



The  
Pre-Professional  
Program  
at Tari's School of Dance

# Student Handbook

# Pre-Professional Program

# 2023-2024

## Mission Statement:

The Pre-Professional Program is a training program designed for dancers that wish to pursue a professional or academic ballet career. Great emphasis is placed on accurate, strong class work and the development of technical excellence. Dancers selected for this program are offered a more rigorous schedule that provides the tools and elite level necessary to produce a successful ballet dancer. The pre-professional training program is not intended for the recreational dancer but rather for the select few that demonstrate serious interest and commitment to their ballet training.

## Enrollment:

The Pre- Professional Program is comprised of two levels: Pre-Pro 1 and Pre- Pro 2. Auditions are held in June. All students auditioning will be notified by email of their audition results. The Pre- Professional Program maintains a policy of non-discrimination regarding race, color, creed, religion, national origin, sexual preference, or non-related disability.

### Pre-Pro 1:

Classes	Day	Time	
Ballet III	Tuesday	4:30-5:30	1 hour
Ballet II	Tuesday	5:30-6:30	\$1 hour
Ballet I	Wednesday	4:00-5:00	1 hour
Pointe I	Wednesday	5:00-6:00	1 hour
Floor Barre	Thursday	4:00-5:00	1 hour
Advanced I or Advanced II or Advanced III	Wednesday Monday Thursday	6:00-9:00 5:00-8:00 5:30-8:30	3 hours
Pre- Pro Technique (optional but highly encouraged)	Friday	4:00- 6:00	2 hours
YAGP ***By invitation only and not included in monthly total below	Saturday	Private Coaching	Private lesson rate



## Pre-Pro 2:

Classes	Day	Time	
Pointe II	Monday	4:00-5:00	1 hour
PP2 Ballet	Monday	5:00-7:00	2 hours
PP2 Pointe	Monday	7:00-8:30	1.5 hours
Ballet III	Tuesday	4:30-5:30	1 hour
Ballet II	Tuesday	5:30-6:30	1 hour
PP2 Ballet	Tuesday	6:30-8:30	2 hours
Pointe I	Wednesday	5:00-6:00	1 hour
PP2 Ballet	Wednesday	6:00-8:00	2 hours
Floor Barre	Thursday	4:00-5:00	1 hour
PP2 Ballet	Thursday	5:00-7:00	2 hours
PP2 Pointe	Thursday	7:00-8:30	1.5 hours
PP2 Ballet	Friday	4:00-6:00	2 hours
YAGP	Saturday	Private coaching	Private lesson costs

## Youth America Grand Prix:

Dancers from both Pre-Pro 1 and Pre-Pro 2 may be invited to compete at Youth America Grand Prix. YAGP is a prestigious international ballet competition that provides summer intensive scholarship and job opportunities to gifted ballet students around the world. Dancers chosen to compete will have demonstrated a level of excellence in their classwork. Participants in YAGP receive feedback from highly recognized school directors, artistic directors of professional companies, and working ballet dancers. The competition also includes ballet masterclasses in a studio setting taught by the judge's panel. Participation in YAGP is by invitation only. Students not competing may register for the masterclasses alone and travel with other participants. Competitors in YAGP are required to have a weekly private of at least one hour. The private rate is \$75/hr plus the studio rental fee. Competition dates will be released at the end of July. YAGP competitors should plan for at least two competitions. All teacher travel expenses and accommodations will be divided among attending competitors.

