



# Pontecorvo ballet studios

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Director

Classes Start  
August 21, 2023!

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**Pontecorvo Ballet Studios**  
20 Commercial Way  
Springboro OH 45066

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- a chance to try
- an opportunity to be your best
- a life-long love of music
- everlasting friendships
- an understanding of your human body
- toned muscles and good posture
- enjoyment of regular exercise
- a well-rounded education
- a love of performing
- the end of stage fright
- a career in ballet
- the dream.



# About PBS

For over thirty years, Pontecorvo Ballet Studios has been helping its students to achieve their dreams in the art of dance and any other areas of life that the students wish. Studying dance teaches young people to focus and prioritize their minds and train their bodies to follow their wishes. And while a key goal is to train dancers to enter the professional world of dance, Pontecorvo Ballet Studios is also proud of the hundreds of young dancers who have gone into the professional worlds of arts management, journalism, technology, law, medicine, physical therapy and more, all strengthened by their ballet training. Barbara Pontecorvo's students have danced professionally with: San Francisco Ballet, Pennsylvania Ballet, Ballet Met Columbus, Cincinnati Ballet, Ballet San Antonio, Sacramento Ballet, Milwaukee Ballet, Ballet Trockadero de Monte Carlo, Dayton Ballet, Ballet 5:8, Oregon Ballet, Suzanne Farrell and more. They have studied with every major ballet company in the country in the summer and have attended prestigious universities, including Juilliard, CCM, Point Park University and Butler University. Dozens of dancers have gone on to dance professionally.

Dancers at Pontecorvo Ballet Studios know they have the faculty that will work with them to make these wishes happen and it is open to anyone. There is no audition needed to attend Pontecorvo Ballet Studios. Students can join at any time during the year.

Isn't it time for your dancer to begin to achieve their dreams, no matter what they are?

## Why PBS?

You have many choices for your child's dance training, but are all dance schools the same? On the following pages describing the PBS curriculum and schedules, check out the Progress Check sections. They describe some of the skills your child should be learning year by year; if you're not seeing those results from your current school, it may be time to switch to PBS.

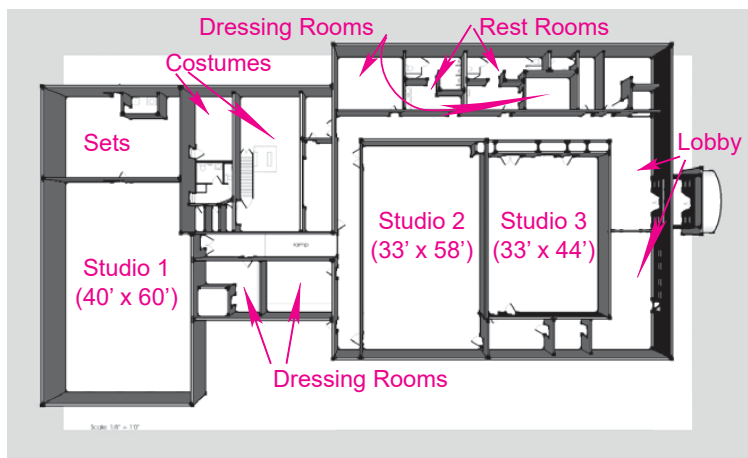
The Snow King and  
Queen in *The Nutcracker*,  
performed November  
2022.



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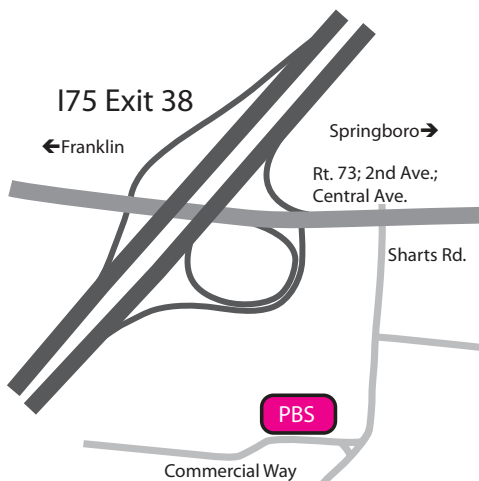
## 20 Commercial Way, Springboro Ohio

PBS is a modern, air-conditioned building with large studios, large dressing rooms, lots of parking, spacious restrooms and comfortable waiting area with free wi-fi. Studio 2 can become a theatre with the audience in Studio 3, or the two studios can be combined for large rehearsals.



