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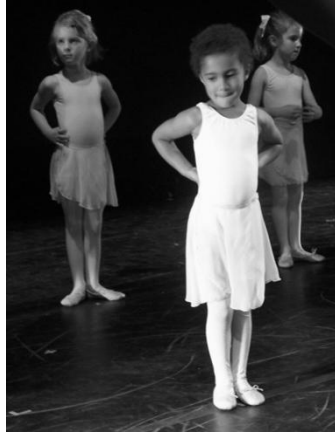
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2008-2009 Training Program

## PIONEER VALLEY BALLET

The Pioneer Valley Ballet Training Program has been a mainstay of Western Massachusetts since 1965, offering instruction in classical ballet as well as presenting high-quality dance performances to generations of Pioneer Valley theater-goers. The goal of the PVB Training Center is to provide all children with the opportunity to experience the joys of movement and music with the study of classical ballet, and along the way, introduce students to the special magic of performing. Whether or not children aspire to professional dance careers, the exercises used in ballet classes make students strong and healthy, and help them to develop poise, confidence, respect, and self esteem.



As the students progress into the upper levels of the program, the PVB Training Program provides exciting and challenging performance opportunities, including the Nutcracker, and a full length ballet production in the spring. The end-of-the year performance is a celebratory culmination of the school year, with performances presented by the various levels of the school.

PVB students have received scholarships to many college dance programs and professional schools. PVB alumni have also danced with American Ballet Theatre, and the New York City, Joffrey, Hartford, Pennsylvania, Dayton, and San Francisco Ballet Companies, as well as many modern dance companies.

A non-profit organization, Pioneer Valley Ballet is funded in part by a grant from the Massachusetts Cultural Council, a state agency.

## PIONEER VALLEY BALLET ARTISTIC DIRECTORS

Thomas Vacanti, M.F.A., is Artistic Co-Director of PVB company and school. As a professional dancer, he toured extensively throughout the United States, Central America, and Russia. Thomas has a B.S. in dance from Skidmore College, an M.F.A. in Performance and Choreography from Smith College. He was on the faculty at UMass Amherst and Amherst College.

Maryanne Delisle Kodzis, M.F.A., is Artistic Co-Director of PVB company and school. She is an alumna of Pioneer Valley Ballet and has performed professionally with many companies throughout Greater New England. Maryanne has a B.F.A. in Dance from UMass Amherst and an M.F.A. in Performance and Choreography from Smith College. She was on the faculty at Dean College in Franklin, MA.

## 2008-2009 PIONEER VALLEY BALLET REGISTRATION FORM

PLEASE FILL OUT COMPLETELY

Student's name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_ DOB \_\_\_\_\_  
Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
Home phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Student/parent email \_\_\_\_\_  
Previous dance training: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

1<sup>st</sup> Parent or Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of employment \_\_\_\_\_  
Work or cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

2<sup>nd</sup> Parent or Guardian name \_\_\_\_\_  
Place of employment \_\_\_\_\_  
Work or cell phone number \_\_\_\_\_

How did you find out about the Pioneer Valley Ballet ? (Friend, Yellow Pages, Newspaper, Poster, Brochure, other): \_\_\_\_\_

To the best of my knowledge, \_\_\_\_\_ is in excellent health and can fully participate in PVB training. If necessary, I have included information on his/her/my medical history indicating a prior injury or condition that may affect his/her/my participation in the class activities. I agree that I will not hold Pioneer Valley Ballet Company or School, Board of Directors, or staff liable for any injury he/she/I may incur in class or in the PVB Company studios or building.  
Emergency contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency contact phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
I have read, understood and agree to the above information:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature of Parent or Guardian)

I AM REGISTERING FOR: \_\_\_\_\_

**Tuition will be payable in three installments as follows: first payment (60% of total tuition) due with registration; second payment (20% of tuition) due November 17; third payment (20% of tuition) due March 2.**

**Please make checks payable to PVB.**

**Registration fee: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20 until Sept. 6; \$25 thereafter)**

**First Tuition Installment: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Total Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