## Youth America Grand Prix Dates:

Dallas, Texas February 1-4, 2024

Kansas City, Missouri February 15-18, 2024 **(Please note this is during Mardi Gras Break. Please make travel plans accordingly).**

## Private Lesson Rates:

Teacher	Rate	Contact	Lesson type
Ivy Delk	\$75/hour	iedelk@gmail.com	-Variation coaching -Audition Videos
Giulia Fedeli	\$100/hour	(361) 550- 3956	-Contemporary coaching -Ballet technique
Bella Ferrara	\$50/hour	(225) 456- 1503	Contemporary Coaching

## Assistantships:

Assistantships are offered to students at the discretion of their teacher. Students must demonstrate extreme proficiency to aid the development of younger dancers. Students assisting in one class will receive a 10% tuition discount (not applicable for private lessons) and a 20% discount for those assisting in two or more classes. Assistantships are chosen during The Classical Intensive each summer.

## Performance Opportunities:

Students in Pre- Pro 1 will perform in recital with their block class. Students in Pre- Pro 2 will perform one group Pre-Professional number, as well as, a number for Pointe II. Rehearsals will begin 9:00 am- 12:00 pm March 2, 2023 and end June 1, 2023. All rehearsals are mandatory. Students are permitted one absence for any reason. Additional absences will result in removal of the recital number.



## Attendance:

Attendance to all classes is mandatory. Classes may not be substituted with private lessons, day program attendance, or any other supplementary instruction. **Students with two or more absences per semester (August- December, January-May) will be removed from the program.** Doctor's notes are required for contagious illness. Injured dancers are expected to observe all classes and be actively engaged and taking notes to continue their development. No refunds will be given.

## Photoshoot:

All Pre- Professional students will be invited to participate in promotional photos for the program in the Spring. Date is TBD. All students will need a black Wear Moi 'Faustine' style leotard that can be purchased directly through Discount Dance Supply or Wear Moi website. These leotards tend to backorder, so please order sooner rather than later.

## Class uniforms:

- Tights must be worn under leotard at all times.
- Leather shoes are required.
- Pre-Pro 1 students may wear any color leotard.
- Pre-Pro 2 students must wear any style black leotards. Colored leotards are reserved for private lessons or rehearsal only.
- Students must have their hair pulled back away from the face and secured neatly in a classical bun.
- For students with textured hair that is in braids or twists, please secure hair back without loose ends and off the nape of the neck.
- Ponytails and sloppy buns are unacceptable.
- Students may not wear jewelry, other than pierced ear studs, in class or rehearsal.

## Class Etiquette:

- Each student is expected to approach all classes with energy, enthusiasm, and the desire to learn.
- Students should maintain an open and responsive attitude and apply all corrections given in class and rehearsals.
- Students may not enter class late or leave class early. Injuries are caused by insufficient warm-up, and interruptions are distracting to the other students in class.
- Students must be fully prepared: hair done, shoes on, at the barre, at the start of their class time. Unprepared students will be excused.
- Water only is permitted in the studio.
- Students may not talk during class.
- Students must always be in uniform.

## Evaluations:

Each student will receive a written evaluation of the student's progress in December and May. Evaluations will have areas of greater focus, summer intensive suggestions, and other information to aid in the dancer's growth.

## Summer Programs:

Students in the Pre- Professional Program are strongly encouraged to attend a summer intensive. Summer intensive audition photos will be taken Monday, November 20 from 9:00 am - 12:00 pm. Any additional audition requirements such as class work or variations videos must be scheduled separately and well in advance. Summer intensive auditions are January-March. Many auditions require travel to Houston or other areas. Audition dates are published in late November to allow for planning.

## Contact Information:

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## Apparel:

This year we are excited to offer our Pre- Professional students an opportunity to purchase apparel. Apparel is not required or part of the uniform but available to all participating students in the 2022-2023 season. To purchase, please email Ivy Delk directly. Payment should be made directly to Ivy via venmo (@Ivy-Delk), cash, or check and which specific items and sizes you wish to purchase. Orders and payment will be accepted until Friday, September 1, 2022.

### Logo T- Shirt



**Adult: \$35/ Child: \$30**

### Logo Sweatpants



**Adult: \$45/ Child: \$40**

### Logo Crewneck Sweatshirt



**Adult: \$45/ Child: \$40**