforehand by the director. Karla has the right to dismiss a dancer/family from Expressenz Dance Center for any reason at any time. Your commitment to this program means you will respect all teachers and teammates at all times. We will not tolerate racism, inappropriate and unkind social media posts (private or public), or bullying of any kind. If said dancer/family were to be dismissed or quits, no refunds will be given to said dancer/family.

Attendance: Attendance is mandatory for all **BNZ** classes. Rehearsals and classes are extremely important! When it comes to school and family activities you will find Expressenz Dance Center to be accommodating and flexible. However, by accepting placement in this program, you have agreed that this is a priority in your schedule.

Missed classes for any reason other than illness or emergency must be cleared personally through Karla. Dancers are not allowed to come into the studio while sick. If a teacher believes they are ill, they will be sent home. Dancers will not be allowed to come in "to watch" if ill. Dancers are only required to come in "to watch" if they are injured. In addition, dancers are only allowed 2 unexcused absences in a year. Student absences will be recorded, and any ballet/ jazz/ tap/ technique/ conditioning/ stretch missed must be made up as best as possible. Being a well-rounded individual is important, and we support students pursuing other activities. However, when it comes to participation in Ballet Expressenz, skills are constantly being taught....students must be present!

Injuries: We realize that injuries happen. Please be sure to notify Karla immediately when an injury occurs. As soon as possible, provide proper documentation such as a doctor's note, physical therapy directions, etc to Expressenz Staff. Note that injured dancers are expected to attend all rehearsals and classes unless specified by Karla, Expressenz Director. Please note that no refunds or credits will be given during the time a dancer is required to sit-out/observe due to an injury. When a dancer must sit out while healing, it can be a very valuable time for them to gain new insight into their technique.

Rehearsals: Ballet Expressenz will have occasional mandatory rehearsals on Friday, Saturday, and/or Sunday.

Performance Opportunities:

- Youth American Grand Prix—by invitation only
- December Ballet Production (Nutcracker)

Class Requirements and Fees:

- Being in a program such as this requires a certain financial commitment
- Registration fee \$75 (\$35 for additional dancers in the same immediate family)
- Base fee for Ballet Expressenz (including Ballet Expressenz program dues and required technique classes)

Payment for classes is due on the first of every month. **Any payment for classes made after the 7th will be assessed a late charge of \$25.00.**

TI1 level:

- \$245 a month (family discount \$240 for second dancer and \$235 for third + dancer)

Includes: 2 ballet technique classes, jazz technique/stretch, conditioning, & BNZ program dues

Additional monthly fees include:

- Any additional classes cost \$40.00 each per month
- Optional tap technique class (additional class fees apply)

T12 level:

- \$245 a month (family discount \$240 for second dancer and \$235 for third + dancer)

Includes: 2 ballet technique classes, jazz technique/stretch, conditioning, & BNZ program dues

Additional monthly fees include:

- Any additional classes cost \$40.00 each per month.
- Optional T1 2 Contemporary Class (additional class fees apply)
- Optional tap technique class (additional class fees apply)

T13-T14 level:

- \$295 a month (family discount \$290 for second dancer and \$285 for third + dancer)

Includes: 3 ballet technique classes, pre-pointe/pointe classes, contemporary technique, jazz technique/stretch, conditioning, & BNZ program dues

Additional monthly fees include:

- Any additional classes cost \$40.00 each per month.
- Optional tap technique class (additional class fees apply)

T15 level:

- \$310 a month (family discount \$305 for second dancer and \$300 for third + dancer)

Includes: 3 ballet technique classes, pointe classes, contemporary technique, jazz technique/stretch, conditioning, & BNZ program dues

Additional monthly fees include:

- \$50 per month for specialty ballet with Butler professors (only applies to some)
- Any additional classes cost \$40.00 each per month.
- Optional tap technique class (additional class fees apply)

T16-T18 level:

- \$335 a month (family discount \$330 for second dancer and \$325 for third+ dancer)

Includes: 3 ballet technique classes, pointe classes, modern, contemporary technique, jazz technique/stretch, conditioning, & BNZ program dues

Additional monthly fees include:

- \$50 per month for specialty ballet with Butler professors (only applies to some)
- Any additional classes cost \$40.00 each per month.
- Optional tap technique class (additional class fees apply)

NZ TapZ: NZ TapZ is an additional \$45 a month, and NZ TapZ juniorZ is an additional \$30

YAGP: Please note there will be a \$5.00 administrative processing fee placed on each entry for YAGP events.

Technique Privates: Lessons cost \$45.00 a ½ hour.

Technique Semi- Privates (Privates with 2 dancers): Lessons cost \$60.00 a ½ hour.

Nutcracker Participation fee: All Ballet Expressenz members are required to pay the fee when due (\$125)

Tights: All dancers are required to purchase their tights through the studio for the December Ballet Production.

