

ROLANDO YANES

# PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM



TRAINING THE NEXT GENERATION

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## TRAINING FOR THE FUTURE

Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy offers a robust Pre-Professional Training Program that educates, trains and prepares students for a career in professional dance.

Intended for recent high school graduates and current high school students with alternative academic study options, the program offers daily intensive training led by senior faculty member and Head of Training for Academy and Pre-Professional Divisions Tatiana Jouravel-Malinkine.

Students typically progress through our program on a two-year track although exceptions may be made due to age and individual student needs. Students are typically ages 15 to 21; however, admittance into the program is subject to the discretion or recommendation of Artistic Director, Michael Pink.

Prospective students are those seeking intense and professional quality training. Students may apply from our own Milwaukee Ballet Academy Division or from external studios and dance programs.

Following completion of the program, graduates go on to secure jobs within the dance field throughout a variety of pathways including trainee and apprenticeships with international and national ballet companies, contracts with second companies including our own Milwaukee Ballet II Program, local theater companies, prestigious dance university programs, and various commercial dance opportunities. Students are supported in their endeavors to find job placements within the dance community and networks.

*Photos: Nathaniel Davauer*



# WHAT TO EXPECT

Our program curriculum is designed to provide a comprehensive, well-rounded experience for pre-professional students.

## PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS INCLUDE:

Daily classes (Monday - Friday) in ballet, and pointe or men's work

Inspiring live musical accompaniment

Weekly classes in variations, pas de deux, Pilates, character, and repertoire

Small class sizes provide focused, individual attention

Outstanding international faculty

Bi-annual showcase performances

Guest teachers in various dance styles; including African, Jazz, Hip-Hop, Musical Theater, Dance History, Dance Appreciation, and Contemporary

Audition opportunities for Milwaukee Ballet Company productions

New, state-of-the-art studios at Baumgartner Center for Dance

Each day's schedule is built to offer a balanced class schedule while exposing students to the type of structure to be expected during the course of a professional career.

## A TYPICAL DAY IN THE PROGRAM:

STANDARD SCHEDULE	
8:15-9:15 AM	Pilates (select days)
9:30-11:00 AM	Ballet
11:15-12:15 PM	Pointe/Virtuosity*
12:15-1:00 PM	Lunch Break
1:00-2:00 PM	Repertoire
2:15-3:15 PM	Style Class**



*\*Pas de deux or Men's class as enrollment and safety restrictions allow.*

*\*\*Style classes include Variations, Hip-Hop, African, Contemporary, Musical Theater, Jazz, Character, Dance History & Appreciation, etc.*

Schedule subject to change.

## ACADEMICS

Current high school students should plan to secure their own alternative academic courses as we do not maintain partnerships with online school programs at this time. We are happy to make recommendations on programs our graduates have used successfully.



## COMMUNITY

Our pre-professional program provides a supportive community of staff and faculty. Our team is available to discuss any questions or concerns you may have about the program and life in Milwaukee. We are happy to guide you with recommendations on housing, academics, and other essentials.

Students who complete their registration for the 2021-22 program will be added to a contact list that will be shared before the program begins, allowing students and families to connect with each other in advance of the start of the program. Returning students are often another useful, first-hand resource to first year students.

## HOUSING

Students secure their own housing accommodations for the duration of the program. We recommend the Historic Third Ward and East Town neighborhoods, which are both located close to Baumgartner Center for Dance with bountiful leasing options and easy access to public transportation. The Historic Third Ward is home to a large population of young professionals, while East Town offers more affordable apartments and housing for students and families.



## LIFE IN MILWAUKEE

Milwaukee Ballet's new, state-of-the-art studios at the Baumgartner Center for Dance are located in Milwaukee's Historic Third Ward neighborhood. The Historic Third Ward is block after block of former industrial warehouses, and is now one of the city's creative hubs; home to art galleries, the Milwaukee Institute of Art & Design, performing arts venues, trendy and upscale restaurants with patio dining, and boutique shops.

To the west, the public access Riverwalk stretches nearly four miles into downtown along the Milwaukee River. To the east, along the Lake Michigan, sits the Henry W. Maier Festival Park, home to Summerfest, the world's largest music festival, as well as many of Milwaukee's ethnic festivals.

Just north of the Historic Third Ward lies the East Town neighborhood, offering beaches, restaurants, and a plethora of enriching arts and culture experiences, including Jazz in the Park, Milwaukee Art Museum, and the newly renovated Marcus Performing Arts Center and famous Pabst Theatre.

**Learn more about our great city at [visitmilwaukee.org](https://www.visitmilwaukee.org).**



Photo: Eric Olson/Saturn Lounge.

# 2021 | PROGRAM INFO

## ELIGIBILITY & AUDITIONS

Students must be advanced level dancers in high school or post-high school. Ladies must have at least 4 years of intensive pointe training.

Visit our website for information regarding audition opportunities.

[milwaukeeballet.org/pre-professional](https://milwaukeeballet.org/pre-professional)

## TUITION

Tuition for the 2020-2021 school year was \$7,245 (\$805/month). Pricing for the 2021-22 program will be announced on our website.

- 9 monthly payments  
September - May
- September tuition is due at the time of registration.
- Includes all classes, rehearsals, costumes, and performance participation.
- Online applications for financial assistance, as available, begin June 2021. Contact the Registrar with questions or how to apply.
- Students are responsible for their own housing, meals, transportation, dance attire, shoes, and academic tuition if still enrolled in high school.



## REGISTRATION

Students will be contacted with their acceptance and registration materials by May 31. Space is limited, and registrations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis. We encourage prospective students to register with a first month's tuition payment as soon as possible upon acceptance into the program to secure their place.

**Contact our School Registrar with questions or for assistance:**

Katie Kowols | [kkowols@milwaukeeballet.org](mailto:kkowols@milwaukeeballet.org) | 414.902.2117

# COVID-19 | POLICIES

## KEEPING OUR STUDENTS SAFE

Milwaukee Ballet School & Academy has been practicing strict health and safety protocols for in-person classes with success since July 2020. Safety for our students, faculty, and staff are of the utmost importance to us, at all times. Policies will be monitored and updated per State and local guidelines



### DAILY PROTOCOLS INCLUDE:

- All students, staff, faculty, and other guests inside our facilities are required to properly wear a face mask.
- Studio capacities are limited to allow a minimum 6 feet of space between individuals.
- Extensive cleaning protocols are enforced before and after all classes and for high touch points throughout the building.
- Anyone entering the facility is required to complete a health screening via app or verbally, prior to arrival.
- Class start and end times are staggered to allow for safe and distanced building entry and exit.
- Designated break and lunch areas for each class section to avoid cross contact and for efficient contact tracing, if needed.