

GALVESTON BALLET FACT SHEET

Who are we?

We are a non-profit volunteer organization with two employees, Ms Janel and Ms Judith. We are the official ballet company of Galveston and we are governed by a volunteer board of directors. As a member or a dancer with Galveston Ballet, you are expected to volunteer. Don't worry, everything we do is fun!

What do we do?

Galveston Ballet is entering our 24th year of providing classical ballet instruction and performance. We produce two Opera House performances each year: the fall performance features our performing company and it is usually a mixed repertory performance; the spring performance is a full classical ballet and includes all of our dancers. There is a \$65 performance fee to participate in our Opera House performances and all participating dancers are asked to sell at least 10 tickets to the performance. Other performances may include: Dance in Schools, which is our public school educational program, Dickens on the Strand, Moody Garden's Festival of Lights, The Official Tree Lighting at the Hotel Galvez, Kid's Fest, Yaga's Wildgame BBQ, and others. All performances are optional.

How do I participate?

You are receiving your ballet education below cost because of our fundraising efforts. Approximately one third of our operating income comes from tuition, one third comes from grants and patron donations, and one third comes from our annual fundraiser, 2 cruise raffles, and Opera House ticket sales. As a non-profit organization, we run on a tight budget. It is important for everyone to pay tuition on time.

Currently, we have one volunteer grant writer.

At the beginning of each semester, students receive a packet of 10 - four day cruise for two raffle tickets to purchase or sell for \$10 each. The cruise drawings are held at the Opera House during performance intermissions.

On March 25th we will hold our annual wine and cheese, silent auction and performance fundraiser. Each ballet family is asked to solicit or donate at least one item for the auction and one item for the refreshment table and help with the preparation and hosting of the event. Anyone who has attended in the past will tell you it is great fun and we have the best silent auction in Galveston! The event is open to the public.

We will also help with the Yaga Wildgame cookoff in May in exchange for grant consideration.

Important Numbers:

Studio: 409-763-8620

Ms Janel: 409-599- 6514 email: Janel.Amsallem@earthlink.net

Ms Judith: 412-478-8969 email: jmwinters88@hotmail.com

Class absence or concern? - Call or email your instructor

Billing and tuition questions?- Call Janel or Gerri Empey - 409-789-1672
or email: gempey@comcast.net

All other questions? - Call Julia Furlong 409-766-0672 or email: furlong17@comcast.net

CLASS INFORMATION

- To help the dancers stay focused on the instructor, parents are encouraged to drop their dancers off and pick them up after class.
- Please let the instructor know if someone other than you is allowed to pick up your child.
- Students must have a signed Waiver of Liability and completed enrollment packet in order to participate in class.
- Ballet is learned through discipline, practice, and patience. Dancers should be on time and in proper dance attire with their hair in a bun at the start of their class. Short hair should be secured away from the face.
- Class advancement, beyond the beginning level, is at the invitation of the instructor.
- By October 1st all students must have the proper color leotard for class.
- Any class with less than 4 students may be combined with another class.
- Our studio is a small open space and noise can be an issue. Please keep your voices down while class is in session.
- Do not cross the floor in the middle of class.
- To respect the privacy of the dancers, only dancers and staff are allowed in the dressing area (loft).
- Students can expect to be treated with respect and are expected to treat their instructors with respect.
- Students who are consistently late will be asked to withdraw from class.
- Students may be asked to sit out from class if their behavior is disruptive to the class.

Any concerns regarding instruction or class activities should be brought to the attention of the instructor. Please feel free to call or email board president, Julia Furlong if you are unable to resolve issues with the instructor. Furlong17@comcast.net 409-766-0672

Parent Signature _____