

MILWAUKEE
BALLET
SCHOOL
& ACADEMY
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2019 Spring Showcase Performance Family Guide

Participation Survey (yes or no) must be completed for all students by 9:00a.m. on Monday, February 4

Mandatory Rehearsal Dates: May 4-5, 2019

Performance Dates: May 17-19, 2019

PLEASE, READ THIS GUIDE IN DETAIL AND KEEP FOR REFERENCE THIS SPRING.

Alice in Wonderland is choreographed by MBSA and MBII Director, Rolando Yanes, with support from the MBSA Faculty. **MBSA encourages all students in Pre-Ballet I through Academy II to participate in the annual showcase. Performing shows the skills learned in ballet class, increases self-confidence and provides an opportunity to work towards a project in which each child is an important part of a larger whole...and it is a lot of fun!**

While tickets must be purchased for family and friends to attend the show, there are no additional costume or performance fees to participate in the showcase performances.

THE PROCESS

Starting in January/February, students spend a few minutes of each class rehearsing. In May, the full cast comes together, and children learn the transitions between dances before bringing the show to the stage.

SIGN-UP BY 9:00a.m. ON MONDAY, FEBRUARY 4

- Read all the information below before deciding if your family can commit to this performance.
- Fill out the survey **once for each MBSA student in your family**.
- Student in Boys Class I or II and another ballet level, must choose to dance with Boys Class or their ballet level. Boys are not able to perform with both groups for this show. Indicate the class they choose in the survey.

Participation Survey: <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/Alice1819>

A response is needed, if **your child is or is not** participating.

CASTING

Pre-Ballet I	Flowers	Ballet III	Caterpillars	Boys Class I & II*	Hedgehogs
Pre-Ballet II	Bees	Ballet IV	Butterflies	Pre-Academy*	Various Roles
Pre-Ballet III	Bunnies	Ballet V	Tea pots & cups	Academy I*	Various Roles
Ballet I	Pool of Tears	Ballet VI	Deck of Cards	Academy II*	Various Roles
Ballet II	Birds	Ballet VII	Deck of Cards	* = participates in all seven shows	

MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL AND PHOTO DAY AT JODI PECK CENTER

- **Students must attend their dress rehearsal to participate in the show.** Speak with your child's instructor if you have a conflict.
- Students should arrive with hair and make-up done and wearing required attire (see below for details).
- Individual and class photos will also be taken. **To order photos (optional), bring your photo order envelope (distributed in April) completed with payment to dress rehearsal.**
- **Jodi Peck Center students will NOT have regularly scheduled classes on Saturday, May 4. All other branches will have class, as scheduled, on May 4.**
- Food or drink, other than water, is not permitted at rehearsals, except for Boys Class I & II and Academy students who will have a brief break to snack between rehearsals. Please neat, nut free and easy to eat snacks.
- Because of limited waiting room space at the Jodi Peck Center, we encourage you to drop your child off and return later to pick them up.

DRESS REHEARSAL/PHOTO DAY SCHEDULE (See below to know which rehearsal to attend)

Saturday, May 4	10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.	Jodi Peck Center, Saturday Show
	12:00-2:00p.m.	Jodi Peck Center, Sunday Show
	2:00-4:00p.m.	Riverpoint, Saturday Show
	4:00-6:00p.m.	Riverpoint, Sunday Show
Sunday, May 5	10:00a.m.-12:00p.m.	Towne Centre, Saturday Show
	12:00-2:00p.m.	Towne Centre, Sunday Show
	2:00-4:00p.m.	Schauer Center Show

PERFORMANCES

SOME CLASSES PERFORM IN ONE SHOW. SOME CLASSES PERFORM IN MORE THAN ONE SHOW. READ THE SCHEDULE BELOW CAREFULLY TO FIND YOUR CHILD'S PERFORMANCE(S) BASED ON CLASS LOCATION, NAME AND DAY.

At Schauer Arts Center

Friday, May 17th

Schauer Center	Schauer Center & Towne Centre & JPC Students who are in all shows
Pre-Ballet I	Ballet V students from Schauer Center and Towne Centre
Pre-Ballet II	Ballet VI students from Towne Centre
Pre-Ballet III	Ballet VII students from Towne Centre
Ballet I	Pre-Academy
Ballet II	Academy I
Ballet III	Academy II
Ballet IV	Boys Class I & II

