

Louisville Ballet Presents

BALLET BOUND

A Pathway Into the World of Ballet



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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.



Ballet Bound Community Program

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

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

Ballet Bound students have two performance opportunities throughout the year and their families also receive free tickets to attend all Louisville Ballet performances during the season.

At the conclusion of this free year of study, five students from this group are selected to receive a Ballet Bound 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 other fees associated with the study of ballet at The Louisville Ballet School including:

- Participation in annual Spring Dance Festival
- Louisville Ballet Performance Tickets for families
- Summer Training Programs at Louisville Ballet
- Participation in Regional Dance America Trip

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

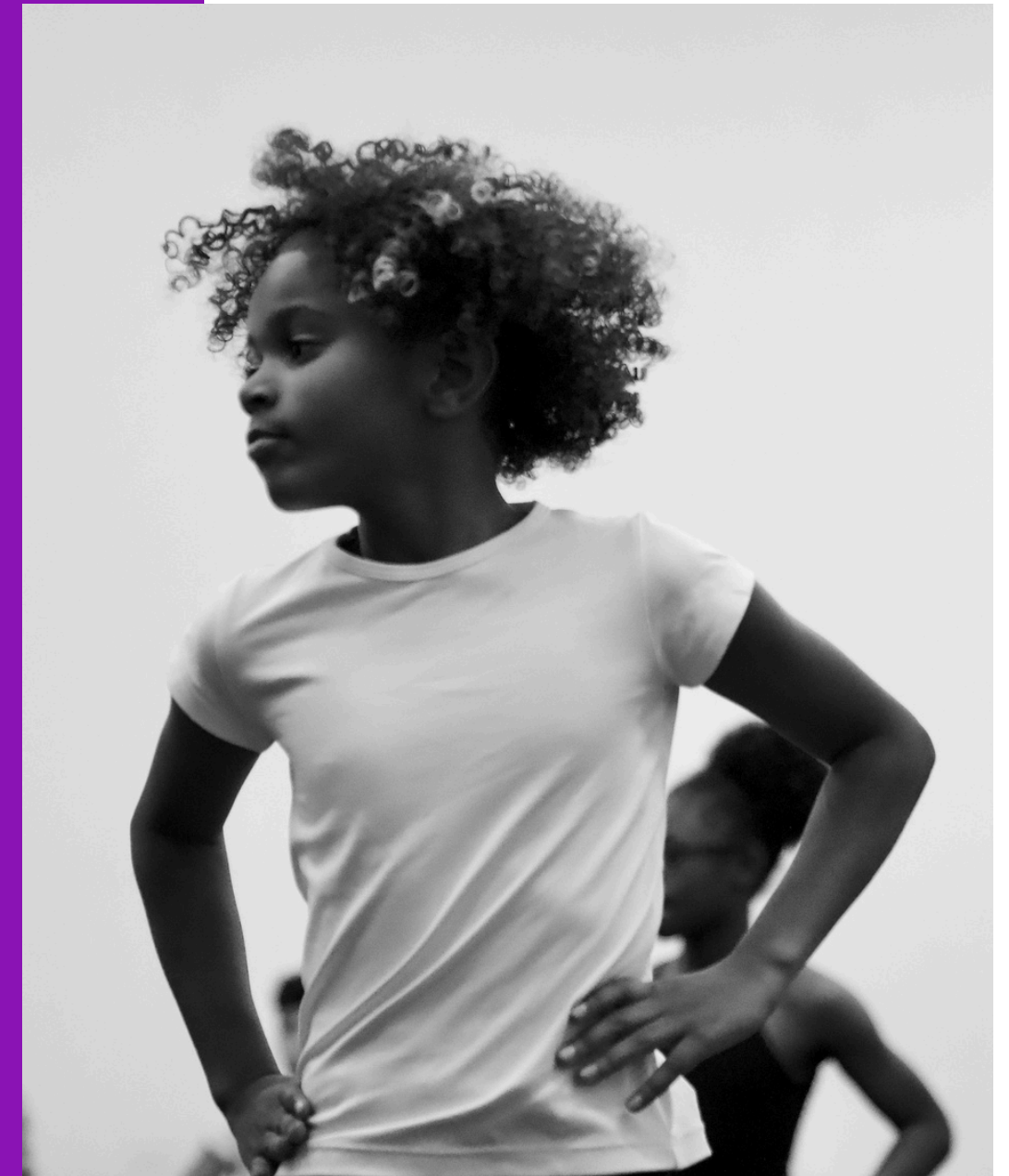


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Ballet Bound Program Participation



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

- 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 Olmsted Parks, hosting weekend workshops open to children ages 7-9, and no previous dance experience is necessary to audition.

