



August 9, 2024

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 16th or \$375 if paid between September 17th 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, and admission for

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

- There is also a media fee due to Candidly Created which will be charged by Littleton Ballet Academy in four installments:  
September 20th: \$75  
December 20th: \$125.00  
March 20th: \$75  
May 20th: \$200.00  
This provides all dancers professional videos for ALL shows (3 for Encore, 5 for The Nutcracker, 3 for Storybook, 1 for the LYB Concert, and 5 for the School Performance-17 shows), as well as professional pictures taken during the shows for all 17 performances, and a new headshot every year)
- 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 23rd from 4:30 to 6:00 pm
- Ballet 4B and 5 dancers will audition on Saturday, August 24th from 12:00 to 1:45 pm
- Ballet 6, 7, and 8 dancers will audition on Saturday, August 24th from 10:00 to 12:00 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!**

If you haven't yet seen a Littleton Youth Ballet performance, your last chance will be The Wizard of Oz on September 14th and 15th at the Lone Tree Arts 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, you **must** let us know in writing (as well as the reason) no later than Wednesday, August 21st to be considered.

There will be a special parent meeting for prospective members on Tuesday, August 13th at 5:30 pm and Wednesday, August 21st at 7:00 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