



July 17, 2022

Coaching Information for invited dancers

For dancers who would like to participate in StarQuest, YAGP, Denver Ballet Guild Young Dancer's Competition, and the Universal Ballet Competition, coaching is available.

All participants need to

- Commit to coaching all season (September to the end of April)
- Follow all the rules in the LBA and LYB handbooks
- Parents must also follow all the rules in the LBA and LYB handbooks

We want this to be a wonderful experience for our dancers. Dancers who are participating should look at competitions as an extra performance opportunity and coaching as an opportunity to grow, while preparing a variation. Please do not put all the focus on winning or base your year's success on whether or not you won an award. Remember that ballet competitions are a matter of opinion and judging will vary from year to year based on judges' opinions. Parents also need to be on their best behavior and support their children in the best way (which might just be letting them have their own space). You may not understand the judging, but that is not your job. Please do not cry politics or make it about some unknown conspiracy, particularly in public. (And please don't cry in public!) Dance competitions breed dance moms and we are not interested in being on TV with some dance moms of our own!

Coaching will be offered to dancers who would like to participate in competitions. If you sign up for a competition and then drop out, you will still owe the competition fees. We will advise you which competition or competitions are best for your child. We feel that the coaching process is important for dancers and that these provide extra performing opportunities. We will also use variations in outreach performances.

Information meetings are on the following dates (You only need to attend one meeting. You do **NOT** need to attend a meeting if you did coaching last year):

Tuesday, August 2nd on Zoom

Wednesday, August 17th at 7:00 pm in Studio 2

Coaching rates for invited dancers are as follows

\$100 per month per dancer billed September to April or May (8-9 months).

- Coaching will begin at the end of August
- Please let us know ahead of time when you are going to be absent.
- Dancers need to warm themselves up before coaching so plan on arriving 15 minutes before coaching time.

Payment will automatically be deducted from the card on file at the start date of each month beginning in September and going through April or May (depending on StarQuest).

Studying privately with other teachers outside LBA is not allowed. Some of our faculty and guest teachers will be working with some of our students this year. This year both Slava Mesropov and Alison Jaramillo will be offering private coaching in addition to group coaching. Jennifer Haws will also be available to choreograph if you are interested.

If you would like to proceed with coaching, please indicate so on the Google Form. Once you have your schedule for the school year, please let us know what time you are available for coaching.

We will be using Band again this year to schedule lessons and for communication. Please let us know if you have any questions. Thanks!

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