Fall Semester 2012

Dear Colorado Ballet Academy Class Families and Participants:

Welcome to the fall 2012 session for Colorado Ballet Academy. The fall semester runs from August 20 – December 15, 2012. We are very excited to provide you with the highest quality dance training. We are thrilled to share our love of dance with you. Please be sure to check the website regularly and to read the monthly Academy Newsletter as it informs our families of ballet production promotional discounts, upcoming events, and more!

There are many performance opportunities for students year-round. Students in the ballet program Levels 4 and above will participate in the Winter Show (January 27, 2013) and the Spring Show (May/June 2013). All students Pre-Ballet and above will participate in the Spring Show (May/June 2013). Students ages 8 (by Sept. 1, 2012), are encouraged to audition for Colorado Ballet's professional performance of *The Nutcracker*. *The Nutcracker* is performed at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House in the Denver Center for Performing Arts Complex.

At the end of the Spring Semester, all students in the ballet program (Levels 1-8) will receive a student evaluation.

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- **Aug. 19:** Academy BBQ - Everyone invited!
- **Aug. 20:** Fall Programming Begin
- **Sept. 3:** Labor Day, No Classes
- **Sept. 8:** Passport to Dance
- **Sept. 9:** Academy Nutcracker Auditions
- **Sept. 17:** 2nd Monthly Payment Due
- **Oct. 22:** 3rd Monthly Payment Due
- **October 31:** Halloween, No Classes
- **Nov. 11:** Veterans Day, No Classes (Sunday)
- **Nov. 19:** 4th Monthly Payment Due
- **Nov. 19-25:** Thanksgiving Break, No Classes
- **Dec. 15:** Fall Classes End

FALL 2012 AUTO-PAY CALENDAR

- **Aug. 20:** 1st Monthly Payment
- **Sept. 17:** 2nd Monthly Payment
- **Oct. 22:** 3rd Monthly Payment
- **Nov. 19:** 4th Monthly Payment

In order to maintain excellence in the classroom, please be advised of the following policies:

1. Children are not allowed to run in the dance studio, hang on the barres, or enter the studio before the teacher. Please no gum, food, or drink besides water in the studios.

3. Parents or guardians are not allowed in classrooms. Please understand outside people in the studio can cause a distraction to the dancers. Parents, family, and friends are invited for a parent watch day, which generally occurs on the final day of the session. If you are in a summer camp, many camps will have a mini-performance on the last day of the session. Family members may wait in the lobby or waiting areas. There is free wi-fi available at both locations (password to the network may be obtained from the Academy Office).

4. It is very important to be punctual; the curriculum is built as a progression and it would be unfavorable for a dancer

to miss the beginning of class. Parking information can be found online: http://www.coloradoballet.org/academy/contact.

5. If you are unsure about the dress code, please check in with your teacher or visit the website.

6. Parents should make arrangements to pick up students promptly after class. Pre-school classes should arrange pick up the students directly outside of the dance studio. For parents dropping off older students on the curb, please wait and watch to make sure that your student has made it inside the ballet studios building before driving off.

7. Please inform us of any special health considerations before participating in class.

8. Make-up classes are only acceptable upon approval by your teachers, and students are limited to two per semester. Make-up cards can be picked up in the Academy Office after teacher approval. Attendance is critical; missing class can hinder the student's ability to keep up with the class. After teacher approval email Phoebe.Coleman@ColoradoBallet.org about any absences.

We look forward to dancing with your child. If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Curriculum and Instruction, Marlene Strang at Marlene.Strang@ColoradoBallet.org or (303) 339-1619.

Location and Parking:

Central Academy is located at the corner of 13th Avenue and Lincoln Street, which is located one block south of Colorado's State Capitol building, at 1278 Lincoln Street, Denver, CO 80203. Although there is not reserved parking at the Central Academy, there is ample metered street parking surrounding the building. Parking meters are free after 6pm (Monday through Saturday) and are free all day on Sunday.

South Academy is located in the Fairways Shopping Plaza, at the intersection of County Line Road and South Colorado Blvd., at 8230 South Colorado Blvd., Suite B in Centennial. It is easiest to enter the Fairways Shopping Plaza from South Colorado Blvd. There is amble parking located directly in front of our studio.

General inquiries may be sent to Academy.Central@ColoradoBallet.org.

Registration and account inquiries can be emailed to Natalie.Gallardo@ColoradoBallet.org.

Special cases and for students adding, dropping or transferring classes should send their Drop/Add forms to Phoebe.Coleman@ColoradoBallet.org.