PBS is 90 seconds from Exit 38 on I75. At the exit, turn east toward Springboro. Turn right at Sharts (first street intersection), turn right at Commercial Way, and PBS is immediately on your right.

PBS is within seconds of Kroger, Walmart, drug stores and restaurants; 5 minutes to Austin Landing; 10 minutes to Dayton Mall; 12 minutes to Cincinnati Premium Outlets.



# Performing at PBS



One of the most exciting traditions at PBS is the rehearsal and presentation each year of *The Nutcracker*. As usual, the full-length version returns as the Sugar Plum Fairy, the Snow Queen, their cavaliers, and most important of all, Clara and her Nutcracker Prince, will welcome you to the Kingdom of the Sweets in late fall, so as not to interfere with the holiday season. Performances will be November 11- 12 at Franklin High School. Rehearsals will begin September 9.

Our Spring Performance will be the enchanting *Cinderella*, performing June 2 at Franklin High School.

As always, participation in these performances is open to all levels from Beginning Ballet through Adult. Rehearsals will be on weekends following classes for all levels and on some weeknights for the upper levels. There is no 'Costume' or 'Rehearsal' or ANY fee to participate, just your commitment to attend all of your rehearsals, and purchase at least 6 tickets per dancer. (Tickets range from \$14 for students and seniors and \$20 for adults.)



Gem City Ballet (GCB) is a non-profit pre-professional ballet company directed by Barbara Pontecorvo. The company is separate from PBS but is in residence at Pontecorvo Ballet Studios. GCB is open to qualified area dancers age 12 and older from all area ballet schools. There are rehearsals five days a week, three repertory seasons a year, plus other smaller performances each year. For more information call 937- 550- 9245. GCB dancers are not required to attend PBS; the company is open by audition to all qualified area dancers.

# Early Years

**Pre-Ballet**, ages 3 - 5, nurtures a child's interest in movement and music. It introduces basic ballet positions, class room etiquette and exercises to strengthen and stretch young bodies.

**Beginning Ballet**, minimum age 6, mixes barre work and creative work for an hour long class.

## Progress Check

### Age 3

- Works and plays with others.
- Knows how to take their turn.
- Knows NOT to hang on the barre.

### Age 4

- Recognizes a 4/4 beat.
- Knows their five ballet positions.
- Knows that their feet can point!

### Age 5

- Knows how to skip, gallop, march and leap.
- Recognizes a 3/4 beat.
- Knows how to *plié* with knees over toes.

### Age 6

- Knows that all jumps begin and end in *plié*.
- Knows that their feet point every time they leave the ground.
- Knows that it is fun to stretch.

### Pre-Ballet (Ages 3 - 5)

Wednesday	5 - 5:45pm
Saturday	9 - 9:45am

### Beginning Ballet (Age 6+)

Wednesday	5:45 - 6:45pm
Saturday	10- 11am



Pre-Ballet dancers join Clara in *The Nutcracker*, November 2022.



# Beginning Levels

## Ballet I, II & III

(Minimum age 7 to begin Ballet I.) These levels will carefully train a child's body for correct placement for classical dance, teach terminology and musical phrasing, and stretch and strengthen the body in preparation for the challenging years ahead. For optimum advancement, PBS strongly suggests two ballet classes a week beginning with Ballet III.

### Ballet I (Age 7+)

Friday 5:45 - 6:45pm  
Saturday 11 - 12noon

### Ballet II (Age 8+)

Wednesday 6:15 - 7:15pm  
Friday 6:45 - 7:45pm

### Ballet III (Age 9+)

Tuesday	4:30 - 5:45pm	Ballet
Thursday	6 - 7pm	Modern
Thursday	7 - 8:15pm	Ballet

## Progress Check

### Age 7

- Can *plié* with their backs straight and knees over toes.
- Can *relevé* with their weight in the middle of their toes.
- Can pull their tummy in and lengthen their

back.

### Age 8

- Can do *frappé*, *rond de jambe en dehors* and *en dedans*, knows the difference between a *passé* and a *retiré*, and an *elevé* and a *piqué*.
- Can *cambré devant* and *derrière* with straight knees.

