



August 1st, 2025

Dear Prospective LYB Parent,

Now that your child has reached Ballet 3, he or she is invited to take part in Littleton Youth Ballet, our non-profit youth ballet company. We feel this is a wonderful chance for any student that truly loves ballet and wants to take advantage of more dance opportunities. Being a part of a performing company gives students additional rehearsal and performance experience which will help their technical and artistic development as well as giving them a chance to be part of a team. Dancers may also be given the opportunity to perform at schools, assisted living homes, festivals, hospitals, and other charitable events throughout the year giving them invaluable performing experience and teaching them the value of community service.

Benefits include:

- Guaranteed participation in the Storybook Ballet in the spring.
- Participation in the Encore performance in September (only if they participate in the Storybook Ballet in the previous spring).
- Guaranteed participation in The Nutcracker.
- Optional participation in an extra ballet piece to be performed in the Littleton Youth Ballet Concert and in the School Performance
- Participation in the LYB outreach program. This opportunity always depends on casting per show and level in LYB.
- The opportunity to be part of a team
- Dancers have the privilege of wearing the LYB uniform (**ONLY** available to LYB dancers).
- The option to order additional LYB attire.
- Invitation for two to the LYB Banquet in the spring.
- Name with dancer's headshot in three programs (if you come to the photo shoot). Dancers in the highest level of LYB also have a short bio as well.
- The opportunity to be part of something that really gives dancers a feeling of accomplishment and gives joy to others through live performance.
- Students also can participate in master classes by internationally renowned guest teachers. At this point we have Olivier Pardina, Darla Hoover, and Tim Fox with a few more to be announced.

To participate, students must audition annually. The audition is **ONLY** a formality and will be used as the audition for parts in *The Nutcracker* as well. (Therefore, dancers will **NOT** need to attend the separate audition for *The Nutcracker*). The LYB fee to participate is as follows

If paid on or before September 15th	\$375
If paid September 16th to September 30th	\$425

This fee covers performance fees for the Encore Production, The Nutcracker, and the Storybook Ballet as well as the audition fee and admission for one parent and dancer to the banquet. There are no monthly fees.

For advanced students:

This year we are also performing at

Western Welcome Week

Clement Park and Hudson Gardens with the Littleton Symphony Orchestra

A brand new 20-minute version of A Christmas Carol performed with the Littleton Symphony Orchestra

Joy to the World Concert at Newman Center with Jenny Oaks Baker

These opportunities are provided at no additional cost.

There is also a media fee per immediate family this year which is charged through Littleton Ballet Academy per performance.

The 2025-2026 media fee schedule is as follows:

Alice in Wonderland: \$75 for 3 shows (charged September 10th)

The Nutcracker: \$125 for 5 shows (charged December 10th)

Hansel and Gretel: \$75 for 3 shows (charged April 10th)

LYB Concert: \$40 for 1 show (charged May 11th)

Candidly Created provides all dancers with professional videos for ALL shows (3 for Encore, 5 for The Nutcracker, 3 for Storybook, and 1 for the LYB Concert), as well as professionally edited photos taken during the shows for all 12 performances, and a new headshot every year. Audition photos will be done separately on Wednesday, September 17th and Thursday, September 18th. Headshots will also be taken during this time.

NEW THIS YEAR

Family Volunteer Opportunity: A Chance to Give Back—Together!

This season, we're excited to introduce a new volunteer commitment designed just for families. We believe that some of the most meaningful memories are made when we come together to serve a greater purpose—and what better way to do that than *as a family*? And what a wonderful way to get involved in something your child loves!

Whether it's helping at events, lending a hand with studio projects, or supporting behind-the-scenes efforts, your time and talents make a real difference. By joining in as a family, you not only contribute to our community—you strengthen your own bond through shared experiences, laughter, and the joy of giving back.

Our goal is to create opportunities that feel less like a task and more like time well spent with your young dancer. We'll guide you every step of the way to make this commitment enjoyable, manageable, and rewarding.

Families will need to complete 5 volunteer hours for the 2025-2026 season. There is also an option of opting out for a fee of \$150. All hours and opportunities will be tracked through Sign-Up Genius.

Participating in Littleton Youth Ballet requires a commitment from August 25th to May 30th (which is the same as LBA's Academic Year).

We sincerely hope you will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! Please let us know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

Alison and Bobbie Jaramillo
Artistic Directors,
Littleton Youth Ballet