



West Hartford's Premier Ballet Company



20th Anniversary Season

2018-2019 Program and Classes

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About Ballet Theatre Company

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Founded in 1999, Ballet Theatre Company (BTC) provides training to aspiring dancers ages 3 through adult, stages live-action professional dance performances, and continues to enrich the community through its youth outreach programs.

BTC's Training School has grown to become one of Greater Hartford's most prominent and premier schools for ballet and dance training. Offering the highest quality of teaching in Ballet, Pointe, Modern, Contemporary, and Jazz, BTC's Artistic staff provides students with the tools to reach their full potential as dancers.



BTC Faculty

BTC has a diverse faculty with training and experience in all of the major ballet methodologies including: Vaganova, Royal Academy of Ballet, Cecchetti and Balanchine. BTC believes that while classical technique should be the foundation of a dancer's training, it is equally important that dancers be exposed to multiple methodologies and dance forms so that they become profound in their own artistic voice. Whether or not BTC's students decide to pursue dance professionally, the skills they acquire through BTC's unique style of training will enrich and prepare them for their chosen avenues of success.

Stephanie Dattellas, Artistic Director (Ballet, Contemporary, Pointe)
Tracy Dorman, Executive Director (Ballet, Pointe)

Emily Aubrey (Ballet, Pointe) 🦶 **Joseph Beltre** (Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz),
Calvin Bittner (Ballet, Modern) 🦶 **Katie Bittner** (Ballet, Pointe),
Donna Bonasera (Ballet, Pointe, Variation) 🦶 **Sandra Even** (Ballet, Pointe),
Megan Klamert (Ballet, Pointe, Variation)

(Please see teacher bios at www.dancebtc.org)

Enrollment



Ballet Theatre Company's unique style of training is specifically designed to meet the needs of its students by developing the tools for success for any chosen future avenue of interest, both those seeking to pursue dance and those with other career aspirations. BTC prides itself on offering a nurturing classroom environment with focused attention on proper alignment and technique. BTC's curriculum prepares students physically and mentally to embrace their next adventure in dance and beyond, cultivating discipline and friendships that will last a lifetime.

While we encourage students to enroll in the fall, enrollment is open throughout the school year. Note: Students who enroll after April 1 will not have the opportunity to participate in the Student Showcase in June. Dancers should enroll in specific classes based on the Artistic Director and BTC's staff placement recommendations.

Classes are offered on a semester basis for Creative Movement and Primary Levels. For Ballet I-V, enrollment is for the full academic year.

Extensive training and practice are required to develop the strength and technique needed for pointe work. Therefore, if a dancer is interested in pursuing dancing en pointe, or even pursuing a more professional dance regimen they will need to follow the required number of classes below.



Creative Movement – 1 class/week
Primary Ballet I – 1 class/week
Primary Ballet II – 1 class/week
Ballet I – 1 class/week
Ballet II – 2 classes/week
Ballet III – 3 classes/week
Ballet IV – 3 classes/week
Ballet V – 3 classes/week

BTC recognizes that some dancers may not wish to train with such a rigorous schedule, and welcomes these students to enroll with us as a recreational dancer in as many or as few classes per week based on schedules and interest.

Pointe Classes

Placement en Pointe is carefully considered and determined by the Artistic Director in collaboration with BTC faculty. Dancers who receive a recommendation and wish to enroll in Pointe are required to enroll in all of the ballet classes offered at their level.

BTC Class Schedule 2018-1019

Classes offered by Ballet Theatre Company

Ballet, Pre Pointe, Pointe, Variation, Partnering Contemporary, Modern, Jazz, Strength and Flexibility and Adult Ballet

