



July 30th, 2022

To the parent of dancers who are eligible for Littleton Youth Ballet,

We would like to invite your child to audition for Littleton Youth Ballet (LYB), our non-profit youth company that performs in conjunction with Littleton Ballet Academy. To be a member of LYB, dancers must be in Ballet 3 (**attending ballet classes three times per week consistently**) or higher.

Benefits of being part of LYB include

- More performance experiences.
- Dancers are eligible to be in the Encore Performance in the fall (only if they participated in the Storybook Ballet in the spring)
- Dancers are automatically eligible to be in The Nutcracker (as long as they met summer requirement)-no extra audition required.
- Dancers are eligible to be in the Storybook Ballet in the spring.
- Dancers are eligible to participate in an additional piece to be performed at the School Performance and LYB Concert.
- Some dancers are eligible to participate in community outreach performances (depending on what roles are needed).
- Dancers have their headshots in each program.
- Dancers are invited to our annual banquet in June and receive a special pin for their participation at the end of the year.
- Dancers have the option to purchase LYB uniforms and other apparel in the fall.
- But perhaps, the greatest benefit is that the dancers get to be part of a team and can create lifelong friendships through participation.

Costs involved

- There is one membership fee of \$325 if paid on or before September 15th or \$375 if paid between September 16th to September 30th which must be paid **directly** to LYB (cannot deducted automatically). You will either need to come into the office with a credit card or call the office directly.
- This fee covers performance fees for the Encore Production (if eligible), The Nutcracker, and the Storybook Ballet as well as the audition fee, fee for headshots,

and admission for one parent and dancer to the banquet. **It does NOT cover the School Performance fee.**

- There are no monthly fees
- There are no separate performance fees for LYB

If you are interested in participating you need to attend an audition

- Ballet 3 and 4A dancers will audition on Friday, August 26th from 4:30 to 6:00 pm
- Ballet 4B, 5A, and 5B dancers will audition on Saturday, August 27th from 12:00 to 1:30 pm
- Ballet 6, 7 and 8 dancers will audition on Saturday, August 27th from 10:00 to 11:00 pm  
Please wear dress code leotard, tights without holes or runs, ballet shoes, and performance style hair (i.e., neat and slicked back with hairspray, however you may wear hair accessories.)
- DO NOT BE LATE!

There will also be a photo shoot for professional headshots done by dance photographer and former Colorado Ballet principal Francisco Estevez. This will be scheduled at a later date. Dancers will have the option to download the headshot later.

If you haven't yet seen a Littleton Youth Ballet performance, your last chance will be September 17th and 18th at the Newman Center. This will give you an idea of the high standard of our Storybook Ballets. We are always surprised at how many of our own dancers at Littleton Ballet Academy do not attend our Littleton Youth Ballet performances.

If you choose not to go to the audition, there will not be another opportunity to join this season. If you cannot come to the audition for a valid reason and you are interested in being part of LYB, **your child** must let us know in writing (as well as the reason) no later than Wednesday, August 18th to be considered.

There will be a special parent meeting for prospective members on Monday, August 15th at 6:00 pm, and Thursday, August 18th at 4:30 pm. You only need to attend one meeting. If you have any questions, please attend this meeting. It will be a nice chance to connect with you as well.

We think this is a wonderful opportunity for all our students and we are so pleased we can offer this! We hope to see you at a meeting and your child at the auditions. If you have any concerns or questions, please let us know.

Thanks!

Ali and Bobbie Jaramillo