FENTON BALLET THEATRE



Fenton Ballet Theatre WELCOME PACKET

2023-2024

A note from Artistic Director, Brooke Holvick

Welcome to Fenton Ballet Theatre! I am beyond excited to have you join our studio and be a part of our dance family. FBT has been a dream of mine since childhood and I am so blessed to have it be a part of my journey. It is a complete gift to work with these dancers and make FBT my life's work. It is rewarding on many levels, and my hope is that you will experience the love that all of us share for dance here at FBT.

We are pleased to offer many styles of dance and numerous performance opportunities to dancers of all ages. It is my passion to give children a chance to perform in many capacities along with developing a lifelong love of dance.

"I hen you love something so much you share it"

These words are so true and what inspires all of us at FBT. Our goal is to share the love we carry deep within us. Dance is a complete gift at any age and we are so glad you chose FBT as your home!!!

Sincerely,

Brooke Holvick



Parent Resources

STUDIO COMMUNICATION

All studio communication will be sent via email. Please check your email often for important updates, and keep in mind that sometimes our emails get routed to your spam folder.

SNOW DAY COMMUNICATION

Snow days at FBT will be communicated via email and text. These will be sent to the emails and phone numbers that parents input into their JackRabbit account.

PARENT GROUPS

We have two groups on Facebook: FBT Parent Group, and FBT Company Parent Group. Please request access to these if applicable. In addition to sending out communication emails, we will also post the information in these groups.

PARENT PORTALS

JackRabbit is what parents will use to access class schedules, billing information, and much more! We also have a parent resource portal which will have terminology for every level, and applicable videos for your dancers. Both of these portals can be found on our website under the "FBT Online" tab.

FENTON BALLET THEATRE APP

The Fenton Ballet Theatre app makes it easy for families to see their JackRabbit accounts on the go! Register for classes, pay tuition, and receive important updates from the studio all from your phone!

Tuition

An annual registration fee of \$25 is charged per student (max \$40 per family). Tuition is due September 1st. Tuition must be paid in full for the entire semester. Discounts are given for multiple classes (Ballet 1-6). Monthly payment plans are only available for dancers in Ballet Levels 1-6 taking fulltime, unlimited students, and company dancers. There are 10 monthly payments and tuition will be charged on the first of the month. There is a \$15 fee for any returned check along with all bank charges incurred. Tuition not paid by the 15th of the month will incur a \$75 late fee. Tuition is non-refundable.

2023-2024 Lobby Policy

Parents may come into the studio to drop off/pick up dancers. Parents may also observe class from the lobby or viewing area. Parents/siblings that are loud or disruptive to classes in attendance will be asked to leave. We strive for a quiet learning environment for all of our dancers.

Class Conduct

- Students must be ON TIME to class and wearing proper attire. Students who are more than 10 minutes late may not participate in class. Repeated late arrivals and absences are disruptive to the class as a whole and the student's progress.
- No gum or food allowed in the studio.
- Use the restroom before class.
- Students must adhere to the studio dress code.
- Students are not allowed in studios that are not being used, unless given permission from an instructor.
- Ballet is a disciplined art form. Students must show respect to instructors at all times by being attentive and engaged in class.
- Parents may not approach instructors in between classes. Please email or call the studio if you need to speak with an instructor.
- NO STREET SHOES ALLOWED IN THE STUDIOS

Studio Safety

- Students are not allowed in Bloom Pilates or around any of the Pilates equipment at any time unless in a private lesson with an instructor.
- Please supervise siblings at the studio at all times.
- Food and drink is allowed in the lobby only
- There is no supervision for your child after their class time so please be prompt during pick up. Younger students may not enter and exit the parking lot on their own so please come into the studio during drop off and pick up.

Attendance

Please notify the studio by phone or email if you will miss class or if you will be tardy. You may make up a class in a lower level with permission from the instructor. No make ups will be allowed for tardiness so please be on time to class. Students more than 10 minutes late may observe only for their own safety. Classes have a warm up and cool down period. It is dangerous to the health of the dancer to dance without a proper warmup.

Class Cancellations

Classes will be closed for inclement weather. Please check our Facebook or Instagram pages for updates as they will be posted for your convenience. We will also send out a school email and text message. There are no makeup classes or refunds for cancellations due to weather. The studio will be closed for all major holidays.