### Age 9

- Knows *glissades*, *jeté*, *sissonne*, *assemblé*, *échappé*, *rond de jambe en l'air*, *entrechat quatre*, and most importantly, the ten body positions.
- Can tell you which Tchaikovsky music is *The Nutcracker* and which is *Swan Lake*.
- Knows what *allongé* means.



Ballet II mice in *The Nutcracker*, November 2022.

# Middle Levels

## Ballet IV & V

Ballet IV will take the young dancer through "connecting" steps and stress correct placement and port de bras. A special Pointe Prep class will prepare feet and legs for pointe work. In Ballet V the dancers learn long movement phrases to enhance musicality and stamina. Pointe work is introduced to ladies who have developed sufficient strength. Modern and Jazz classes continue to form a well-educated dancer. A schedule of 3-5 classes per week is common; students beginning pointe work must take at least two ballet classes in addition to their pointe class. All pointe classes must be preceded by a ballet class.

### Ballet IV (Age 10+)

Monday	4:30 - 6pm	Ballet
Monday	6 - 7pm	Pointe Prep.
Thursday	4:30 - 6pm	Ballet
Thursday	6 - 7pm	Modern

### Ballet V (Age 11+)

Monday	4:30 - 6pm	Ballet
Monday	6 - 7pm	Beg. Pointe
Tuesday	6 - 7:30pm	Ballet
Thursday	4:30 - 6pm	Ballet
Thursday	6 - 7pm	Modern
Saturday	10:45 - 12:15pm	Ballet
Saturday	12:15 - 1:15	Beg. Pointe

## Progress Check

### Age 10

- Can show you the difference between a *pirouette en dehors* and *en dedans*.
- Knows where the ballet term *faillie* got its name.
- Knows what an adagio is.

### Age 11

- Knows why they are or are not allowed to go on pointe.
- Knows what *soubre-saut*

means and how to spell it.  
- Is starting to look at summer programs 'away'.

Ballet IV dancers in  
*The Nutcracker*,  
November 2022.





# Advanced Levels

**Ballet VI** builds self-sufficiency as a dancer, concentration in class, and musicality. Students take six or more classes per week. **All pointe classes must be preceded by a ballet class.**

**Advanced Ballet** training advances to the pre-professional level, with students attending seven or more classes each week.

Classes are demanding and emphasize performance qualities.

## Ballet VI (Age 12+)

Monday	4:30 - 6pm	Ballet
Monday	6 - 7pm	Contemporary
Tuesday	4:30 - 6pm	Ballet
Tuesday	6 - 7	Intermediate Pointe
Thursday	4:30 - 6pm	Ballet
Thursday	6 - 7pm	Pointe Variations
Saturday	10:45 - 12:45pm	Ballet

## Advanced Ballet

Monday	4:30 - 6pm	Ballet
Monday	6 - 7pm	Contemporary
Tuesday	4:30 - 6pm	Ballet
Tuesday	6 - 7	Pas de Deux
Thursday	4:30 - 6pm	Ballet
Thursday	6 - 7pm	Pointe Variations
Saturday	10:45 - 12:45pm	Ballet

## Progress Check: Age 12

- Can perform good consistent double pirouettes with a turned out passé.
- Uses both legs in his/ her entrechat quatre and is working on entrechat six.
- Knows to try everything each teacher tells them, without debate.

## Age 13+

- Can recognize the music for Mr. Balanchine's Serenade.
- Can pick up choreography quickly and accurately.
- Loves every minute of class, rehearsal and performance.

Advanced dancers  
in Waltz of the  
Flowers in *The  
Nutcracker*,  
November 2022.



# Special Classes

## Male Technique

Two levels of weekly classes focused on male dancer technique are available for young men. Students ages 7 and up will be instructed in the particular strengths needed in today's male dancers.

## Adult Classes

PBS offers ballet for adults to enrich the lives and keep them in touch with their bodies. Two levels of ballet are offered. Furthermore, serious adults are also encouraged to take regular classes in a student level appropriate for them and perform with PBS students in *The Nutcracker* and the spring performance.

PTD graduates  
dance the Chinese  
pas in *The  
Nutcracker*,  
November 2022.

