



*Welcome to
Roanoke
Ballet
Theatre*

Come grow with us...

Parent Guidelines

- Please dress your children appropriately (see “class uniform” in this booklet), pull their hair away from their faces and put on and tie their dance shoes before class.
- Please be sure your children’s names are written inside their dance shoes.
- Please take your young dancers to the bathroom BEFORE class. The teacher cannot leave a class of children to accompany one child to the bathroom.
- RBT is not responsible for children dropped off at the front door or for children whose parents are late to pick them up. RBT is not responsible for children outside of classes or children that leave the studio.
- Parents are not allowed in the studios unless it is a special “parent watching day.” However, parents are welcome to relax in our waiting areas or partake Grandin Road’s many attractions.
- Parents are welcome to ask teachers for advice about their children, tips on dance and any other information. However, please email or call the studio for a convenient time as class time is very tight and we want to be sure everyone has a full-length dance class.
- If tuition has not been paid, students will not be allowed into class for any reason.
- If tuition is not paid by the 10th of the month it will be deducted from your credit card.
- After the two week grace period, parents are responsible for all nine months of class tuition, regardless of attendance.

Faculty

The faculty at RBT are highly trained professionals; our director has performed around the world and our teachers are extremely experienced. All have worked and taught with international dancers. They are all able to determine which class level is appropriate for your child. In many cases, the age of the child is not the determining factor in class placement. Growth patterns, attention span and level of training are factored into your child’s class placement. The teacher of your child is the authority in determining placement. They will ensure that your child does not get injured and learns technique in a sequential, safe manner.

Volunteer Opportunities at RBT

The RBT Dance Guild coordinates volunteers to assist with special needs and projects of the school and company. There are opportunities available in costume design and construction, set design and construction, fundraising, special projects, and office work. *This is a great way for parents and company members to contribute to the growth and success of RBT.* As RBT is a non-profit school dedicated to families, it is expected that each family will donate at least 10 hours per year toward a RBT project.

Cancellations Due to Snow/Inclement Weather

In the event of bad weather, please call 345-6099 after 2:00 p.m. for a recorded announcement about class cancellations. Students are encouraged to make up classes missed due to weather as tuition is not waived or reimbursed. RBT follows the same closing schedule as Roanoke City Schools if the announcement is made the night before or morning of the bad weather. For mid-day cancellations, please check RBT's messaging system after 2pm.

Student Codes of Conduct

- Dancers must be dressed in class uniform only, with hair in a bun, no jewelry for all classes (see "class uniform" in this booklet).
- Dancers must be dressed, have gone to the bathroom and be in the waiting areas for the teachers to bring them into the studio.
- Dancers may not make loud noises while they are waiting for class to begin.
- No talking during classes: Raising hands for questions is essential.
- Dancers cannot leave the studio for any reason. Dancers must bring all shoes needed for class with them.
- If problems arise during class, teachers will meet with parents to discuss.
- If repeated problems arise during the class, dancers will be asked to sit in the waiting room until their parents arrive to pick them up.

Who is Roanoke Ballet Theatre?

Roanoke Ballet Theatre is Roanoke's only non-profit school of dance, providing excellent instruction in ballet, pointe, modern, tap, jazz, and specialty classes for all ages and skill levels. RBT is proud to be a Center in the Square organization and a beneficiary of the Western Virginia Foundation for the Arts and Sciences.

Purpose

Roanoke Ballet Theatre is dedicated to the heritage, development and promotion of dance. Our purpose is to:

- Offer excellent dance instruction in a diverse range of styles and levels
- Create and sustain a challenging artistic environment
- Provide a variety of performing opportunities for dancers
- Offer our community a variety of opportunities to experience dance

Philosophy

As a community organization, Roanoke Ballet Theatre is serving the needs of the public. Our services, classes and performances are accessible to all who are interested in dance. We also strive to create an appreciation of the art form by seeking out new audiences. In keeping with our vision, we try to maintain moderate tuition prices.