Performances at FBT

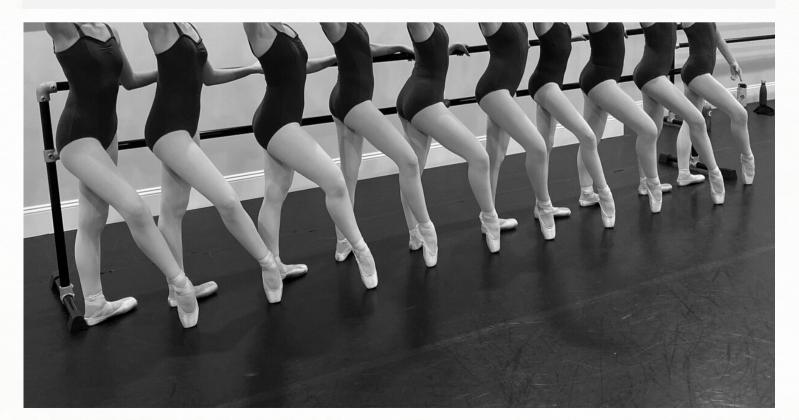
Dance is a performing art and we strive to give our dancers as many opportunities on stage as possible. Our goal is to include all students at the Ballet 1-6 level in our main performances. There will be a commitment fee for these productions. All students will participate in our End of the Year Student Showcase (recital). There is no cost to participate in our Student Showcase outside of a costume fee (approx. \$45-\$75 per class).

Placement

At Fenton Ballet Theatre, we strive to challenge students according to age and ability. While our classes do have age parameters, we will determine your dancer's placement at registration. This is based on several factors including age and experience. Our faculty will further evaluate your child during class for the first couple of classes to ensure that they are properly placed.

Class Advancement

Our Ballet 1-6 levels are structured for the serious ballet student. That said, advancement to the next level is not an annual guarantee. Children are evaluated mid-year by the instructor and if needed a conference will be scheduled with the parent. It is not unusual to repeat a level of ballet and it is not an indication of failure. Dancers develop at different rates and our goal is to encourage each student at the appropriate level. At the intermediate and advanced levels (Ballet 3,4,5,6), dancers will remain in a level for a minimum of two years before advancing to the next. Students must complete the entire year in Ballet Levels 1-6 (2 consecutive semesters) before being considered for advancement to the next level.

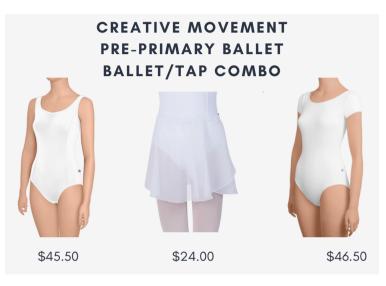


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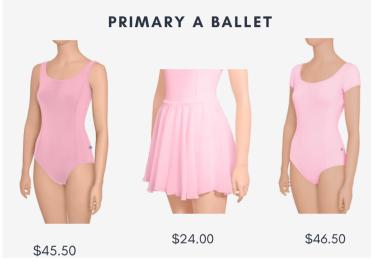
- Students and parents may not photograph, video or record any material in classes or rehearsals
- Where permission has been given to record a class/routine for rehearsal purposes, use of that recording has been authorized for that purpose only and under no circumstances must it be posted on any Social Media platform
- Any and all choreography for solos, FBT productions, annual performances, etc., taught by FBT staff and guest teachers, remains the property of FBT. Should any material be posted to Social Media (in agreement with this policy) credit must be given to FBT. This includes footage purchased from all FBT performances.
- No footage of FBT performances is are to be shared to social media without permission from FBT.
- The recording and airing, sharing, posting, distribution of teachers' routines, is a serious breach of copyright and may result in offenders being asked to withdraw from FBT.
- Under NO circumstances are any photos or video footage to be taken in changing rooms.
- Students/Parents are not authorized to contact FBT instructor via Social Media at any time or for any reason. Should a teacher be contacted and it is their duty to let the staff of FBT know so it can be monitored.
- Social Media is not to be used to communicate attendance, queries or any other administrative information. This must be done by emailing info@fentonballettheatre.com.
- Bullying/harassment of any kind over social media will not be tolerated and may result in termination of students' enrolment.
- Students, parents/guardians and teachers are not to post any content that may bring FBT into disrepute.
- If given permission to post on social media from FBT, all posts be appropriate and tasteful. Any posts seen on social media that are deemed inappropriate or distasteful will result in the students and parents being notified and the post being taken down of all platforms.
- Failure to abide by all of the above may result in disciplinary action.
- WHEN IN DOUBT, ASK BEFORE YOU POST