### Men's Class

Tuesday	4:30 - 6pm	Men (Age 12+)
Friday	4:45 - 5:45pm	Boys (Ages 7- 11)

### Adult Classes

Monday	7 - 8:30pm	Beginning Ballet
Wednesday	6 - 7:30pm	Int. / Adv. Ballet



## Professional Training Division

The Professional Training Division (PTD) was formed in 2001 when the acclaimed master teacher and coach Laura Alonso encouraged Barbara to offer special classes to young dancers who were determined to be mentally and physically suited to a career in ballet. The schedule is tiring and exacting, all dancers have class five days of the week. If you feel your dancer is one that Barbara should consider for PTD, you can let her know that your dancer is interested.

## Private Lessons

Ms. Pontecorvo, Ms. Coover, and Mr. Busch are all available for private lessons and YAGP coaching. If you are interested in private lessons for your dancer, please speak to them directly for fees and schedule.

# PBS Faculty

**Barbara Pontecorvo**, Director, danced professionally with Houston Ballet, Chicago Ballet, Boston Repertory Ballet, Ballet Puertorequeno, and Dayton Ballet during her twenty year performing career and has taught ballet for most of that time. In addition to her primary focus at PBS, Barbara is also Director of Gem City Ballet.

**Estelle Bean** trained under renowned teachers Eugene Loring, Anthony Tudor, and Robert Joffrey, and brings a wealth of knowledge to PBS dancers.

**Paul Busch**, raised in Dayton, is a graduate of Interlochen Arts Academy (dance and piano) and the Juilliard School (BFA in dance). Upon graduation, he spent half a season with Dayton Ballet before joining Aspen Santa Fe Ballet. Whilst touring Russia, he then met Nacho Duato, who invited him to join StaatsballetBerlin for 3 seasons. Paul then was invited to dance with the Oper Graz in Austria, where he performed for the past 5 years. Paul is very excited to be back home in Dayton, and to share all that he has learned with passionate artist here in Ohio.

**Christiana Coover** began her dance training at Jeanette Popp School of Dance. She trained there for two years and then moved to Nevada with her family and found her love of ballet. She returned to Dayton and began training at Dayton Ballet. When she was 15 she attended a summer program at The Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre and was invited to stay and train year round. She finished high school in Pittsburgh and had the opportunity to dance roles in Balanchine's *Concerto Borrocco*, *Nutcracker*, *Allegro Brillante*, *Serenade*, and more. She also studied at BalletMet, Joffrey Ballet NY, Boston Ballet and more. She began teaching in 2000 and danced professionally with The Alabama Ballet for four years. She has a passion for ballet and brings something special to her students

**Gregory Robinson** received his dance training at the University of Alabama in Birmingham. His career as a performer, teacher, ballet master, and choreographer, primarily with Dayton Ballet, has spanned more than thirty years. He was named a "Dayton Gem" by the Dayton Daily News. His works have garnered critical praise and funding from regional and national arts agencies including MCACD, Culture Works, the H. Robert Magee foundation, and the NEA.

**Stephanie Smith** danced from the age of three to thirteen in her hometown of St. Albans, WV, and began dancing again after college in Fairfax, Va, where she trained under Jane Masciarelli and Mary Marshall. Stephanie continued her training at Morgantown Dance Studio under Marilyn Pipes, Lauren Slone, Jennifer Lawrence, and Daniel Karasik. She is a former member of the Morgantown Ballet Company and danced with Ballet Lafayette in Uniontown, PA. Stephanie also obtained her certification from Beverly Spell in the nationally

renowned Leap 'n Learn Program, and taught ballet at Morgantown Dance Studio and Artistry House in Morgantown, WV.

**School Administrator:** Olena Brownfield

Mother Ginger and her children  
(Beginning Ballet and Ballet 1) in  
*The Nutcracker*, November 2022.



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## Season Calendar

Monday, August 21, 2023, Classes begin

Monday, September 4, 2023, Closed - Labor Day

Saturday, September 9, 2023, Nutcracker Rehearsals begin

November 11 & 12, 2023, PBS presents *The Nutcracker*

Monday, November 13, 2023, Closed - post-*Nutcracker*

November 20 - 25, 2023, Closed - Thanksgiving Break

December 18 - 30, 2023, Closed - Holiday Break

Tuesday, January 2, 2024, Classes resume

Monday, May 27, 2024, Closed - Memorial Day

Saturday, June 1, 2024, Last Day of Classes

June 2, 2024 - PBS presents *Cinderella*

**Visitor's Days :** October 9-14, February 5-10, April 8-13.

# Dancer Attire

PBS' s dress code is an important part of the discipline instilled in a young dancer. Dancers should stand out in class by virtue of their hard work, not by what they wear.