- 7 Olmsted Park Locations in Louisville including; Shelby, Iroquois, Boone Square, Seneca, Chickasaw, Central, and Algonquin Parks



Ballet Bound Program Impact + Data



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2020-2021 School Year

- 16 Students began in the Tuition Free Community Program at Louisville Ballet Downtown Studios / 9 finished the program
- 5 Awarded 100% all inclusive Ballet Bound Continuing Scholarship to The Louisville Ballet School for the 21-22 school year

Summer 2021

- 6 Audition workshops in 6 Olmsted Parks / 100 Participants

2021 - 2022 School Year

- 20 Students began in the Tuition Free Community Program at Louisville Ballet Downtown Studios/ 14 finished the program
- 5 Awarded a 100% all inclusive Ballet Bound Continuing Scholarship to The Louisville Ballet School for 22-23 school year
- 5 Awarded partial tuition assistance to The Louisville Ballet School for the 22-23 school year

Summer 2022

- 7 Audition Workshops in 6 Olmsted Parks + 1 Southern IN / 100 participants

2022 - 2023 School Year

- 21 Students began Tuition Free Community Program at Louisville Ballet Downtown Studios / 14 finished the program
- 6 Awarded a 100% all inclusive Ballet Bound Continuing Scholarship to The Louisville Ballet School for 22-23 school year
- 7 Awarded partial tuition assistance to The Louisville Ballet School for the 22-23 school year

Summer 2023

- 7 Audition Workshops in 5 Olmsted Parks + 2 workshops at Louisville Ballet Downtown Studios (due to rain)

CURRENT DATA: 2023 - 2024 School Year

- 24 Students have begun the Tuition Free Community Program at Louisville Ballet Downtown Studios
- 12 Former Ballet Bound Students are currently enrolled at The Louisville Ballet School on a 100% all inclusive continuing scholarship
- 5 Former Ballet Bound Students are currently enrolled at The Louisville Ballet School on a partial scholarship



Ballet Bound Program Benchmarks

Each year, a new group of 20 students will be chosen for the Ballet Bound Community 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, approximately 35-40 students will be supported by the Ballet Bound Program:

- 20 students in first year community program
- 3 continuing scholars in Classical Ballet Level 3
- 3 continuing scholars in Classical Ballet Level 4
- 3 continuing scholars in Classical Ballet Level 5
- 3 continuing scholars in Classical Ballet Level 6
- 3 continuing scholars in Pre-Professional Level 1

[CLICK HERE to watch highlights from the Ballet Bound Program in the studio!](#)



Madison's Ballet Journey

Madison's journey with Louisville Ballet began in 2016 through an after-school program at Lincoln Performing Arts School, where she participated for two years. In 2018, she was awarded a scholarship to The Louisville Ballet School Summer Dance Camp, and later selected to participate in the Ballet Bound Community Program in 2020. She received a Ballet Bound Continuing Scholarship to The Louisville Ballet School in 2021, where she is currently enrolled in Classical Ballet Level 6.



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 in level Classical Ballet Level 6.

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.

\$1.5 million - Ballet Bound naming opportunity for a 10-year investment providing continuous training for 50 students

\$50,000 - Annual Lead Ballet Bound Program Sponsor

\$15,000 - Sponsor five Continuing Ballet Bound scholarships

\$2,500 - Purchase uniforms for 20 Ballet Bound students



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Contribute to the Ballet Bound Scholarship Fund

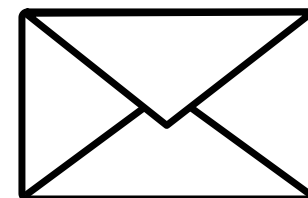
- \$50,000 covers the cost of of tuition and fees for 10 years of training for ONE Ballet Bound Student to graduate from The Louisville Ballet School and be ready for a career in dance.



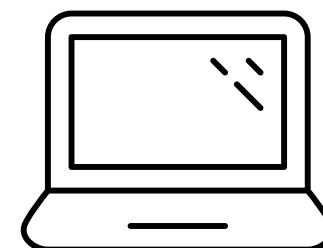
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2024 Community Engagement Sponsors*



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