Costumes: December Ballet Production sometimes requires the cost of a separate leotard and/or costume (estimated price range is \$25-\$85 before sales tax).

El Toro Weights: All Ballet Expressenz dancers TI 3 & up are required to purchase El Toro Training Speedwraps. These weights can be found online at www.eltorotraining.com. We recommend 1.5-pound weights. Please use the discount code EXPRESSENZ15 to save money on ankle weight.

Optional Convention/Competitions: Ballet Expressenz dancers have the option to attend convention/competitions with The NZ Dance Company. Please notify the studio 90 days in advance if you would like to attend a convention/competition with The NZ Dance Company. The only solos allowed to compete at a competition are YAGP soloists who would like additional practice. Any Ballet Expressenz member may participate in conventions with The NZ Dance Company. Additional fees will apply.

Competition/Convention Solo Awards: If a dancer receives a cash award and/or gift certificate at a competition for a solo or a scholarship at a convention, the parent/dancer are responsible for notifying Expressenz Dance Center. Parents must notify the studio via email and/or submit all information and documents needed via email or to the front office within 2 weeks after said cash award and/or gift certificate at a competition for a solo or a scholarship at a convention was received. You will not receive a credit towards your account for the cash award and/or gift certificate from a competition or convention for a solo or scholarship until the said competition and/or convention has approved and applied your cash award and/or gift certificate. Your scholarships won with Expressenz can only be used if you are still dancing with Expressenz. Scholarships will not be transferred or released in the event that you quit or are no longer a member of Expressenz.

Additional Independent Competition/Conventions: There will be an additional, non-refundable, administration fee of \$50 to register a dancer for any extra competition/convention they would like to attend that requires the studio to register them.. The dancer's account at Expressenz must be current before any outside, extra registration of a competition/convention occurs. All additional independent competition/convention registration requests must be made 45 days in advance. All requests must be made via the google forms education pass request (this link will be sent out via email before the season begins).

Missing an assigned due date will result in a \$25 late fee. This includes all fees & invoices.

Ballet Expressenz Letter of Commitment

This correspondence serves as an agreement between you and Ballet Expressenz as produced and directed by Karla N. Curatolo, Owner and Director of Expressenz Dance Center. Your child has been selected to be a member of the 2023-24 Ballet Expressenz, an honor as well as privilege. Your signature below indicates that you have read and fully understand all of the requirements associated with participating in the program, as outlined in your Ballet Expressenz Handbook. Furthermore, your signature and that of your child indicates your acceptance of those terms and conditions, and that you are well aware of the commitment involved in this program.

Dancer: *Being a member of the 2023-24 Ballet Expressenz means that you will be actively participating in all scheduled events from August, 2023 through May, 2024. Your commitment to this program means that you will be participating in all classes, performances, competitions, and showcases that are scheduled during this time period. Your commitment to this program means you will come to class each time dressed appropriately with proper shoes, attire, and ready to learn. Your commitment to this program means you will respect all teachers and teammates at all times. We will not tolerate racism, inappropriate and unkind social media posts (private or public), or bullying of any kind, from dancer to dancer or dancer to parent.*

In addition to the above, I understand a violation of my commitment to this program/contract has serious consequences that may result in my being permanently dismissed from the program. If a dancer is dismissed or quits from the program, I understand that there will be NO REFUND on any fees and/or payments.

X _____ Date _____

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Parent: *Please be sure you feel comfortable with your ability to handle the fees incurred for this activity, as with most competitive activities, there are many uncontrollable circumstances and we don't want to catch anyone off guard.*

*Monthly tuition, competition fees, costume fees, choreography fees etc...all have due dates. Monthly Tuition is due at the beginning of each month and is late after the 7th. All other fees are late after the posted due dates. Late fees of \$25 will be added to any late payments. A \$35 bank fee will be assessed for a non-sufficient funds payment/canceled/returned payment, as well as a corresponding late fee of \$25. There shouldn't be any excuses for lack of knowledge of a due date or amount. It is each parent/student's responsibility to be aware of fees due, schedule changes, and etc. We suggest coming into the studio at least weekly to check updates and to check emails daily for studio information and updates. **Families are required to pay full August-May tuition.** _____ Initial*

Your commitment to this program means you will respect all teachers and teammates at all times. We will not tolerate racism, inappropriate and unkind social media posts (private or public), or bullying of any kind, from parent to dancer or parent to parent.

If dancer/family were to be dismissed and/or quits no refunds will be given, this includes and is not limited to costumes, costume fees, tuition, privates, performance fees and competitions fees. _____ Initial

I have read the above information and will be responsible for my child's account and activity requirements. I will follow the rules, policies and procedures of the studio as outlined in the Ballet Expressenz Handbook. _____ Initial

X _____ Date _____

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Please return this signed agreement with August tuition and registration fees to the front desk by August 1st, 2023. Please complete one form for each of your children who have accepted placement in Ballet Expressenz.