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2026 AMERICAN BALLET THEATRE SUMMER INTENSIVE NATIONAL AUDITION TOUR ANNOUNCED

**22 CITY AUDITION TOUR FOR ABT SUMMER INTENSIVE AND COLLEGIATE
PROGRAM TO BEGIN SATURDAY, JANUARY 3, 2026**

**AUDITIONS FOR THE *YOUNG DANCER SUMMER WORKSHOP*,
ABT JACQUELINE KENNEDY ONASSIS SCHOOL, AND ABT STUDIO COMPANY
TO BE HELD IN SELECT CITIES**

NEW YORK, NY (November 21, 2025) – American Ballet Theatre Summer Intensive National Audition Tour will kick off on January 3, 2026, visiting a total of 22 cities through February 8, 2026. Intermediate and advanced students, ages 9 to 24, are invited to audition for ABT’s Summer Intensives, Collegiate Summer Intensives, and *Young Dancer Summer Workshops*.

American Ballet Theatre’s 2026 Summer Intensive will be held in New York City (June 22–July 24), Long Beach, California (June 15-26), and in Tampa, Florida (July 13–31). Tailored training programs will be offered to the needs of participating dancers and class sizes will be limited.

Under the supervision of American Ballet Theatre Artistic Director Susan Jaffe and Summer Intensive Artistic Director Kate Lydon, ABT Summer Intensives focus on developing well-rounded dancers through exposure to a wide variety of disciplines and ABT’s artists, history, and repertory, with an emphasis on classical ballet technique. ABT Summer Intensives are the primary recruitment tool for the ABT Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School and ABT Studio Company. Over half of ABT’s current dancers and eight members of ABT Studio Company have attended ABT Summer Intensives, including six Soloists and 10 Principal Dancers.

Current faculty members from ABT Training Programs will be joining this year’s Summer Intensive teaching staff, including ABT JKO School Artistic Director Stella Abrera, Principal Teacher of the ABT Pre-Professional Division and ABT Studio Company Rehearsal Director Yan Chen, and ABT Studio Company Artistic Director Sascha Radetsky. Past faculty for the Summer Intensives has included renowned ABT alumni such as Ethan Brown, Leslie Browne, Harriet Clark, Franco De Vita, Elizabeth Ferrell, Raymond Lukens, Sarah Smith, and Leann Underwood, among others. Past guest faculty have

included former ABT Artistic Director Kevin McKenzie, Regisseur Susan Jones, and Directors of Repertoire Carlos Lopez and Nancy Raffa.

The 2026 American Ballet Theatre Collegiate Summer Intensive will be held at ABT’s 890 Broadway studios in New York (June 8–19) and Long Beach, California (June 8-12). This specialized program, designed for students ages 17 to 24, will focus on technique, ABT repertory, pointe work, partnering, modern dance, jazz, character, and contemporary. College credit options are available. Applicants for the Collegiate Summer Intensive may audition at any of the Summer Intensive audition sites or by video.

The 2026 American Ballet Theatre *Young Dancer Summer Workshop* program will be held in New York City (July 27–August 7) and Costa Mesa, California (July 6–17). This program educates young dancers (ages 9 to 11, and 12-year-olds at beginner pointe level) in ballet technique and related topics including Injury Prevention and Meet the Artist seminars. Auditions for the *Young Dancer Summer Workshop* will be held in select cities. Please see www.abt.org/SummerPrograms/audition-info for further information.

Auditions for ABT Summer Intensives are open to students of all genders who have achieved intermediate or advanced levels of ballet training. Students can audition by video for all programs. Merit-based scholarships will be granted during the ABT Summer Intensive National Audition Tour. Scholarships are available for all programs. For more information on ABT’s Summer Intensive programs and to pre-register for auditions, please visit www.abt.org/SummerPrograms.

American Ballet Theatre and ABT Summer Training Programs are committed to *ABT RISE* (Representation, Immersion, Sustainability, Excellence). For more information, please visit www.abt.org/abt-rise.