At South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center

Saturday, May 18th

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Riverpoint	Towne Centre	Jodi Peck Center
Pre-Ballet I, Saturday	Pre-Ballet I, Tuesday	Pre-Ballet I, Saturday
Pre-Ballet II, Saturday	Pre-Ballet II, Saturday	Pre-Ballet II, Saturday
Pre-Ballet III, Saturday	Pre-Ballet III, Saturday	Pre-Ballet III, Saturday
Ballet I, Wednesday	Ballet I, Tuesday	Ballet I, Saturday
Ballet II, Wednesday	Ballet II, Tuesday	Ballet II, Saturday
Ballet III	Ballet III	Ballet III
Ballet IV	Ballet IV	Ballet IV
Ballet V	Ballet V	Ballet V
Ballet VI	Ballet VI	Ballet VI
Ballet VII	Ballet VII	Ballet VII
Pre-Academy	Pre-Academy	Pre-Academy
Academy I	Academy I	Academy I
Academy II	Academy II	Academy II
Boys Class I & II	Boys Class I & II	Boys Class I & II

Sunday, May 19st

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Riverpoint	Towne Centre	Jodi Peck Center
Pre-Ballet I, Tuesday	Pre-Ballet I, Tuesday	Pre-Ballet I, Tuesday
Pre-Ballet II, Tuesday	Pre-Ballet II, Tuesday	Pre-Ballet II, Tuesday
Pre-Ballet III, Tuesday	Pre-Ballet III, Tuesday	Pre-Ballet III, Tuesday
Ballet I, Thursday	Ballet I, Thursday	Ballet I, Tuesday
Ballet II, Thursday	Ballet II, Thursday	Ballet II, Thursday
Ballet III	Ballet III	Ballet III
Ballet IV	Ballet IV	Ballet IV
Ballet V	Ballet V	Ballet V
Ballet VI	Ballet VI	Ballet VI
Ballet VII	Ballet VII	Ballet VII
Pre-Academy	Pre-Academy	Pre-Academy
Academy I	Academy I	Academy I
Academy II	Academy II	Academy II
Boys Class I & II	Boys Class I & II	Boys Class I & II

- Friday night performance is held at the Schauer Center.
- Saturday and Sunday performances are held at South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center.
- **Some classes perform in one show. Some classes perform in more than one show. Read the schedule carefully to find your child's performance(s) based your class location and on his/her class name and class day.**
- It is possible siblings may be scheduled in different shows.
- Children cannot change performances without officially changing class enrollment. Enrollment changes must be made by February 1, based on availability.
- **Students performing on Friday, May 17 will not have class that day.** All other classes meet as scheduled.
- **Classes do NOT meet on Saturday, May 18,** except for Creative Movement or Open Division.
- **NO food or drink, other than water, is permitted in the dressing rooms at the theatre. Parents of students in multiple shows may bring a snack to their student between performances.**

Friday Night Performance Schedule at Schauer Center

4:00-5:00	Pre-Academy, Academy I and Academy II class and spacing on stage
4:30p.m.	Schauer Center, Towne Center Ballet V, VI, VIII and Boys Class students arrive to theatre for rehearsal
5:30p.m.	Theatre opens for seating
6:00-7:15p.m.	Schauer Center Performance

Saturday/Sunday Performance Day Schedule at South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center

8:30-10:00a.m.	Pre-Academy, Academy I and Academy II class and spacing on stage
9:30a.m.	Riverpoint students and Boys Class arrive to theatre for rehearsal
10:30a.m.	Theatre opens for seating
11:00a.m.-12:15p.m.	Riverpoint performance
1:00p.m.	Towne Centre students and Boys Class arrive to theatre for rehearsal
2:00p.m.	Theatre opens for seating
2:30-4:15p.m.	Towne Centre Performance
4:30p.m.	Jodi Peck Center and Boys Class students arrive to theatre for rehearsal
5:30p.m.	Theatre opens for seating
6:00-7:15p.m.	Jodi Peck Center Performance

VENUES

When putting dates and times in your calendar, note location as well.

Jodi Peck Center

[504 W. National Ave, Milwaukee, WI 53204](#), 414-649-4077

- May 3, 4, & 5 for Dress Rehearsal/Photo Day
- There is metered parking at the Jodi Peck Center available on neighborhood streets.
- Students should enter and exit through the front door on National Avenue.

Schauer Arts Center

[147 N Rural St, Hartford, WI 53027](#)

- May 17 for performance only

VERY IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT PERFORMANCE DAYS AT SCHAUER ARTS CENTER:

ARRIVAL: Please use Door #2 to enter and exit the building. Face the main entrance and look to the left. Door #2 is beyond the patch of grass just behind the tree. Door #2 will be locked during the performance, and backstage is strictly limited to staff, students, and volunteers who have officially signed up to help.

DEPARTURE: Send one family member to the backstage door next to the Men's room from the Lower Lobby. Check your child out with the volunteer supervisor. You will be limited to the Rehearsal Hall area while waiting for your child. No one is allowed backstage.

