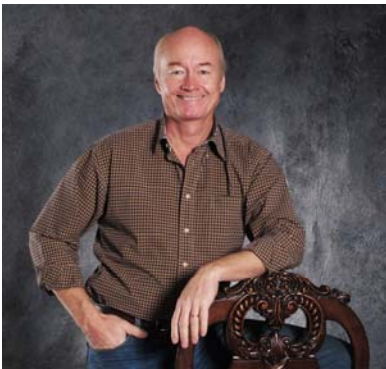


# LONG BEACH BALLET ACADEMY

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## Mission Statement of the Long Beach Ballet Academy

*To Enhance the Lives of Children and the Community through the Beauty and Discipline of Classical Ballet.*



**W**elcome to Long Beach Ballet Academy. We are currently celebrating our 35<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as one of Southern California's leading classical ballet institutions. We are very proud of our school's dedicated professional faculty as well as our many successes, including graduating students who have joined such companies as San Francisco Ballet, National Ballet of Canada, and Milwaukee Ballet. We welcome you to share with us your love of dance, and we promise to provide you with the very best in classical ballet training

*David Wilcox – Artistic Director*

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

### PLACEMENT

Students are placed in their appropriate level by age or after taking a placement class arranged by the instructors. Determining factors include age, previous training, and natural ability. (Pre-Ballet, Children's Division and Adult levels do not require a placement class.)

### ATTENDANCE

Students are expected to maintain regular attendance in the minimum number of classes required for their particular level. An exception would be an absence due to illness or other such acceptable reason, in which case the class may be made up in another class of the same level or lower level. Classes missed due to holidays or illness may be made up any time during the following three months. Students are expected to arrive on time and ready for class. Students entering class late may be asked to observe the class at the discretion of the instructor.

### TUITION

Tuition is payable in advance. There are a variety of payment options available with discounts for pre-payment of multiple months or multiple classes in the case of "drop-in" classes. Additional fees are added to late payments (after the 10<sup>th</sup>) and returned checks.

### DRESS CODE ATTIRE

- Girls/Ladies:** Full footed/transitional light pink tights and pink ballet shoes for all levels. No jewelry
- Any style leotard (no skirts)
- Pre-Ballet Level: Light Pink leotard and hair pulled back  
Children Level: Light blue leotard and hair in bun  
Class-level colored belt  
Academy: Black leotard and hair in a classical ballet bun  
Class-level colored belt
- Boys/Gentlemen:** Black tights, white socks and black or white shoes, white T-shirt.

### PROFESSIONALS

A special rate is available for professional dancers upon presentation of current AGMA, AGVA, AFTRA, or Equity Card.

### RULES AND REGULATIONS

Every student is expected to conform to the rules and regulations and to behave in a disciplined, responsible and courteous manner. The school reserves the right to suspend or dismiss any student whose attitude, attendance, or conduct is found unsatisfactory.

### EVALUATIONS

Students are evaluated several times during the year to ensure correct level placement and to maximize each student's potential. Initial placement for the year reflects our presumption that the student will maintain good attendance and work ethic in his/her classes to progress with the rest of the class. In the event that the faculty believes that a student would receive more suitable training in a different level, the student and parent(s) will be notified and the student will be moved. The curriculum for each level is mandatory. Students whose schedule does not accommodate their level's curriculum may enroll in a lower level or may transfer to the Teen Division. Consistent attendance alone does not assure that a student will move through the academy syllabus with the rest of the class. Each student must apply him or herself and exhibit consistent and dedicated work habits to progress.



Use "Click-It" on the Long Beach Ballet website to get information for LBB Families only! From the homepage, click on the black & white dancer logo to get to the "Student Information Page."

## CURRICULUM

The curriculum of the Long Beach Ballet Academy reflects the eclectic repertoire of a professional ballet company. Weighted heavily toward training of classical ballet technique, the school also hosts an internationally recognized Summer Program where other forms of dance are introduced, including jazz, contemporary, and Russian and Chinese character dance.

### BALLET TECHNIQUE

This is the foundation of all dance forms necessary for the linear and technical development of a dancer. Twelve levels of technical training span a child's first introduction to musical movement to and including the emergence of a professional dancer.

#### Pre-Ballet and Children's Division

For children from three years of age. Includes six levels of training in preparation for the Academy Division.

#### Academy Division

The Academy Division develops artistry, technique, stamina, and discipline. Pointe work is introduced in Level 4. Serious students are immersed in a professional atmosphere of high-level training in preparation for a professional career.

#### Adult Division

For teenagers and adults not pursuing a professional dance career, who nonetheless desire to begin or continue ballet training.

### REQUIRED CLASSES

Each student is required to take a minimum number of classes per week depending on his or her level:

Pre-Ballet, Children's 1, 2, & 3.....	1 class/wk
Academy Level 1 .....	2 classes/wk
Academy Level 2 .....	3 classes/wk
Academy Level 3 .....	4 classes/wk
Academy Level 4 .....	5 classes/wk with pointe
Academy Levels 5.....	5 classes/wk with pointe
Academy Levels 6, 7 & 8.....	5 technique classes/wk pointe, variations



### SPECIAL PROGRAMS

#### Annual Summer Intensive & Ballet Tour to China

Each year students from across the country are selected to join the Long Beach Ballet on their annual five-week Summer Intensive that culminates with a tour to China.

#### Summer Intensive (4 weeks), Jr. Summer Intensive & Children's Summer Dance Camp

Students from around the country attend Long Beach Ballet's Summer Program for an intensive three-weeks of classical training, as well as other forms of dance. The two-week Jr. Summer Intensive is offered for younger students who are not yet eligible for some Summer programs and gives the students a taste of intensive training for their level. The Children's Dance Camp offers students in age from 5 to 11, the opportunity to study ballet, jazz, musical theater and other fun activities.

### PERFORMING OPPORTUNITIES

Performance opportunities are available to all students age four and up. Each June, students perform in the **Annual School Performance** -- an elaborate two hour production featuring a full-scale story ballet plus exciting variations by Upper Division students. In December, the school produces David Wilcox's internationally acclaimed production of **The Nutcracker**. These performances are the culmination of countless hours in the classroom and is rewarding for students and family alike.



### LONG BEACH BALLET COMPANY

Advanced level students are eligible for selection to join the Long Beach Ballet, an internationally recognized, pre-professional performing company. This select group of talented and dedicated students gains experience and understanding of what a professional ballet career involves, providing a bridge between classroom training and a professional career. Members work with an array of international talent, including choreographers, directors, and dancers. The Long Beach Ballet is an Honor Company of Regional Dance America and has official ties to the National Ballet of China in Guangzhou.