The teaching philosophy at RBT embraces a holistic approach. Each student is regarded as a "whole" person, not just a dancer needing technical training. A skilled and dedicated staff implements this approach to learning with emphasis on strengthening students' minds and imaginations, as well as their bodies. A positive attitude, good nutrition, teamwork, creativity, and challenging one's self are important components of instruction. By fostering the art of dance in its various forms, we hope to enrich and empower students, performers, and audience members.

Registration For Classes

Please sign up for classes in advance by mailing your registration form or by calling 345-6099. All students must be fully registered (registration fee and tuition paid) before you can enter a class.

- There is a \$35 registration fee.
- Enrollment is open year-round.
- Enrollment for Level 3 and up is a nine-month commitment.
- Levels 1 and 2 must commit for 3 months at a time.
- Tuition is due on the 10th of each month.

You have two weeks from the date of signing-up to withdraw in writing. Your tuition may be transferred to another student or given as a gift certificate. If tuition is not paid by the 10th of the month, it will be automatically deducted from your credit card. Registration forms must include a credit card.

Classes are dependent upon enrollment. If you have signed-up for a class that is changed or canceled due to lack of enrollment, we will contact you as soon as possible and attempt to arrange an alternative class that suits your schedule. We welcome your suggestions regarding classes that you would like to see offered. RBT's school accepts students ages 3 (must be toilet trained) through adult. Students may begin taking classes at any time during the year. Our staff will assist you in selecting a class that will suit the student's goals and abilities. If a student would like to try out one class before enrolling, he/she may do so at no charge. We encourage students to bring friends to try out one class for free.

Class Guidelines

We appreciate the cooperation of all students following these guidelines:

- Hair shoulder length or longer must be pinned up in a bun. Bangs should be sprayed or secured so they don't cover or fall into the eyes.
- Necklaces, bracelets and dangling earrings are not allowed in class.
- Appropriate shoes are required; they protect your feet and our floors.

Roanoke Ballet Theatre Tuition Costs			
You may choose to pay monthly, quarterly, or annually. You can save incrementally by paying in advance.			
CLASSES	MONTHLY COST	QUARTERLY COST (10 % savings)	ANNUAL COST (Last year's cost)
GROUP A	GROUP A	GROUP A	GROUP A
30 minute class	\$50	\$45	\$40
1 Hour class	\$60	\$55	\$50
1.5 Hour class	\$70	\$65	\$60
GROUP B	GROUP B	GROUP B	GROUP B
Additional 30 min	\$40	\$35	\$30
Additional 1 Hour	\$50	\$45	\$40
Additional 1.5 Hour	\$55	\$50	\$45
GROUP C	GROUP C	GROUP C	GROUP C
One Single Class-30 min	\$15	N/A	N/A
One Single Class-1 Hour	\$20	N/A	N/A
One Single Class-1.5 Hour	\$25	N/A	N/A
Dance Card- good for 5 classes	\$85/ 1 hour class \$100/ 1 1/2 hour class	N/A	N/A
Unlimited Classes/ Monthly cost	\$200/ 4 or less \$250/ 5 or more	\$185/ 4 or less \$230/ 5 or more	\$175/ 4 or less \$220/ 5 or more

TOTAL OWED—*For families with multiple children*

Child's Name	Amount
1.	
2.	
3.	
TOTAL	

Tuition Worksheet

Calculate your monthly tuition below

- 1) Choose the longest class you will be taking from Group A
- AND
- 2) Choose any other classes you wish to take from Group B
- OR
- 3) Choose a specialty course or single class from Group C
- 4) Add the totals together
- 5) Discount for more than one child enrolled (apply only to one child)
- 6) Add Registration Fee (for each child)
- 7) Total Owed

Please fill in information below

1) _____

AND

2) _____, _____, _____

OR

3) _____

4) _____

5) _____ -\$5.00 (if applicable)

6) _____ +30.00

7) _____

Limited financial assistance or scholarships offered. Contact the director for assistance.

- Leave valuables at home. RBT cannot ensure the safety of these items.
- Food, gum, candy and canned drinks are not permitted in the studio, reception area or office.
- Water in sealed, spill-proof plastic containers is the only allowable drink in all areas.
- Street shoes may not be worn in studios.
- Due to fire regulations, parents are invited to sit in the waiting area only.