South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center

[901 15th Ave, South Milwaukee, WI 53172](#)

- May 18-19 for performance

VERY IMPORTANT INFO ABOUT PERFORMANCE DAYS AT SOUTH MILWAUKEE PERFORMING ARTS CENTER:

Due to back-to-back performances and the need to organize traffic flow of more than 1000 people every 90 minutes, please follow this procedure for dropping off and picking up your student dancer at SMPAC. Signs will be posted to help direct everyone.

ARRIVAL: Park in the main lot, near door #9 or the overflow lot on the north/west side of the building. Then, walk with your child along the west side of the building as **Student dancers must enter through the loading dock doors #3-4...no exceptions.** Audience members enter through the main entrance on the north side of the building, marked door #9. Please DO NOT bring your dancer through the main entrance before his/her performance. Staff and parent volunteers will be on hand to check in children and take them to their dressing rooms.

DEPARTURE: Student dancers line up in the hallway near the cafeteria after the performance, located near the theatre lobby. ONE adult must come and check out each child after the show. Please do not bring additional family and friends to this area. There is room in the lobby for your child to greet his/her guests after he/she is checked out. Exit the theatre out the main entrance with your student and guests.

TICKETS ON SALE MONDAY, APRIL 15

May 17 Performance at Schauer Arts Center

- Reserved seating tickets on sale Monday, April 15
- Schauer Arts Center Box Office www.schauercenter.org or 262-670-0560
- Box office hours are Monday-Friday from 11:30a.m.-5:30p.m. and Saturday 11:30a.m.-2:00p.m.
- Tickets are \$10 for all attendees ages 3 and up and free for children under 3 years of age, but a ticket is required.
- Tickets are not available through Milwaukee Ballet and student discounts do not apply.

May 18-19 Performances at South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center

- Reserved seating tickets on sale Monday, April 15
- South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center Box Office www.southmilwaukeepac.org or (414) 766-5049.
- Box office hours are Monday-Friday from 10:00a.m.-4:00p.m.
- Tickets purchased by May 19 are \$23 for all attendees ages 3 and up and free for children under 3 years of age, but a ticket is required.
- Tickets purchased at the theatre on May 18 or 19 will be \$30 each. Please save time and money by purchasing your tickets in advance!

- We strongly encourage you to purchase tickets in advance because the SMPAC box office is only one window and will not be able to accommodate a great deal of walk-up sales and will call the day of the show. Order your tickets early so they can be mailed to you before performance day and save \$7 per ticket!
- Tickets are not available through Milwaukee Ballet and student discounts do not apply.

PROGRAM MESSAGES – optional

Send a special message in the performance program for your child. Order forms will be available on-line this spring.

VIDEO – optional

Downloadable videos of the showcase performances will be available after the performance. More details to come.

CAST T-SHIRTS - optional

A fun keepsake with the performance logo on the front and student cast names on the back make a great keepsake and a way to show your MBSA pride! Look for details later this spring.

BALLET CLASS ATTENDANCE

- Only FULLY ENROLLED students are eligible to participate in the performance.
- Regular attendance in scheduled ballet classes is required for students to participate in the showcase. Students who have excessive absences, and therefore do not know the choreography, will not be able to perform. Participation of students with excessive class absences will be left to the discretion of the teacher.

COSTUMES, HAIR, MAKE-UP – required for May 4-5 and May 17-20

- Costumes are property of Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy.
- All students must wear ballet attire under their street clothes to dress rehearsal and the performance. Studios and backstage areas are not private enough for students to totally undress.

All Boys:

- No make-up
- Hair should be combed neatly. Longer hair must be secured away from the face.
- Always have regular ballet class attire at all rehearsals and at performances to wear before costumes are put on.
- No jewelry of any kind. Remove all earrings and leave jewelry at home.

All Girls:

- Hair should be slicked back into the required style.
- NO BANGS, as they create shadows on children's faces under stage lights.
- All hairpins and hairnets must match hair color. No additional hair accessories.
- Very short hair is to be pulled off the face securely. No headbands.
- Students should not look as if they are wearing make-up. Just brighten natural features for under stage lights.
- No underwear under leotards and tights. This should be a regular habit but if your child is not used to this, please start practicing long before rehearsal and performance days.
- Flesh-tone, camisole leotards should have fabric, not plastic, straps and should be as close to natural skin-tone as possible.
- No nail polish.

- No jewelry of any kind. Remove all earrings and leave jewelry at home.

