



## about the Academy

The Massachusetts Academy of Ballet is a training school for students interested in pursuing a career in classical ballet. Classes are based on the Russian syllabus, a training method that has created some of the best ballet dancers in the world.

The Academy also has a program for non-professional students who value the best ballet training and artistic education. Through discipline and a positive approach to the challenges inherent in classical dance, students studying classical ballet will develop the skills needed to excel in their academics as well as their artistic programs. Every student who attends the Academy, from child to adult, receives the same high-quality training.

Children may begin study at the age of 3 in the TOT (Toddler on Toes) program, and continue at 5 in the creative movement and pre-ballet classes. Regular ballet classes begin for children at the age of 8 and are also offered for teens and adults. Advanced ballet students take daily lessons and also may perform in the Massachusetts Academy of Ballet performance group, MABETA (see below).

## MABETA & community outreach

The Academy's commitment to artistic enrichment extends well beyond its studio walls. In 2008, MABETA — the Massachusetts Academy of Ballet Educational Training Association — was launched. The mission of this not-for-profit initiative is to educate residents of Holyoke and the surrounding communities about the art of classical ballet; to promote the artistic development of students of ballet; to perform ballet at schools, senior centers and other community venues; to offer scholarships for underprivileged and/or under-funded students interested in studying classical ballet; and to educate teachers and students about the pedagogy of classical ballet. The Academy has formed many collaborative partnerships with community institutions on behalf of MABETA, including the Wistariahurst Museum, the South Hadley Public Library, Holyoke/South Hadley Rotary Club, and the Holyoke Public Library. In addition to hosting dance concert benefits for local charities like Kate's Soup Kitchen, the Academy is a member of Passport Holyoke.

## faculty

ROSE MARIE and CHARLES FLACHS, the artistic directors of the Academy, have danced professionally with the Nashville Ballet, Ballet West and the Cincinnati Ballet. They are currently Professors of Dance at Mount Holyoke College and guest teachers with the Pennsylvania Academy of Ballet. They have studied the Vaganova method of training with John White, author of Teaching Classical Ballet, and Margarita de Sa, and have traveled to the National Ballet School in Havana, Cuba.

CATHY JOHNSON, a 2006 Mount Holyoke College Frances Perkins Scholar, graduated Phi Beta Kappa/magna cum laude as a biology major and dance minor. She received her early dance training with Ana Roje in Boston and Yugoslavia, later studied with Melissa Hayden at Skidmore College, and most recently studied the Vaganova method with Rose and Charles Flachs at Mount Holyoke College. Cathy has taught ballet in Western Massachusetts since 1994, joining the Academy faculty in 2006. She has a special interest in promoting dance education in the public schools.

DEBRA VEGA has danced on Broadway in such shows as A Christmas Carol: The Musical, Anything Goes, and Funny Girl. She has also danced for four seasons as a "Radio City Rockette" in the Radio City Christmas Spectacular, and traveled the United States and Europe in National and European Tours such as Fame!, Crazy For You, and Steel Pier. Debra is a proud member of Actor's Equity Association (AEA) and American Guild of Variety Artists (AGVA). She choreographs professional AEA Musical Theatre productions around the United States and locally.

## 2011-2012 registration form

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

DATE OF BIRTH \_\_\_\_\_

PROGRAM FOR WHICH YOU ARE REGISTERING \_\_\_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

HOME PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

CELL PHONE \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

PARENTS' NAMES \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGENCY CONTACT \_\_\_\_\_

PREVIOUS TRAINING \_\_\_\_\_

HOW REFERRED TO THE ACADEMY \_\_\_\_\_

Please enclose the non-refundable registration fee of \$50.00 with your form. This fee will be deducted from tuition. Make check payable to "Massachusetts Academy of Ballet" and return to: Massachusetts Academy of Ballet, 4 Open Square Way, Studio 403, Holyoke, MA 01040.

*Tuition is due on or before the first day of the program for which you are registering.*

FRONT COVER PHOTO: VAM PRODUCTIONS





# Massachusetts Academy of Ballet



*dance with the professionals*

## tuition schedule

### REGULAR DIVISION ~ 12 WEEK TRIMESTER PAYMENT PLAN

	<i>regular</i>	<i>discounted</i>
one class per week {Toddlers On Toes}	158	144
one class per week {Creative Movement and Pre-Ballet only}	172	156
two classes per week {Level 1}	317	288
two classes per week {Level 2 and above}	343	312
three classes per week	495	450
four classes per week	607	552
unlimited	752	684

### ADULT DIVISION ~ CLASS CARD PAYMENT PLAN

single class	17
ten class card for adults	140
ten class card for College students with ID	130

*\*class cards expire four months from date of purchase*

## tuition payments & make-up policy

Students enrolled in all regular division classes must register for a trimester payment plan. Students may only pay by the class if they are taking a trial class.

Trimester tuition payments are due on or before **September 12, December 5, and March 12**. To receive the discounted fee, payment must be made by the first day of the trimester. Payments received after the first day of the trimester (see dates above) will be billed at the regular rate. No exceptions. Payment can be made by cash or check; no credit or debit cards accepted.

Families with more than one child enrolled receive a 10% tuition discount.

No credit is made toward tuition for missed classes. Make-up classes are permitted anytime during the course. There are no tuition refunds. No exceptions.

## calendar

### FIRST TRIMESTER: September 12 to December 3

September 12 • first day of classes  
 October 10 • closed for Columbus Day  
 November 23-27 • closed for Thanksgiving  
 November 28 • classes resume  
 November 28-December 3 • parent observation days

### THIRD TRIMESTER: March 12 to June 9

March 19-25 • closed for spring break  
 March 26 • classes resume  
 May 28 • closed for Memorial Day  
 June 9 • Spring Performance, Holyoke War Memorial

### SECOND TRIMESTER: December 5 to March 10

December 16-18 • Holyoke Historic Nutcracker  
 December 19-January 1 • closed  
 January 2 • classes resume  
 March 5-10 • parent observation days

### 2012 SUMMER PROGRAM

June 19-August 17 • adult/teen open classes  
 July 23-August 17 • summer intensive  
 July 23-August 3 • summer workshops