## 2008-2009 CLASS SCHEDULE

	STUDIO 1	STUDIO 2
MONDAY	9:00 – 10:15am Yoga 4:00 – 5:00pm Ballet II 5:30 – 6:30pm Advanced I 6:30 – 7:30pm Advanced I Pointe	4:00 – 5:00pm Modern II 5:30 – 6:30pm Advanced II 6:30-7:30pm Advanced II Pointe
TUESDAY	10:00-11:00am See Fitness Schedule 4:00-5:30pm – Intermediate 5:30–7:00pm – Advanced I 7:00-8:00 – Yoga	9:30-10:15am Mommy & Me Dance & Play 4:00-5:30pm – Ballet III 5:30-6:30pm – Modern I 6:30–8:00pm - Advanced II
WEDNESDAY	10:00-11:30am – Adult Ballet 4:00-5:00pm – Ballet II  5:00–6:30pm – Intermediate 6:30-7:30pm - Intermediate Repertory	4:00–4:45pm – Creative  4:45–5:30pm - Pre-ballet 5:30- 6:30pm – Ballet I 6:30-8:00pm –Adult Ballet
THURSDAY	10:00-11:00am – Dance Fit 4:00-5:30pm – Intermediate 5:30–6:00pm – Boys  6:00–7:30pm - Advanced II 7:30-8:30pm - Yoga	4:00–5:30pm – Ballet III 5:30-6:00pm – Intermediate  6:00–7:30pm Advanced I 6:00-7:00pm – Acting (Studio 3)
FRIDAY	9:00-10:15am - Yoga 4:00-6:00pm - Advanced I & II 6:00-8:00pm – Advanced II Repertory	4:00-5:30pm – Intermediate 6:00–8:00pm –Advanced I Repertory
SATURDAY	9:00– 10:30am Advanced I&II 10:30am – 4:30pm Rehearsals 6:00-8:00pm - Ballroom	9:30-10:15am - TBA 10:30am – 4:30pm Rehearsals

Additional classes and changes will be announced as they occur.

## CLASS LEVELS and ATTIRE

All students with long hair are to have their hair pulled back in a neat bun. Short hair should be pulled away from their face.

**Mommy & Me Dance & Play:** For families with children ages 2- 5, Class runs in 10 week sessions. No dress requirements. Dance, play & imagine with your little one.

**Creative Movement:** For students age 5. Dress Requirements- Lt. Blue leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers

**Pre-Ballet:** For students 5-6 years of age as of September 1, 2008. Dress Requirements- Lt. Blue leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet slippers

**Boys Scholarship Class:** This class is specifically for the boys and is in addition to their regular ballet technique class. Dress Requirements: White t-shirt, black tights, black ballet slippers

**Ballet I:** For students 6-7 years of age as of September 1, 2008. Dress Requirements- Pink leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers

**Ballet II** Dress Requirements- Buttercup leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers

**Ballet III/Pre-Pointe Class:** An optional 3<sup>rd</sup> class is available. Dress Requirements- Periwinkle leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers and pre-pointe shoes.

**Intermediate Ballet/Pointe:** (By Placement Only) Dress Requirements- Seafoam leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers and pointe shoes.

**Advanced Ballet I & II /Pointe:** (By Placement Only) Dress Requirements- **Advanced I:** Lilac leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers and pointe shoes. **Advanced II:** Marine leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers and pointe shoes.

**Repertory:** Required for Apprentice Company members. All company members must be enrolled in technique classes throughout the year in accordance with their level either at PVB or other area professional schools.

**Modern I & II:** For ages 10 & up. Dress requirements: Leotard and tights, bare feet.

**Acting:** For ages 7 – 13. Acting explores self-awareness using vocal exercises for speaking and characterization with self scripted scene study in a creative environment.

**Yoga:** For dancers. Improve stretch, strength and body awareness.

**Morning Fitness Classes offered – see fitness schedule at studio for more information**  
Yoga, Dance fit & Adult Ballet Additional classes TBA

### Additional classes

**Ballroom Dance:** Offered in 4 & 6 week sessions. Please call the studio for the schedule.

## ATTENDANCE and CLASS PLACEMENT

Current Lower Division students (Creative Movement to Beginning Ballet III) usually progress one level per year, although there are times when it is necessary to repeat a year. Intermediate and Advanced students will be placed and promoted at the directors' discretion and must attend all classes listed at their level for optimal improvement. New students will be placed at an appropriate level during the first week of classes.

