

BOSTON BALLET

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*** MEDIA ALERT ***

BOSTON BALLET SCHOOL SUMMER DANCE PROGRAM AUDITION TOUR PRE-REGISTRATION NOW OPEN FOR ASPIRING DANCERS AGES 10 THROUGH 19

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What: Boston Ballet School's Summer Dance Program (SDP) is a five-week intensive summer residential dance program for Pre-Professional level students from all around the world and gives young dancers the opportunity to work with Boston Ballet School's internationally-renowned faculty.

Auditions for SDP will be held throughout the United States. Pre-registration audition fee is \$30. Day-of registration fee is \$35. Audition dress code is black leotard and pink tights for women and black tights and white t-shirt for men. Women are also advised to bring pointe shoes.

Video auditions will also be accepted for domestic and international students until Monday, February 13, 2017, with a \$50 fee.

Register or find more information at bostonballet.org/sdp-audition-tour.

Who: The five-week program is for aspiring dancers ages 10 through 19 and serves as a stepping-stone to further professional ballet training at Boston Ballet School.

When and Where:

Date	City/State	Location	Date	City/State	Location
1/7/2017	Miami, FL	Miami City Ballet	1/16/2017	Irving, CA	Maple Conservatory
1/7/2017	Seattle, WA	Pacific Northwest Ballet	1/16/2017	San Francisco, CA	San Francisco Ballet
1/7/2017	Minneapolis, MN	Minnesota Dance	1/21/2017	Winston-Salem, NC	UNC School of the Arts
1/8/2017	New York, NY	School of American Ballet	1/21/2017	Tampa, FL	Patel Conservatory/Straz Center
1/8/2017	Portland, OR	Oregon Ballet Theatre	1/21/2017	Dallas/Ft Worth, TX	Texas Ballet Theatre
1/8/2017	Denver, CO	Colorado Ballet	1/22/2017	Pittsburgh, PA	Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre

1/14/2017	Los Angeles, CA	Los Angeles Ballet	1/22/2017	Atlanta, GA	Atlanta Ballet
1/14/2017	Saratoga Springs, NY	National Dance Museum	1/22/2017	Houston, TX	Houston Ballet
1/14/2017	Cincinnati, OH	Cincinnati Ballet	1/28/2017	Washington, DC	Washington Ballet
1/15/2017	Hartford, CT	University of Hartford Hartt School	1/29/2017	Philadelphia, PA	School of Pennsylvania Ballet
1/15/2017	Chicago, IL	Joffrey Ballet Academy	1/29/2017	Boston, MA	Boston Ballet School

More: Pre-registration is now open for Boston Ballet School's Summer Dance Program (SDP) 2017 Audition Tour. SDP for ages 10 through 14 will run at Boston Ballet School's Newton studio from June 25 to July 29, 2017, while SDP for ages 15 through 19 will run at the Boston studio from June 24 to July 29, 2017.

SDP provides students with intensive classical ballet training in Technique, Pointe and Variations and connects them with internationally-renowned faculty, including Boston Ballet's Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen, Assistant Artistic Director Russell Kaiser, and Boston Ballet School Director Margaret Tracey. Students participate in 4 to 6 hours of dance class each day. Training culminates with open house studio showings. Financial assistance is available, and housing is optional for students ages 12 and up.

Auditions are held at the end of the program for students interested in entering Boston Ballet School in the upcoming year. SDP students are also considered for acceptance into the year-round Pre-Professional Program and Boston Ballet's second company, BBII, both of which are regarded as important entry points to a professional ballet career.

About Boston Ballet

Since 1963, Boston Ballet's internationally acclaimed performances of classical, neo-classical, and contemporary ballets, combined with a dedication to world class dance education and community initiative programs, have made the institution a leader in its field, with a 53-year history of promoting excellence and access to dance.

Under the leadership of Artistic Director Mikko Nissinen and Executive Director Meredith Max Hodges, the Company maintains a diverse repertoire, ranging from full-length ballets to new works by some of today's finest choreographers. Boston Ballet's second company, Boston Ballet II, is comprised of dancers who gain experience by performing with the Company and independently, presenting special programs to audiences throughout the Northeast.

Boston Ballet School, the official school of Boston Ballet, has a long-standing dedication to providing exceptional dance education and ballet training to students across three studios in Boston, Newton, and the North Shore. Led by Director Margaret Tracey, the School reaches more than 5,000 students (toddler to adult) each year through its four core programs: Children's Program, Classical Ballet Program, Adult Dance Program, and Pre-Professional Program.

Boston Ballet's Department of Education and Community Initiatives (ECI) provides programming, events, and activities that connect the community to dance. ECI reaches more than 4,000 individuals in Boston, North Shore, and the surrounding communities each year through Citydance, ECI on Location, Adaptive Dance, and other community programs.

For more information, please visit bostonballet.org.

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