**Pre-Ballet** ladies wear pink or skin- tone footed tights, ballet shoes (canvas preferred for growing feet) , plain pink leotard, and hair in a pony tail or a bun.

**Beginning Ballet through Advanced** ladies wear pink or skin- tone footed tights, and pink or skin- tone ballet shoes or pointe shoes if on pointe. Dancers may not wear skirts, baggy T- shirts, or shorts. All leg and body warmers must be tight fitting.

Required leotard colors (plain only) are pink for **Pre- Ballet, Beginning Ballet & Ballet I**, dark blue for **Ballet II & III**, and black for **Ballet IV & V**. **Ballet VI** and **Advanced** may wear any solid color leotard or a unitard. Skirts are not permitted except for Variation and Pointe classes. Hair is worn up and must be in a bun for Ballet III and up.

**Boys and Men** wear black. gray or brown tights, plain white T- shirt, black, skin- tone or white shoes and white socks, and a dance belt for older boys.

In **Modern & Contemporary** classes all levels may wear any solid color tights and leotard or unitard. Tights for Modern should be footless.

Clothing for **Adult** classes should be comfortable and non- restrictive.

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## Studio Policies

### Please Read Carefully

- Pontecorvo Ballet Studios will not be responsible for illness or injury.
- For the safety of the student and to avoid disruption of classes, students arriving more than 15 minutes after class starts will not be permitted to take the remainder of the class.
- Proper dance education requires that the teacher touch the student during class to correct placement and movement when needed.
- All students taking pointe class must take a ballet class immediately preceding.
- Make- Up Classes may be taken in the current or following month for a missed class.
- Tuition cannot be refunded without a Doctor' s letter certifying ill health.



# Payment and Registration Terms

There is a \$25 non-refundable registration fee for each student. The fee is applied to tuition if you register in advance no later than August 18

The first and last of ten installment payments are due at enrollment; the remaining eight payments will be due on the 10th of each month, October through May. There will be a 10% penalty for late payments. Any student whose account remains unpaid will not be allowed to attend classes in the subsequent month.

Families with two or more dancers enrolled receive a 5% discount for each dancer (does not apply to class cards).

Make-Up Classes may be taken in the current or following month for a missed class. Tuition cannot be refunded without a Doctor's letter certifying ill health.

To register, complete the form opposite and return it to PBS at the address on the front of this brochure with the registration fee.

**You can also register and pay on line at [pbstudios.com](http://pbstudios.com).**

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## Tuition

The 2023 - 2024 Season will consist of 38 weeks of instruction from August 21, 2023 through June 1, 2024 (see Calendar). (Many schools have only 32 weeks of classes.) Tuition is payable in ten installments, with first and last payments due at enrollment. Remaining payments will be due the 10th of each month, beginning in October. The final payment is due May 10. See Payment and Registration Terms for further information.

<i>Classes per Week</i>	<i>Installment Payment Amount (10 payments)</i>
1	\$45 (Creative Movement & Pre-Ballet only)
1	\$57
2	\$108
3	\$158
4	\$208
5	\$255
6	\$288
7	\$323
8 or more	\$368
Single Classes:	\$20 each
10-class punchcard:	\$140 - Adult Classes Only
	\$160 - All Classes (by permission only)

# Registration

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Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City, St. , Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Birthdate(s) \_\_\_\_\_

E- mail \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Previous Training \_\_\_\_\_

Parents' Names: \_\_\_\_\_ Daytime/ Mobile Phone(s) : \_\_\_\_\_

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## List Desired Classes:

Monday \_\_\_\_\_

Tuesday \_\_\_\_\_

Wednesday \_\_\_\_\_

Thursday \_\_\_\_\_

Friday \_\_\_\_\_

Saturday \_\_\_\_\_

(PBS reserves the right to place each student in the appropriate level;  
the Director will gladly discuss level and class choice with student and parents. )

*Schedule and Faculty Subject to Change*

**PONTECORVO BALLET STUDIOS WILL NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ILLNESS  
OR INJURIES**

Submission of Application affirms that you have read and agree to the Studio Policies.

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent' s \_\_\_\_\_

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Pay by: ☐ Check, - or- ☐ *Through PayPal on the Payments page at [pbstudios.com](https://pbstudios.com)  
(most secure, and recommended; no Paypal account needed)*