



BLUEBIRDS BALLET AND BASIN ARTS ARE EXCITED TO INTRODUCE

BASIN BIRDS

A NEW YOUTH DANCE COLLABORATIVE

After an amazing summer dance experiment, Bluebirds Ballet Academy and Basin Arts will continue to team up for the 2021-22 Dance Year. Our collaboration will afford dancers a unique opportunity to study multiple dance disciplines with the wonderful and talented instructors of both Bluebirds and Basin Arts. It will also allow us to continue to offer small classes in order to provide students with more individual attention, and to provide more classes for our dancers on a weekly basis. All Level I through V Dancers will receive focused dance instruction in both classical ballet technique, including pointe technique for Levels IV and V, as well as modern dance technique. Throughout the semester, students in Levels II and III will also be introduced to the study of Jazz Dance and Students in Levels IV and V will have Jazz Dance, Pilates and Contemporary Dance classes. Students ages 6 and up can add a Tap Class to their curriculum and students as young as 5, or 4 with the approval of the instructor, can take Acrobatics classes. Classes will be held at both Basin Arts and Bluebirds Ballet Academy.

We are so excited to begin this joint venture together, to be able to provide the youth of Acadiana with a truly unique dance education focusing on ballet and modern dance, two pinnacle dance disciplines for the university dance program in our area as well as dance programs and companies throughout the country. Bluebirds Ballet Academy and Basin Arts share a common goal of helping our students to develop into creative artists as they experience the joy of movement through dance. Our classes will continue to emphasize creative expression and artistry, exposure to diverse dance forms, dance history and unique dance concepts. We believe in student-centered, organic classes in a positive environment. If you have any questions at all, please feel free to call Jasmine Bertrand at 337-322-3520 or email her at jasmine_bertrand@yahoo.com.

2021-22 REGISTRATION FORM

Bluebirds Ballet Academy/Basin Arts Youth Dance Program

Student's Last Name: _____

Student's First Name: _____

Age: _____ Birthday: _____ Grade (if applicable): _____

Student's School (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Allergies/Illnesses/Special Learning Needs: _____

Has Student had previous dance training? YES ____ NO ____ If "yes", information regarding previous training (years taken, prior instructor(s), type of dance classes taken):

PARENT(S)/GUARDIAN CONTACT INFORMATION

Parent(s)/Guardian Name: _____

Phone #1: _____ Phone #2: _____

Email: _____

Place of Employment: _____

EMERGENCY CONTACT INFORMATION (other than Parent(s)/Guardian)

Name: _____

Home Phone: _____ Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Physician: _____ Office Phone: _____

Preferred Hospital in case of emergency: _____

Persons authorized by you to pick up Student: _____

REGISTRATION FEE

An annual non-refundable family registration fee of \$60 is due at the time of registration to hold Student's place in classes. Checks can be made payable to Bluebirds Ballet Academy.

CLASS SELECTION

Please mark the classes that Student is registering for (class dates and times will be confirmed upon receipt of registration form):

Preschool Dance for Ages 3-4: Pre-Ballet and Creative Movement classes held once a week for 45 minutes at either Bluebirds or Basin Arts. Price: \$60 per month.

Spring Performance Option (see Policies form for information): Thursdays from 5:30-6:15 or Fridays from 10:15-11 am at Bluebirds

Informal Showcase Option (see Policies form for information): Thursdays from 4-4:45 at Basin Arts

Primary Dance for Ages 5-6: Pre-Ballet and Creative Movement classes held once a week for 45 minutes at either Bluebirds or Basin Arts. Price: \$60 per month.

Spring Performance Option (see Policies form for information): Mondays from 4:15-5:00 or Thursdays from 4:45-5:30 at Bluebirds

Informal Showcase Option (see Policies form for information): Wednesdays from 4:15-5:00 at Basin Arts

Level I Dance for Ages 6-7 (students aged 6 must have completed Primary Dance or have approval of director): Modern Dance Mondays from 4:30-5:15 at Basin Arts and Ballet Wednesdays from 4:30-5:15 at Bluebirds; or Ballet and Modern Dance Saturdays from 10-11:30 am at Bluebirds. Price: \$90 per month.

Level II Dance for Ages 7-8 (must have completed Level I or have approval of director): Ballet Mondays from 5-6 at Bluebirds and Modern Dance Wednesdays from 5-6 at Basin Arts. Students will also be introduced to Jazz Dance for selected classes throughout the semester. Price: \$120 per month.

Level III Dance for Ages 8-10 (must have completed Level II or have approval of director): Ballet Tuesdays from 4:15-5:30 at Bluebirds and Modern Thursdays from 4:45-5:45 at Basin Arts. Students will also be introduced to Jazz Dance for selected classes throughout the semester. Price: \$120 per month.

Level IV Dance for Ages 11-12 (must have completed Level III or have approval of director): Ballet and Pointe classes Tuesdays from 6:15-7:45 and Fridays from 4:15-6:15 at Bluebirds; Modern Dance Thursdays from 6:15-7:45 at Basin Arts. Students will also have Jazz Dance, Pilates, and Contemporary Dance classes for selected classes throughout the semester. Price: \$180 per month.