Day	Studio A		Studio B		Studio C	
	Class	Time	Class	Time	Class	Time
Monday	Creative Movement	4:30 - 5:15	Boy's Ballet	4:45 - 5:45	Ballet IA	4:30 - 5:45
	Beg. Jazz	5:45 - 6:45	Pre Pointe	5:15 - 6:15		
	Int. Jazz	6:45 - 7:45	Ballet V	6:15 - 7:45		
	Pointe III	7:45 - 9:15	Pointe IV	7:45 - 9:15		
Tuesday	Ballet II	4:30 - 6:00	Int. Contemporary	4:30 - 5:30	Primary Ballet II	4:30 - 5:30
	Ballet III	6:00 - 7:30	Ballet IV	5:30 - 7:00		
	Variation I	7:30 - 8:30	Ballet V	7:00 - 8:30		
	Adult Ballet	8:30 - 9:30	Variation II	8:30 - 9:30		
Wednesday	Ballet IB	4:30 - 5:45	Primary Ballet I	4:30 - 5:30		
	Ballet IV	6:00 - 7:30	Pre Pointe	5:30 - 6:30		
			Ballet V	6:30 - 8:00		
			Adv. Contemporary	8:00 - 9:30		
Thursday	Beg. Modern	5:30 - 6:30	Ballet III	4:30 - 6:00		
	Int. Modern	6:30 - 7:30	Pointe II	6:00 - 7:30		
	Men's Ballet	7:30 - 8:30	Ballet IV	7:30 - 9:00		
Friday	Ballet II	4:30 - 6:00	Primary Ballet II	4:45 - 5:45	Adv. Jazz	5:00 - 6:00
	Beg. Contemporary	6:00 - 7:00	Corps de Ballet Class	6:00 - 7:30		
Saturday	Ballet for Beginners	9:30 - 10:30	Creative Movement	9:00 - 9:45	Str & Flexibility	10:00-10:45
	Pointe I	10:30 - 11:30	Primary Ballet I	9:45 - 10:45		
	Ballet III	11:30 - 1:00	Corps de Ballet Class	11:00 - 12:30		
			Partnering Class	12:30 - 1:30		



BTC 2018-2019 Academic Calendar

32 week calendar

August 30	BTC Studio - Open House
September 10	BTC Studio - First Day of Classes
October 20	BTC Studio - Halloween Party!
November 13	BTC Studio - In House Variation Classique
November 21 - 25	NO CLASSES - Happy Thanksgiving!
December 10 - 15	NO CLASSES - <i>The Nutcracker</i> Production
December 16 - Jan 1	NO CLASSES - Winter Break
January 14 - 19	BTC Studio - Parent Observation Week!
March 9	BTC Studio - Movie Night
April 7 - 13	NO CLASSES - Spring Break
April 29	We do have classes!
April 30 - May 5	NO CLASSES - <i>Sleeping Beauty</i> Production
May 18	Student Showcase Mandatory Rehearsal
May 27	NO CLASSES- Happy Memorial Day!
May 28 - June 1	BTC Studio - Last Week of Classes!
June 1	Student Showcase Mandatory Rehearsal
June 2	BTC Studio - Student Showcase
June 8 - 9	West Hartford Center - Celebrate West Hartford!

BTC's Corps de Ballet

Ballet Theatre Company (BTC) is unique in that it offers students an opportunity to perform in professional Ballet performances as part of BTC's Corps de Ballet. The mission of BTC's Corps de Ballet is to provide serious dancers the opportunity to train at a higher caliber and to experience professional dance at a young age, enabling them to prepare for a future in dance should they choose. Membership is based upon audition at the beginning of the season.

Corps de Ballet dancers rehearse BTC repertoire and perform classical and new works set by both BTC Artistic staff and guest artists. Members may also be considered for the opportunity to dance alongside professional dancers in BTC productions.

photos: Jeffrey Teitler

BTC Class Tuition

Tuition is payable in advance or by the Installment dates below. There will be a \$10 fee for installments that are received past the due date without prior arrangements and a \$35 fee for returned checks. Tuition payments can be mailed, paid at the BTC office, or paid online via BTC's account portal. Please do not give installment payments to teachers.

Families who pay in full by September 30, 2018 will receive a 5% discount. Families who enroll in 3 or more classes per week will receive a 10% discount.

Installment schedule

September 15, 2018	1st Installment Due
November 5, 2018	2nd Installment Due
January 5, 2019	3rd Installment Due
March 5, 2019	4th Installment Due
May 5, 2019	5th Installment Due

Tuition

Semester options are only offered for Creative Movement and Primary Ballet levels.