Class Specific Costume Information. Required for rehearsal on May 4-5 and for performance(s)

Class Level	Required Dance Attire	Required Hair (also see above)	Required Make-up
Pre-Ballet I, Girls	Class uniform	Hair in bun on back of head	Light blush, natural lip gloss
Pre-Ballet I, Boys	Class uniform	Combed neatly	None
Pre-Ballet II, Girls	Class uniform	Hair in bun on back of head	Light blush, natural lip gloss
Pre-Ballet II, Boys	Class uniform	Combed neatly	None
Pre-Ballet III, Girls	Class uniform	Hair in bun on back of head	Light blush, natural lip gloss. Bunny nose and whiskers will be drawn on with make-up by the staff.
Pre-Ballet III, Boys	Class uniform	Combed neatly	None. Bunny nose and whiskers will be drawn on with make-up by the staff.
Ballet I, Girls	Class uniform	Hair in bun on back of head	Light blush, natural lip gloss
Ballet I, Boys	Class uniform	Combed neatly	None
Ballet II, Girls	Class uniform	Hair in bun on back of head	Light blush, natural lip gloss
Ballet II, Boys	Class Uniform	Combed neatly	None
Ballet III, Girls	Flesh-tone camisole leotard; pink ballet tights; ballet shoes. Bring Ballet Class leotard for times costumes are not in use.	Hair parted down middle, with a bun on either side of part, on very top of the head.	Light blush, natural lip gloss
Ballet III, Boys	Class Uniform	Combed neatly	None
Ballet IV, Girls	Flesh-tone camisole leotard; pink ballet tights; ballet shoes. Bring Ballet Class leotard for times costumes are not in use.	Hair parted down middle, with a bun on either side of part, on very top of the head.	Blush, light eye shadow, one coat of mascara, natural lip stick color
Ballet IV, Boys	Class Uniform	Combed neatly	None
Ballet V, Girls	Flesh-tone camisole leotard; pink ballet tights; ballet shoes. Bring Ballet Class leotard for times costumes are not in use.	Hair in bun on back of head	Blush, light eye shadow, one coat of mascara, natural lip stick color
Ballet V, Boys	Class Uniform	Combed neatly	None
Ballet VI, Girls	Flesh-tone camisole leotard; pink ballet tights; ballet shoes, pointe shoes. Bring Ballet Class leotard for times costumes are not in use.	Hair in bun on back of head	Blush, light eye shadow, one coat of mascara, natural lip stick color
Ballet VI, Boys	Class Uniform	Combed neatly	None
Ballet VII, Girls	Flesh-tone camisole leotard; pink ballet tights; ballet shoes, pointe shoes. Bring Ballet Class leotard for times costumes are not in use.	Hair in bun on back of head	Blush, light eye shadow, one coat of mascara, natural lip stick color
Ballet VII, Boys	Class Uniform	Combed neatly	None
Boys I & Boys II	Class Uniform	Combed neatly	None
All Academy	Role specific.... details will be discussed in class		

FAMILY VOLUNTEERS

The showcase will not be a success without many family volunteers. We hope you will give some of your time to make the show run as smoothly as possible by volunteering to assist the staff with keeping the children organized. Please sign-up for one of the below opportunities via these links:

- Jodi Peck Center Families: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C45A4AC2FA6FC1-jpcshowcase>
 JPC Boys' Class I & II: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C45A4AC2FA6FC1-boys>
 Riverpoint Families: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C45A4AC2FA6FC1-rpshowcase>

Towne Centre Families: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C45A4AC2FA6FC1-tcshowcase>
Schauer Centre Families: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0C45A4AC2FA6FC1-sacshowcase>

Rehearsal Day Volunteer (Either May 4 or 5)

- Up to 2 volunteers needed per class
- Supervise students in the studio where they wait for their turn to dance
- Assist students in putting on costume pieces (instructions will be provided)
- At designated time, escort class to rehearsal studio
- At the designated time, escort class from the rehearsal studio to the photo room, wait with them while they are photographed, escort the class back to the rehearsal studio
- When they are done rehearsing & being photographed, escort students back to dressing room studio and assist in removing costume pieces
- Supervise the class until each child has been picked-up by a parent

Performance Day Volunteer Needs (May 17, 18, 19)

- 1-2 volunteers needed per class, as indicated in sign-up
- Supervise students in dressing room studio where they wait for their turn to dance
- Assist students in putting on costume pieces (instructions will be provided)
- When directed by a staff member, escort class backstage and observe them dance from backstage
- When students are done dancing, escort them back to dressing room studio and supervise them until bows
- When directed by a staff member, escort class backstage for bows
- After bows, return to dressing room and assist in removing costume pieces
- Supervise the class until each child has been picked-up by a parent
- Backstage supervisors do not need to purchase a ticket to the show, you will be backstage the full show time and will be able to see your child dance from side-stage.

The process of *Alice in Wonderland* will be smooth with everyone's patience, cooperation and attention to detail.

Please keep this packet for reference and always ask if you have any questions.

THANK YOU for participating in this exciting process!

We look forward to sharing the hard work and accomplishments of the students!