Class Behavior

We expect courteous, appropriate behavior from all students at all times. If a student is disruptive in class, she/he will be asked to leave the studio and to wait quietly in the reception area. A parent will be notified of the nature of the disciplinary problem. If misbehavior continues to be a problem, the student will be permanently dismissed from class, with no refund of tuition.

Dance Opportunities at RBT

Pointe Shoes

In January of each year, some Level 4A/5 students who are physically and technically prepared are invited to graduate from ballet shoes to pointe shoes. When this happens, parents will be invited to attend fittings for pointe shoes and learn more about their care. *If students wish to make this transition they must first talk to their ballet teacher, then beginning in September they must take at least two ballet classes per week to prepare their bodies for the physical challenge and continue classes through out the year in order to advance in this technique.*

School Performance Opportunities

RBT students are invited, but not required, to participate in the end of the school year performance. Auditions will be held to determine interest and assign parts. Rehearsals are held outside of regular class hours. Productions are expensive to produce. Costumes, scenery, choreography, lighting, auditorium rental, music, advertising, and technical assistance are underwritten by RBT and supplemented by a production donation of \$45.00 from each participant. We gratefully accept donations of time, talent and financial support. We rely on students, company members and parents to volunteer to assist with productions and fundraisers. Productions are held twice a year, The Magic Toyshop in December and Spring Repertoire 2010 in May. Please reserve the week before each performance for tech week. We require dancers to be in every stage rehearsal.

Roanoke Ballet Theatre Dance Company

In addition to the School of RBT, we operate a non-profit dance company whose members train and perform throughout the year. Auditions are held biannually and are open to the public. Dancers may audition in ballet or modern dance, or both.

Company Requirements

- Company members may be ages 16 through adult, or by invitation.
- Company members must take three regular classes per week at RBT.
- Of the three regular classes, there are two options:
 1. Two classes must be modern and one must be a ballet class.
 OR
 2. Two classes must be ballet and one must be a modern class.

Company members will all have opportunities to perform during the year; however, members are not guaranteed performing roles in *every* production. Auditions will be held for roles prior to each performance. If dancers wish to perform in ballet and modern styles she/he must take two classes in each style weekly.

The RBT Dance Pass

- Each student will be distributed one dance pass for the year at no charge.
- Dance passes are kept on file in the RBT office. Office staff will punch dance passes for each student when tuition* is paid.

*Tuition must be paid in full at the beginning of each month.

Registration forms must include a credit card number. After the 10th of the month, tuition will automatically be deducted from the credit card.

- Student will show each teacher the pass before every class.
- Replacement dance cards are \$5
- The dance pass is not transferable and is invalid after May.

September 9	1st day of first semester
September 17	Company Auditions 2 PM
September 26	Latin Night
October 24	No classes/Grandin Theatre's Silver Screen Soiree
October 30	A Halloween Happening @ William Fleming High
November 21	Grandin Road Christmas Parade
November 22-28	Thanksgiving break
Nov. 27–Dec. 24	Gift Wrap Fundraiser (Volunteers needed)
December 5	Magic Toyshop@ Mill Mountain Theatre
Dec. 20–Jan. 3	Winter break
January 4	1st day of second semester
January 30	Company /Apprentice/Junior Co. Auditions
February 6	School performance auditions 10 AM–1 PM
April 2-11	Easter Break
April 24	Peter and the Wolf
May 17-22	No classes. Tech and performance week
May 22	Spring Performance 2010
May 24–29	Last week of class/Pictures/sign up for summer or fall
May 31	Memorial Day
June 14–July 31	Summer Term 2010
August 2010	RBT Summer Camps

Introducing RBT's new in-studio dancewear shoppe!