Level V Dance for Ages 12 and up (must have completed Level IV or have approval of director): Ballet and Pointe Mondays from 1:30-3:00 and Fridays from 1-3:00 (Daytime Option) or Mondays from 6:45-8:15 and Fridays from 4:15-6:15 (Evening Option) at Bluebirds; Modern Wednesdays from 2:30-4:00 (Daytime Option) or Thursdays from 6:15-7:45 (Evening Option) at Basin Arts. Students will also have Jazz Dance, Pilates, and Contemporary Dance classes for selected classes throughout the semester. Price: \$180 per month.

Beginner 1 Tap for Ages 6 and up, Wednesdays from 6-6:30 at Basin Arts. Price: \$30 per month.

Beginner 2 Tap for Ages 8 and up, Thursdays from 5:45-6:15 at Basin Arts. Price: \$30 per month.

___ Beginner Acrobatic Movement for Ages 5 and up, or 4 with approval of Director (little to no experience) Wednesdays 5:15-6:00, Thursdays 4:00-4:45, or Saturdays 11:30-12:15 at Bluebirds. Price: \$60 per month if taken as a separate class; \$30 per month if Student is also enrolled in Primary or Level I Dance.

___ Intermediate Acrobatic Movement (ages 7 and up, some experience), Mondays from 6-6:45 at Bluebirds. Price: \$60 per month if taken as a separate class; \$30 per month if Student is also enrolled in Level II or III Dance.

___ Advanced Acrobatic Movement (ages 9 and up, with approval of instructor), Tuesdays from 5:30-6:15 held once a week for 45 minutes at Bluebirds. Price: \$60 per month if taken as a separate class; \$30 per month if Student is also enrolled in Level III, IV or V Dance.

Waiver: "I understand that there is a risk of personal injury associated with dance classes and performances. I represent that the above-named Student, _____, is in good health and is physically capable of participating in dance classes and performances. On behalf of myself and the above-named Student, I hereby waive and release any claim against Bluebirds Ballet Academy and/or Basin Arts, its employees, contractors, and landlord, arising out of personal injury occurring in connection with classes, performances or otherwise occurring in or around Bluebirds Ballet Academy's and/or Basin Art's dance studio or other location of classes or performances. I accept responsibility for obtaining appropriate accident, health and hospitalization insurance to cover the Student in the event of personal injury. In the event of an injury or other medical emergency and I cannot be reached, I authorize Bluebirds Ballet Academy and/or Basin Arts to seek any medical assistance reasonably required and agree to be responsible for any medical expenses incurred on behalf of the student."

Media Release: "I understand that photography and/or video may be taken of my child during Summer Dance Classes and I give Bluebirds Ballet Academy and Basin Arts permission to use Student's image for advertising, social media or other such legitimate business purposes."

Please sign below, indicating your agreement to the Policies set forth above.

Parent's/Guardian's signature or Student's signature (if 18 years or older):

Printed Name: _____

Please return this form to:

Bluebirds Ballet Academy
1007 East St. Mary Blvd.
Lafayette, LA 70503

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

(PLEASE KEEP THIS PORTION FOR YOUR RECORDS)

ARRIVAL TO AND DEPARTURE FROM THE STUDIOS:

- **Parking:** Parking for Bluebirds Ballet Academy is available in the back parking lot off Coolidge Drive, along the side of the building on Coolidge Drive, or in the front of the building on East St. Mary. Parking for Basin Arts is available along the side or front of the building or along the streets surrounding the studio. Please be respectful of places designated as “No Parking” in the areas surrounding our studios.
- **Arrival:** Please drop your child off at the back waiting area at Bluebirds Ballet Academy and through the side door of Basin Arts. Dancers should not be dropped off earlier than ten (10) minutes before their scheduled class time. Please make sure that your child’s instructor or the director (Ms. Jasmine or Ms. Clare) is in the studio before dropping off your child. The back entrance to Bluebirds is accessible with a code which will be given to you upon registration.
- **Lobby/Waiting Areas:** Please note that the lobby/waiting areas at both studios are **closed during class times** so that our students can have the optimal learning environment for classes. Parent/family viewing will be permitted on designated class days/times. Our older students often need to make use of the space in the lobby for breaks during class, shoe changes or for study of written materials and need full use of the space. Younger students are easily distracted in class from noise or activity in the waiting areas. Keeping the waiting areas clear during class times keeps our students safe and engaged and allows our instructors to be more efficient. Thank you for your cooperation.
- **Dance Bags:** Students should arrive with their dance bags with as few personal items as possible in their bags. Please make sure your child brings **water** with him or her to class, with his or her name labeled on the bottle.
- **Departure:** Dancers will be picked up from Bluebirds Ballet Academy and from Basin ARTs through the front doors of the studios.
- Bluebirds Ballet Academy and Basin Arts reserve the right to adjust these policies at any time due to changes in State or local policies. In the event that Lafayette Parish Public Schools require students to wear masks in order to attend classes in-person, Bluebirds Ballet Academy and Basin Arts will adhere to the same requirements.

