

Louisville Ballet Presents

BALLET BOUND

A Pathway Into the World of Ballet

2021 - 2022 Program Updates





Louisville Ballet provides community engagement programming through a wide range of in-school residencies, performance assemblies, after-school workshops, student matinees, adaptive dance programs, audience engagement initiatives and scholarship opportunities.





Louisville Ballet believes that children should have access to high quality dance education and training regardless of race, ethnicity, gender identity, or socio-economic status.



Ballet Bound is an initiative of Louisville Ballet providing young dancers from all across Greater Louisville the opportunity to study classical ballet free of charge in a professional setting.



Ballet Bound is designed to build diversity in the world of ballet while serving as a pathway for dancers to The Louisville Ballet School, Louisville Ballet Studio Company and eventually a career with Louisville Ballet (LB).



Ballet Bound Community Scholarships

Each season, 20 students (ages 7-9) are awarded one year of free tuition & uniform to study with Louisville Ballet through the Ballet Bound Program.

Weekly classes operate in LB's downtown studios and are taught by the LB Community Engagement Team along with several LB Company Dancers.

Ballet Bound students and their families also receive free tickets to attend all Louisville Ballet performances throughout the season.

At the conclusion of this free year of study, five students from this group are selected to receive a continuing scholarship to The Louisville Ballet School.



Ballet Bound Continuing Scholarships

Ballet Bound students selected for a continuing scholarship to The Louisville Ballet School are eligible for free training until high school graduation.

These scholarships cover tuition, uniform costs, and all fees associated with the study of ballet at The Louisville Ballet School including:

- Participation in annual Spring Dance Festival
- Participation in Regional Dance America Trip
- Summer Intensive Training at LBS
- LB Performance Tickets for families

Ballet Bound Scholarships are designed to give each student approximately 10 years of free ballet training and prepare them for a career in dance.



Ballet Bound Program Participation



Students are identified for Ballet Bound Community Scholarships through their participation in a Louisville Ballet Community Engagement Program including:

- In-school residencies and workshops
- After-school programs
- Workshops at community centers

In addition, Louisville Ballet hosts the Ballet Bound Summer Audition Tour in collaboration with several community partners:

- 6 Olmsted Park Locations in Louisville
- 2 NoCo Arts District Locations in Jeffersonville, IN
- 3 Boys, Books & Ballet Workshops at Louisville Free Public Library branches



Ballet Bound Current Data



2020-2021 School Year:

- 18 Students began in the Community Scholarship Program
- 9 Finished the school year
- 5 Awarded continuing scholarships to The Louisville Ballet School

Summer 2021:

- 6 Audition workshops hosted in collaboration with Olmsted Parks
- 100 students total participated in the audition workshops
- 20 of those students were awarded a Community Scholarship

2021 - 2022 School Year:

- 20 Students began in the Community Scholarship Program
- 5 Students remained on continuing scholarship at LBS; 2 of these students performed in the children's cast of The Brown-Forman Nutcracker
- All Ballet Bound students will perform in the 2022 Spring Dance Festival
- 5 Community Scholarship students will receive a continuing scholarship to The Louisville Ballet School in the spring of 2022



Ballet Bound Program Benchmarks

Each year, a new group of 20 students will be chosen for the community scholarship program at Louisville Ballet and five students from the previous years' community program will be awarded continuing scholarships to The Louisville Ballet School.

By 2025, an average of 40 students will be supported by the Ballet Bound Program:

- 20 students in first year community program
- 5 students continuing in Classical Ballet Level 3 at LBS
- 5 students continuing in Classical Ballet Level 4 at LBS
- 5 students continuing in Classical Ballet Level 5 at LBS
- 5 students continuing in Pre-Professional Level 1 at LBS

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Madison's Ballet Journey

Madison was a participant in LB's after-school program at Lincoln Performing Arts School for two years. She was awarded a scholarship to the Louisville Ballet School Summer Dance Camp in 2018, a Ballet Bound Community Scholarship in 2020 and a Ballet Bound Continuing Scholarship in 2021 and is currently training at The Louisville Ballet School.



Participating in the Ballet Bound Program has meant a lot to me and my family, and it has given us new experiences. I love doing ballet. This program has led me to connect more with my aunt, cousins, and grandmother. Throughout my experience in Ballet Bound, I have learned to lengthen my spine and have better posture. I've also learned new terms in ballet in French.

- Madison, Ballet Bound Scholar

Being a part of the Ballet Bound family has helped to bring our family together in a way that lets us celebrate Madison, and her talents, independently from her siblings in our household. This program has helped to instill values in Madison that we can not financially afford to do so on our own. This scholarship will help Madison to continue to blossom into a creative and talented young lady.

- Parent of Madison



Jael's Ballet Journey

Jael was a participant in LB's after-school program at Lincoln Performing Arts School for two years. She was awarded a scholarship to the Louisville Ballet School Summer Dance Camp in 2018, a Ballet Bound Community Scholarship in 2020 and a Ballet Bound Continuing Scholarship in 2021 and is currently training at The Louisville Ballet School.

When I found out that I received a scholarship to the Ballet Bound Program, I was so excited that I told everyone!

- Jael, Ballet Bound Scholar

The Ballet Bound Program has been such an amazing experience for Jael. She lights up every Friday to know that she will be able to perform ballet. Her love for dance radiates daily and I'm so excited to see where her passion for it will lead her. Jael has benefited greatly as she is motivated not only in dance but in her everyday life. Her confidence has been boosted beyond all measures and she thrives on uplifting others inside and outside our home.

- Parent of Jael



Sponsorship Opportunities

There are multiple levels of support needed to fund and sustain the Ballet Bound Program each year.

\$50,000 Annual Lead BB Program Sponsor

- Sponsorship recognition on all BB materials

\$15,000 Sponsor five Continuing BB scholarships

\$2,500 Purchase uniforms for 20 BB students



Contribute to the Ballet Bound Scholarship Fund

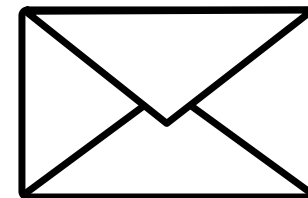
- \$45,000 covers the cost of of tuition and fees for 10 years of training for one Ballet Bound Student to graduate from The Louisville Ballet School and be ready for a career in dance.



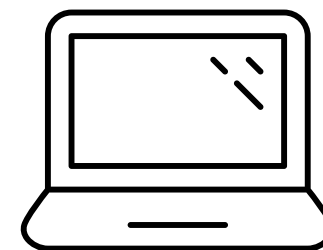
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