Students need to arrive at least 15 minutes early and be fully prepared at the start of their class time. Due to physical safety issues, students who arrive more than ten to fifteen minutes late may be asked to sit and observe class. Please call the office and leave a message if a student is sick and will be missing class.

## SCHOOL REGISTRATION and TRAINING FEES

Please remember that the PVB school year is from September 8- June 6. This is a 33 week, carefully designed program to educate your child in the art of dance. Mid-year dropouts are strongly discouraged, and training fees are non-refundable after the first week of classes.

Mommy & Me Dance & Play: 45 min. 1 class/wk – 10 weeks - \$140.00

Creative Movement I: 45 min. 1 class/wk - \$462.00 year

Pre-Ballet: 45min., 1 class/wk - \$462.00 year

Ballet I: 1 hr., 1 class/wk - \$462.00 year

Ballet II: 1 hr. 2 classes/wk - \$858.00 year

Ballet III/Pre-Pointe: 1 hr. 30 mins. 2 classes/wk - \$858.00 year  
\*optional 3<sup>rd</sup> class/wk - \$1287.00 year

Intermediate Ballet: 1 hr 30 mins. 4 classes/wk - \$1716.00 year

Advanced I & II Ballet: 1 hr 30 mins. 5 classes/wk - \$2145.00 year

Modern I & II: 1 hr, 1 class/wk - \$429.00 year, if taken with additional classes \$396.00 year

Repertory: Advanced – 2 hr., 1 class/wk, Intermediate – 1 hr 1 class/wk - \$429.00 year

Acting: 1 hr., 1 class/wk – \$273.00 year (no classes Jan 5 – March 26)

Yoga: 1hr. 1 class/wk - \$420.00 year, 2 classes/wk \$858.00 year, per class \$13.00

Saturday Rehearsals: Apprentice attendance required. Schedule to be announced. No charge for rehearsals.

There is a 10% discount on tuition for each additional sibling enrolled in classes.

## SNOW DAY POLICY

When schools are closed due to snow, PVB will also close. Cancellations will be on the PVB voice mail. In the event of afternoon or weekend storms please call the studio.

## 2008-2009 PIONEER VALLEY BALLET COMPANY/SCHOOL CALENDAR

### September

Sat. Sept. 6  
Mon. Sept. 8  
Sat./Sun.

Open House/Registration  
Classes Begin/Tuition Due  
Sept. 13 & 14 Nutcracker Auditions

### October

Mon. Oct. 13  
Fri. Oct. 31

Columbus Day – No classes  
Halloween – No classes

### November

Tuesday Nov. 11  
Mon.- Fri. Nov. 17 - 21  
Wed. – Sat. Nov. 26 –29

No classes – Veteran's Day  
2<sup>nd</sup> Tuition Payment Due/Visitor's week  
Thanksgiving Break – no classes

### December

Sat. – Thurs. Dec. 7 – 11  
Wed. – Fri. Dec 10 - 12  
Fri. – Sun. Dec. 12 – 14  
Fri. Dec. 19

Theatre Rehearsals for Nutcracker at  
Academy of Music  
No Classes/Theatre Nutcracker  
Nutcracker Performance  
Last Day of Classes/Winter Break

### January

Wed. Jan. 5  
Sat. Jan. 10  
Mon. Jan. 19

Classes resume  
Beauty and the Beast Auditions  
Martin Luther King Day – No classes

### February

Sat./Sun. Feb. 14 & 15  
Mon. – Sat. Feb. 16 – 21

Cole Porter Performance/Academy of Music  
Winter Vacation – No Classes

### March

Mon. March 2

3<sup>rd</sup> Tuition Payment Due/Visitors week

### April

Thurs./Fri. April 2 & 3

Spacing & Dress Rehearsals – Beauty and the  
Beast

Sat./Sun. April 4 & 5  
Fri. April 10  
Mon. – Sat. April 20 –25

Beauty and the Beast Performances  
No Classes – Good Friday  
No Classes – Spring Vacation

### May

Sat./Sun. May 16 & 17  
Mon. May 25

Dress Rehearsal & Year End Performance  
No Classes – Memorial Day

### June

Fri. June 5

Last day of classes

### July

Mon. July 6

Summer Session begins