



## The Ballet Expressenz Handbook

2019-2020

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 2019 through June 2020 and Spring Showcase. 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 director. Karla has the right to dismiss a dancer/family from Expressenz Dance Center for any reason at any time. If said dancer/family were to be dismissed or quits, no refunds will be given to said dancer/family.

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

### Performance Opportunities:

- Youth American Grand Prix—by invitation only
- December Ballet Production (Nutcracker)
- Performances in the Annual Spring Showcase (Recital)

### Class Requirements and Fees:

#### TI1 level:

- \$200 a month (family discount \$195 for second dancer and \$190 for third+ dancer)

Includes: 1 ballet technique, jazz technique, conditioning, & BNZ program dues

Additional monthly fees include:

- Any additional classes cost \$37.00 each per month.

#### TI2 level:

- \$225 a month (family discount \$220 for second dancer and \$215 for third+ dancer)

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

Additional monthly fees include:

- Any additional classes cost \$37.00 each per month.

#### TI3-TI4 level:

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

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

Additional monthly fees include:

- Any additional classes cost \$37.00 each per month.

#### TI5 level:

- \$255 a month (family discount \$250 for second dancer and \$245 for third+ dancer)

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

Additional monthly fees include:

- \$35 per month for specialty ballet with Butler professors (only applies to some)
- Any additional classes cost \$37.00 each per month.

#### TI6-TI8 level:

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

Includes: 4 ballet technique classes, pointe classes, modern or contemporary technique, jazz technique, stretch, conditioning, & BNZ program dues

Additional monthly fees include:

- \$35 per month for specialty ballet with Butler professors (only applies to some)
- Any additional classes cost \$37.00 each per month.

**Technique Privates:** Lessons cost \$40.00 a ½ hour.

**Technique Semi- Privates (Privates with 2 dancers):** Lessons cost \$50.00 a ½ hour.

**Nutcracker Participation fee:** All Ballet Expressenz members are required to pay the fee when due (est. \$65-\$75)

**Recital Participation fee:** All Ballet Expressenz members are required to pay the fee when due (est. \$60-\$75)

**Tights:** All dancers are required to purchase their tights through the studio for December Ballet Production and Annual Spring Showcase performances.

**Costumes:** December Ballet Production as well as Annual Spring Showcase performances sometimes require the cost of a separate leotard and/or costume (estimated price range is \$25-\$75 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](http://www.eltorotraining.com). We recommend 1.5-pound weights. Please use discount code "expressenz15" to save money on ankle weights!

**Uniforms:** All Ballet Expressenz females are required to purchase a team leotard to use for all Nutcracker and other specified rehearsals. Leotards must be worn with pink ballet tights (tights provided by dancer). All Ballet Expressenz males will need to purchase a team dance shirt. Males dance shirt and black shorts or pants (shorts or pants provided by dancer) must be worn at all Nutcracker and other specified rehearsals. These items will be available online at "<https://expressenzdance0719.itemorder.com/>". Item pricing below:

- Leotard – Child \$46.20
- Leotard – Adult \$50.60
- Dance Top – Child \$29.70 (Optional for BNZ)
- Dance Top – Adult \$31.90 (Optional for BNZ)
- Capris – Child \$30.25 (Optional for BNZ)
- Capris – Adult \$34.65 (Optional for BNZ)
- Men's Top – Child \$30.25
- Men's Top – Adult \$34.65

**The above fees only apply to those dancers who are not participating in the NZ Dance Company.**

# **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 2019-2020 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's 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 2019-2020 Ballet Expressenz means that you will be actively participating in all scheduled events from August, 2019 through June, 2020 and Spring Showcase. 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.*

*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.*

X\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

## **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 7<sup>th</sup>. All other fees are late after the posted due dates. Late fees of \$15 will be added to any late payments. A \$35 bank fee will be assessed for a non-sufficient funds payment, as well as a corresponding late fee of \$15. 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 in to the studio at least weekly to check updates and to check emails daily for studio information and updates.*

*I have read the above information and will be responsible for my child's account and activity requirements.*

X\_\_\_\_\_ Date\_\_\_\_\_

***Please return this signed agreement with August tuition and registration fees to the front desk by July 29th, 2019. Please complete one form for each of your children who have accepted placement in Ballet Expressenz.***