Special thanks to Denise Littlefield Sobel for her leadership gift to *ABT RISE*, fueling the Company’s commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion.

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January 3 Saturday	New York, NY (YDSW)* American Ballet Theatre 10am age 9*; 12pm age 10*; 2pm age 11*	January 11 Sunday	Costa Mesa, CA Segerstrom Center for the Arts 10am ages 9-11*; 11:30am ages 11-13; 2:00pm ages 14-15; 4:30pm ages 16 & up	January 24 Saturday	Winston-Salem, NC UNCSA 9am ages 11-14; 11am ages 15 & up; 1pm ages 9-11*
January 3 Saturday	Boise, ID Boise Ballet Academy 10am ages 11-14; 12pm ages 15 & up	January 11 Sunday	Seattle, WA Pacific Northwest Ballet 2pm ages 11-14; 4pm ages 15 & up	January 25 Sunday	Chicago, IL Joffrey Ballet 1pm ages 11-14; 3pm ages 15 & up
January 3 Saturday	Orlando, FL Orlando Ballet 10am ages 11-14^; 12pm ages 15 & up^	January 11 Sunday	Dallas, TX (Coppell) Ballet Academy of Texas 10am ages 9-11*; 11am ages 11-14; 1pm ages 15 & up	January 25 Sunday	Birmingham, AL Alabama School of Fine Arts 4pm ages 11-14; 6pm ages 15 & up;
January 4 Sunday	New York, NY American Ballet Theatre 10am ages 11-13^; 12:30pm ages 14-15^; 3pm ages 16 & up^	January 17 Saturday	Tampa, FL University of South Florida 10am ages 11-14; 12pm ages 15 & up;	January 25 Sunday	Atlanta, GA Atlanta Ballet 9am ages 11-14; 11am ages 15 & up
January 4 Sunday	Boston, MA Boston Ballet School 10am ages 9-11*; 11am ages 11-13; 1pm ages 14-15; 3pm ages 16 & up	January 17 Saturday	Phoenix, AZ The School of Ballet Arizona 4pm ages 11-14; 6pm ages 15 & up	January 31 Saturday	San Francisco, CA San Francisco Ballet 1pm ages 9-11*; 2pm ages 11-13^; 4pm ages 14-15^; 6pm ages 16 & up^
January 4 Sunday	Denver, CO Colorado Ballet Academy 2pm ages 11-14; 4pm ages 15 & up	January 19 Monday	Houston, TX Houston Ballet 1pm ages 11-14; 3pm ages 15 & up	February 1 Sunday	New York, NY American Ballet Theatre 10am ages 11-13^; 12:30pm ages 14-15^; 3pm ages 16 & up^†
January 10 Saturday	Long Beach, CA Cal State Long Beach 10am ages 9-11*; 11am ages 11-13; 1:30pm ages 14-15; 4pm ages 16 & up	January 19 Monday	Washington, DC (Silver Spring) Maryland Youth Ballet 12:30pm ages 9-11*; 2pm ages 11-13; 4:15pm ages 14-15; 6:30pm ages 16 & up	February 8 Sunday	New York, NY (YDSW)* American Ballet Theatre 10am age 9*; 12pm age 10*; 2pm age 11*
January 10 Saturday	Portland, OR Oregon Ballet Theatre 2pm ages 11-14; 4pm ages 15 & up	January 24 Saturday	Boca Raton, FL Harid Conservatory 4:30pm ages 11-14; 6:30pm ages 15 & up	Young Dancer Audition Cities:	Boston, MA; Costa Mesa, CA; Dallas, TX; Long Beach, CA; New York, NY; San Francisco, CA; Washington, DC; Winston-Salem, NC
January 10 Saturday	Pittsburgh, PA Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre 12pm ages 11-14; 2pm ages 15 & up	January 24 Saturday	Detroit, MI (Rochester Hills) 2nd Street Studio of Dance 11am ages 11-14; 1pm ages 15 & up	ABT JKO School Audition Cities:	New York, NY; Orlando, FL; San Francisco, CA