Ballet Class price for full year

Creative Movement	\$450 (45 minute class/1 class/week) \$225 for semester
Primary Ballet	\$530 (1 hour class/1 class/week) \$265 for semester
Ballet I	\$660 (1.25 hour/1 class/week)
Ballet II	\$1580 (1.5 hour/2 classes/week)
Ballet III-V	\$2370 (1.5 hour/3 classes/week)

Individual Ballet Class price for full year, per class

Pre Pointe, Pointe I, Partnering, Variation	\$530 (1 hour/1 class/week)
Ballet I	\$660 (1.25 hour/1 class/week)
Pointe II-IV, Ballet II-V	\$790 (1.5 hour/1 class/week)

Other Dance Classes price for full year, per class

Modern I-II	\$500 (1 hour/1 class/week)
Jazz I-III	\$500 (1 hour/1 class/week)
Contemporary I-II	\$500 (1 hour/1 class/week)
Strength and Flexibility	\$500 (1 hour/1 class/week)
Contemporary III	\$740 (1.5 hour/1 class/week)

Pricing for training and participation in BTC's Corps de Ballet and Apprentice program is not listed above and can be found online at www.dancebtc.org.

Tuition refunds are given only for medical reasons and must be accompanied by a doctor's note stating the student is unable to continue training.

BTC School Policies

Attendance

Regular attendance is important for a dancer to progress successfully. If a dancer misses a class it is their responsibility to make up that class in the appropriate level. Missed classes may be made up on either a different day in their level placement or in a level below. It is not BTC's responsibility to make arrangements for students who have missed classes. If a student misses four classes or more in a term without making up those classes, it is at the Artistic Director's sole discretion to move a student to a lower level until makeups are completed.

Class Cancellations

If BTC cancels a class due to inclement weather or a teacher's illness, classes will be rescheduled or made up during BTC's Make-Up Week at the end of the academic year. BTC's Make-Up Week is not reserved for dancers to make up classes they have missed. If class are cancelled dancers and families will be notified through email, Facebook, and our website.

Dance Attire

Dancers are expected to follow BTC's class attire requirements which include the appropriate color leotard, clean, neat hair, and no jewelry. Refer to BTC's Class Attire Requirements online at dancebtc.org.

Tuition

Dancers who have an outstanding tuition balance at the end of a class term, will not be allowed to enroll in classes for the following term. Please refer to BTC's Tuition online at dancebtc.org.

Code of Conduct

BTC strives to promote a friendly, welcoming, and creative environment for all dancers. Please review BTC's Code of Conduct online at dancebtc.org.

Bullying

BTC is committed to providing a safe, positive learning environment for its students. BTC understands that bullying creates an atmosphere of fear and intimidation which is distracting from our mission and may lead to more serious issues of violence. Anyone who witnesses or experiences any act of bullying by a BTC student should report it to their teacher immediately. All complaints of bullying will be investigated and addressed.

School Showcase

At the end of the school year all dancers at BTC will perform in an annual, unique performance hosted at the Ballet Theatre Company Studio. The performance will integrate all levels to showcase their development and progress. The performance will take place on June 2, with two mandatory rehearsals May 18 and June 1. Tickets available in May.



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BTC 2018-19 Performance Season

Dancing for a Cause Benefit Performance	October 13, 2018
The Nutcracker	Dec. 13-16, 2018
Membership Appreciation Evening	January 19, 2019
20th Anniversary Anniversary & Gala	March 2019 (8-10)
Sleeping Beauty	May 4-5, 2019
Student Showcase	June 2, 2019

2018-2019 Audition Schedule

The Nutcracker	September 8, 2018
BTC Corps de Ballet	September 9, 2018
Sleeping Beauty	January 12, 2019

Did You Know?

Since 1999, BTC has staged over 75 ballet productions, has trained nearly 1,000 aspiring dancers, and made dance accessible to over 10,000 underserved Greater Hartford children.