Classroom Uniforms

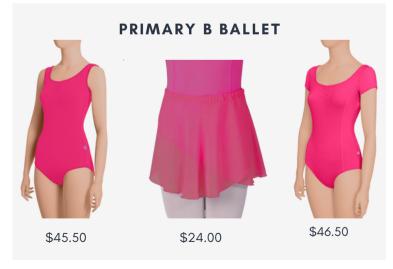
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Tights: Pink footed or transition tights Shoes: Pink leather ballet shoes – no drawstrings



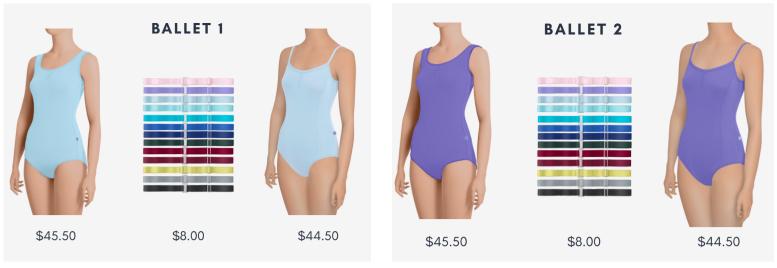
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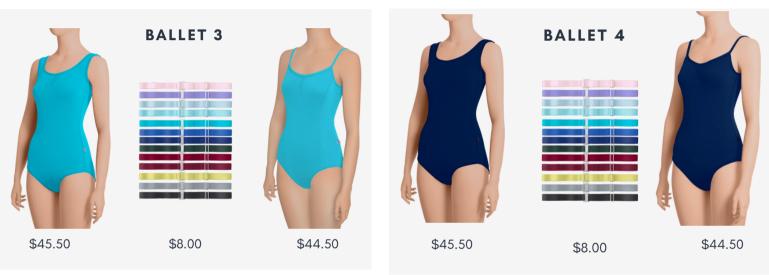
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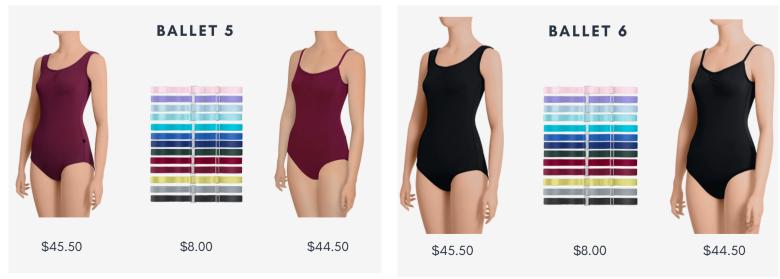


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2023-2024 Shoe Guide



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ENRICHMENT CLASSES

HIP-HOP

Comfortable bottoms and top Clean, indoor sneakers Hair in a tight ponytail or bun

LYRICAL

Leotard and tights Skirts, shorts, and tops allowed Ballet or Lyrical shoes *(color and style may vary)* Hair in a tight ponytail or bun

JAZZ

Leotard and tights Skirts, shorts, and tops allowed Jazz shoes (*Colors and styles may vary based on class*) Hair in a tight ponytail or bun

ΤΑΡ

Leotard and tights Skirts, shorts, and tops allowed Tap shoes *(color and style may vary)* Hair in a tight ponytail or bun

TUMBLING

Leotard Comfortable bottoms and top Bare feet Hair in a tight ponytail or bun

CONTEMPORARY

Leotard Bottoms and tops allowed Bare feet or Contemporary socks Hair in a tight ponytail or bun

HAVE YOUR BIRTHDAY PARTY AT FBT

FULL PARTY PACKAGE

\$600

Includes everything that we offer!

 Rental Fee
 Dance Instructor
 Party Coordinator
 Bounce house and obstacle course
 Coloring station with supplies

 Goody bags (for up 10 children:
 acch additional child)

ADD A DANCE TEACHER

\$100/Duration

Have one of our experienced dance instructors hold a dance class for the guests!

