

About the Program

Houston Ballet and the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center of Houston present a Primary Ballet program at the J which will implement Houston Ballet Academy's pre-professional curriculum and make the JCC of Houston a satellite program for Ballet 1 students 7 and 8 years old with no experience and Ballet 2 students 8, 9, and 10 years old with at least one year of experience who choose to focus on ballet. These two courses will lay the foundation for further study of classical ballet. At this level they follow a structured sequence of training stages designed to increase their technical skills, stamina, and discipline in accordance with their age and physical development. Children will take class one day a week.

About Dress Code

The following requirements are strictly enforced. We expect both parents and students to make the effort to come to class properly dressed.

HAIR

- All hair must be secured back and out of the face
- Hair must be worn in a bun for both levels of ballet

ATTIRE FOR BALLET

Girls:

- Black tank style leotard
- Pink tights
- Pink ballet slippers

Boys:

- White t-shirt
- Black biker shorts
- Black ballet slippers
- White socks

About Teacher

Jennifer Claggett Sommers, a Houston Ballet Academy Faculty member, will teach the Ballet 1 and Ballet 2 levels. She holds a Master of Fine Arts in Dance, Performance and Choreography from Smith College in Northampton, Massachusetts. Her training includes ballet, modern dance, dance history, anatomy and kinesiology. She has performed with *Laura Dean Musicians and Dancers*, *Street Signs Center for Literature and Performance*, and the *Albany Berkshire Ballet*, where she also served as Ballet Mistress. She relocated to Houston in 2008 and created a dance program at KIPP Sharpstown College Prep. She is currently teaching for Houston Ballet's Ben Stevenson Academy, and she serves on the faculty of and choreographs for the University of Houston.

About Classes

CLASS SCHEDULE

BALLET 1: ONE BALLET CLASS PER WEEK REQUIRED.

Students must be 7 or 8 years old, entering 2nd and 3rd grade.

DAY	CLASS NAME	*DATE	TIME	TEACHER
Monday	Ballet 1	Jan. 16 - May 21	4:30 - 5:30 PM	Jennifer Claggett Sommers

BALLET 2: ONE BALLET CLASS PER WEEK REQUIRED.

Students must be 8, 9, or 10 years old, entering 3rd, 4th, or 5th grade. Have at least one year of experience.

DAY	CLASS NAME	*DATE	TIME	TEACHER
Monday	Ballet 2	Jan. 16 - May 21	5:30 - 6:30 PM	Jennifer Claggett Sommers

FEES: \$306 MEMBER / \$396 PUBLIC

* ONGOING REGISTRATION - CALL 713.729.3200 EXT. 3223

Registration Form (please print)

Name _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____ Email Address _____

Address _____ City _____ Zip _____

Member of JCC Yes No Membership No. _____ Exp. Date _____ Discover Mastercard Visa # _____ Exp. Date _____

Name of Person Taking Class	If in School Grade	Activity or Group and Time	Catalog #	Class Day	Fee

To Register by Mail or Fax - Check or money order should be made payable to the Evelyn Rubenstein Jewish Community Center & mailed with this form to: Or Fax to: 713-551-7223

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About Houston Ballet

Houston Ballet, led by artistic director Stanton Welch, has 52 dancers and an endowment of just over \$57.6million (as of May 2011), making it the United States fourth largest ballet company by number of dancers. Houston Ballet has toured extensively both nationally and internationally including appearances in London, Moscow, Spain, Montreal, Washington, D.C., and New York. Houston Ballet Orchestra consists of 61 professional musicians under music director Ermanno Florio. Houston Ballet's Education and Outreach Program has reached over 22,000 Houston area students (as of the 2010 - 2011 season). Houston Ballet's Academy has 419 students and has had four academy students win prizes at the prestigious international ballet competition the Prix de Lausanne, with one student winning the overall competition in 2010. For more information on Houston Ballet, please visit www.houstonballet.org.

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We look forward to offering Houston Ballet's programs and expert teaching at the "J" as we build bridges for the future. Our pilot program this year will be the first in the city. Our goal is to build our relationship with the ERJCC's already strong dance program in hopes of collaborating in a variety of new and innovative ways.”

- Houston Ballet Associate Director Shelly Power

About JCC School of Dance

The ERJCC School of Dance offers dance classes for all ages. The school was established in 1969 and is a vital part of the ERJCC. Distinguished choreographers rehearse and perform here. Gifted and committed professionals form one of the finest dance facilities in Houston. Special events such as Dance Month at the Kaplan Theatre, SPA/ERJCC I W Marks Master Class Series, and Generation Next have become an integral segment of the school along with workshops and master classes.



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Ages 7-10

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Stanton Welch Artistic Director