Schedule: Student will receive confirmation of their class schedule after receipt of the Registration Form and registration fee.

Tuition: Tuition payments are due on a monthly basis, on the first class of each month, and may be paid by **check or in cash**. Each student will be issued a **Yellow Tuition Envelope** at the beginning of the year. It will be **distributed to Students at the end of the first class of each month**. Please place tuition payments inside the Yellow Tuition Envelope and leave it in the **Tuition Envelope Box** located next to the back entry of the studio door at Bluebirds Ballet Academy, in the lobby hallway. If you are placing cash in the Tuition Envelope Box, please be sure that you place it in your Yellow Tuition Envelope or in a separate envelope **with Student's name marked on the envelope**. Checks may be made to Bluebirds Ballet Academy. **Students who are enrolled in classes that meet at the Basin Arts studio only may hand their tuition envelopes to the instructor.** Tuition is determined on a yearly as opposed to month-by-month basis to take into consideration time off for holidays, which are listed below.

Term and Holidays: The opening date for the 2021-2022 dance season is September 7, 2021. Classes will continue through the fall and spring semesters until May 21, 2022. We will be closed on the following dates for the 2021-2022 Dance Season for holidays and rest:

- November 22-27, 2021: Thanksgiving Break
- December 20, 2021-January 1, 2022: Christmas and New Year break
- January 17, 2022: Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
- February 28-March 5, 2022: Mardi Gras break
- April 15-21, 2022: Easter break

Weather and Other Emergencies: In the event that Lafayette Public Schools close school due to inclement weather or other such emergencies, including closures due to COVID-19, Bluebirds Ballet Academy and Basin Arts Youth Classes will also be closed.

Attire:

- Female Students enrolled in Preschool, Primary, and Level Dance classes will have a uniform of **any solid colored leotard**, convertible ballet pink or flesh colored tights, and pink or flesh colored ballet slippers. **PLEASE NO ATTACHED SKIRTS, TUTUS, OR DANCE DRESSES.** Male Students enrolled in Preschool, Primary and Level Ballet classes may wear a solid colored fitted t-shirt with black shorts, tights, or dance/exercise pants, and black or white ballet slippers. Level III, IV and V dancers may wear black tights or leggings on days that they take Modern Dance or Jazz. All dancewear can be purchased at The Ultimate dance supply store.
- Acrobatics Students may wear any color leotard and convertible tights or leggings, or gymnastics attire, with bare feet.
- Students enrolled in Tap Class will need tap shoes.
- Hair should be secured back and up off of the neck, in a bun or similar hairstyle for all dance classes and a braid for Acrobatics Classes.
- Pointe shoes are appropriate only for those Students approved by Bluebirds Ballet Academy to take classes *en pointe*.

- Please limit jewelry, as wearing some may cause injury to dancers. NO NECKLACES, BRACELETS, DANGLING EARRINGS. Please keep hair accessories to a minimum as well—large bows, ribbons, barrettes, etc. tend to be distracting when dancing.

Spring Performance 2022: Our annual Spring Dance Performance will be held May 18-21, 2022 at the Acadiana Center for the Arts. The focus of the annual performance is to showcase the students' growth, to foster creative expression, develop performance skills and artistry, and to increase our students' self-esteem and pride of accomplishment. Our dance performances are story-based shows that generally last an hour and half, plus a fifteen-minute intermission. Student collaboration and input are encouraged in developing the performance ideas, story, and choreography. Details regarding the performance will be forthcoming later in the year.

The approximate cost of participation is \$160 for Preschool, Primary, and Acrobatics Students with one costume; \$240 for Students with two costumes (generally Level I, II, and III); and \$320 for Students with three costumes (generally Level IV and V); plus the cost of tickets (approximately \$16 per ticket before fees). **All Tickets** (including parent tickets) to our performances are **purchased separately** through the box office of the Acadiana Center for the Arts. Additionally, you may wish to purchase performance photographs, videos or other such performance merchandise that may be offered. The performance preparation and event will be kept as simple and stress-free as possible to ensure a good experience for Students and their families. Additional performance opportunities may be available during the year for more advanced Students.

Informal Dance Showcase Option for Preschool and Primary Students: Those dancers enrolled in Preschool or Primary Dance who do not wish to participate in the Spring Dance Performance can participate in a Spring Dance Showcase. The Showcase will be held during the week of our Annual Spring Performance and will feature a demonstration of skills learned throughout the year. A fee of \$40 will be charged for participation in the Showcase.

Class Cancellation: Please note that we reserve the right to cancel any class for which less than four students are enrolled.

Communication: We will communicate all important information through the **email address** you set forth in this form. Reminders such as holiday closures will also be posted on the Bluebirds and Basin Arts Facebook page and posted on the white boards of the lobby of the studio. Text messages will also be used to communicate information that is time sensitive. Please make sure to check these sources often. Any questions can be directed to Jasmine Bertrand at the following email address: jasmine_bertrand@yahoo.com; or cell number: 337-322-3520.