Available Themes:

Ballet Tap Jazz Tumbling

ADD A PARTY COORDINATOR

\$75

Get full access to the studio's decorations, and have set up and clean up taken care of for you!*

Also receive a complimentary gift for the birthday girl

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Rental fee: \$100/Hour

Bounce house, obstacle course and Coloring station set up with supplies: \$50

Goody bags for guests: \$15/child

All Classes: Ages 2-7

Creative **Movement** Ages 2-3

Pre-Primary Ballet Ages 4+





Primary A Ballet

Ages 5+

Primary B Ballet

Ages 6+





Primary C Ballet Ages 7+

Pre-Primary Tap Ages 2-3





Primary Tap Ages 5+

Primary Jazz Ages 5+



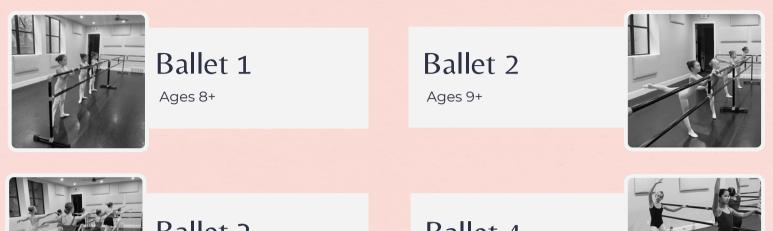
Ballet and Tap Combo Class Ages 3-5

Primary Hip Hop Ages 3+





Ballet Classes: Ages 8+



Ballet 3 Ages 10+

Ballet 4 Ages 12+





Ballet 5 Ages 14+

Ballet 6 Ages 15+



Beginner Pointe Ages 11+ by permission only Int/Adv Pointe

Ages 12+ by permission only

Pre-Pointe

Ages 8+ by permission only





Enrichment Classes: Ages 8+



Variations 1 Ages 11+ by permission only

Variations 2

Ages 12+ by permission only





Beginner Tap Aaes 8+

Beginner Jazz

Ages 8+





Beginner Lyrical

Beginner Hip Hop Ages 8+





Intermediate Jazz Ages 9+ Intermediate Contemporary Ages 9+







Advanced Contemporary Ages 12+



Enrichment Classes: Ages 8+



Advanced Lyrical Ages 12+

Int/Adv Hip Hop Ages 12+





Pilates Conditioning for Dancers

Tumbling

Intro to Tumbling

All ages - no experience necessary

Beginner Tumbling

Students must have their cartwheel, and bridge position for 10+ seconds

Intermediate Tumbling

Students must have their back walkover



FBT Company & Apprentice

Fenton Ballet Theatre is an organization committed to inspiring the community through classical ballet performance and exceptional dance training. We strive to maintain a disciplined environment with a focus on modesty using age-appropriate movement and material. Our goal is to reveal a child's true potential through developing a lifelong love of dance, movement, and appreciation of classical ballet. Our company builds on those fundamentals with an additional focus on developing dancers who wish to pursue a professional career or collegiate experience in the arts. Company dancers perform in our annual Nutcracker, In Studio Christmas Show, Spring Ballet, Michigan Ballet Festival, and our end of the year Student Showcase. FBT is proud to offer three developmental programs for company dancers: Full Company, Apprentice Company, and Junior Company. Dancers are placed by age and ability. Ages 8-18. Company Auditions are held at FBT in the Spring.



2023-2024 Important Dates

- Sep. 5 Classes Begin
- Sep. 24 Dancing For A Cure
- Sep.25-29 Bring a Friend Week
- Oct. 14 Ballerina Boo Bash Trunk or Treat
- Oct. 23-Oct. 27 Crazy Hair Week for Halloween
- Oct. 31 No Classes: Halloween
- Nov. 22-25 No Classes: Thanksgiving Break
- Nov. 26 Nutcracker Tea
- Nov. 26 Thanksgiving Weekend Nutcracker Rehearsal
- Nov. 27 Classes Resume
- Dec. 4-8 No Classes: Nutcracker Tech Rehearsals and Performances
- Dec. 11-15 Warm Ups Week
- Dec. 16 FBT Christmas Party
- Dec. 18-Jan. 5 No Classes: Christmas Break
- Jan. 4-7 Company Dancers at YAGP Tampa
- Jan. 8 Classes Resume
- Jan. 15-19 Terminology Testing: Ballet Levels 1-6
- Jan. 22 Semester II Begins