Le Petit Dansuer

Call the studio at 345-6099 for hours to order all your dancewear needs

Class Uniform

Class	Age	Leotard Color	Ballet & Tap Shoes
Level 1.....3-4		Pink	Pink/leather ballet
Level 2.....5-6		Lt. Blue	Pink/leather ballet Black low heel tap
Level 3.....7-8		Lavender	Pink/leather ballet Black low heel tap
Level 4.....9-11		Burgundy	Pink split sole canvas Black 1.5" heel tap
Level 5/6.....12-18		Royal Blue	Pink split sole canvas Black 1.5" heel tap
Level 7/8.....18+		Any color	Pink split sole canvas Black, any heel tap

- Students who are only enrolled in jazz class wear the class level uniform and black jazz pants.
- Students who are only enrolled in modern class wear a black leotard with black footless tights (translucent matte finish).
- Camisole body liners or dance bras give support under leotards.
- Ballet shoes or any style jazz shoes may be worn to jazz class.
- Other accessories may be purchased at Dance Etc. Ask for your RBT 10% discount.

Apprentice Requirements

- Apprentice company members may be ages 12 to 16, or by invitation.

Apprentices are not guaranteed performing roles in company performances, but are welcome to audition for parts. Apprentices are guaranteed highlighted roles in RBT school performances.

Junior Company Requirements

- Junior Company members may be ages 8 to 12, or by invitation.

Junior company members are not guaranteed performing roles in company performances, but are welcome to audition for parts. Junior company members are guaranteed highlighted roles in RBT school performances.

Studio Location and Drop-off Guidelines

Roanoke Ballet Theatre studios and administrative offices are located in the heart of the beautiful historic Grandin Village at 1318 Grandin Road. We are two doors up Grandin Road from the Grandin Movie Theatre and right next to Gracie's Pizzeria. This location features coffee shops, grocery stores, movies, bookstores and restaurants that are accessible by foot for parents who wish to wait for their children to finish classes.

RBT features an alleyway drop off point that is directly in front of a wall of windows that look into the RBT studios, as well as street parking, ample lots behind the co-op, and paid parking behind the RBT studios. The studio is handicapped accessible. Our main school office is immediately in front on you when you enter the front doors and the three studios are directly behind this office. Parent waiting areas are located around the inside perimeter of the studio. Students and parents must sign in at the main desk if entering the building after 4 p.m.

It is the responsibility of the student to arrive at the studio ten minutes prior to class. For safety, parents must accompany younger students into the studio as well as picking-up students when class is finished. RBT is not responsible for students outside of the dance studios or in waiting areas. Please take children to the restroom before class. Parents must wait in designated waiting areas.

Class Schedule

Roanoke Ballet Theatre

2009/2010

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Studio A	Studio B	Studio C	Studio A	Studio B	Studio C	Studio A	Studio B	Studio C	Studio A	Studio B	Studio C	Studio A	Studio B	Studio C
L1-A Ballet 4—4:30			L3 Ballet 4—5	L2-B Ballet 4—5		L 4 Ballet 4-5 PM			L 4/5 Modern 4-5 PM	L3-B Ballet 4—5				
Junior Company 4:30—6 PM	L5 Ballet 4:30—6		L6/7 Ballet 5—6:30	L 6 B Ballet 5—6 :30 PM		Junior Company 4:30-6 PM	L5 Ballet 5-6:30 PM		L 6/7 Modern 5-6 PM			Junior Company 4:30—6 PM		
L 5/8 Jazz 6—7 PM			L6/7 Pointe 6:30—7:30	L6 B Pointe 6:30-7:30 PM		L5 PrePointe 6:30--7:30		Beginning Flamenco 6-7 PM	L 8 Modern 6-7 PM	L 5/6 Variations 6-7 PM		L6/7 Ballet 6—7:30 PM		
L8 Adult Ballet 7—8 PM														

Saturday Studio A

Saturday Studio B

Saturday Studio C

Junior Company

10—11:30 AM

L 1 Ballet

10—10:30 AM

Company Ballet

11:30 AM—1 PM

L 3 Ballet

1 PM—2 PM

L 2 Ballet/Tap

10:30—11:30 AM

Modern

1—2 PM

Apprentice Company

2—3:30 PM

Boys' Class

1—2 PM

Latin Styles

2—3 PM
Salsa/Tango/Flamenco