

# Yuma Ballet Academy

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2010

## New Student Referral Incentive

All of our Academy dancers are now back in class. What a wonderful group of students we have this year! We are excited to see old friends and meet new ones.

A favor to ask all our Academy parents: We need additional students in our ECD program! These classes are the foundation and future of the Academy. Word-of-mouth is our best form of advertising and we are asking you to help us. Please spread the word to your friends and family; especially if they have children ages 3-6.

Level 2 Ballet (with a couple L3bs) taking a moment for a bit of fun before getting to the barre!



Ask Donna or your child's teacher for a stack of Academy brochures or business cards to hand out. If a new student registers that you have referred, we will take \$20 off your next tuition payment. Just make sure they use your name so we can credit your account and you get your reward!!

Thank you for making the Academy **"the"** place to dance in Yuma!

## Tuition installment due 9/1

If you are on the tuition installment plan your payment is due.

In addition to check or cash payments, we will now accept pin-based debit cards and credit cards (Visa, MasterCard and Discover). This convenience is offered to you with NO extra fees or charges.

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You are never too old to dance!

## Adult Ballet

Wednesdays

7:00pm

Begins

September

15th

10 week

session

\$80

## Family Day! Thursday September 23rd 6:00pm

You and your entire family are invited to join the Academy and Ballet Yuma staff for **FAMILY DAY!** The event will be held at First Christian Church, 3261 S Ave 6E, who generously donated the space for us to use.

This fun event will last about 1 hour and include:

- Free Pizza dinner
- Door prizes
- Introduction to Ballet Yuma and its importance to the Academy
- The opportunity to find out how you can help support quality dance in our community
- Announcement of children's roles in Ballet Yuma's Nutcracker

## Ballet Yuma's "THE NUTCRACKER"

Academy students are encouraged to expand their dance education by participating in Ballet Yuma's "THE NUTCRACKER".

### Requirements:

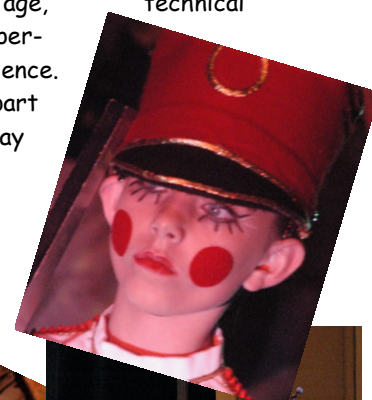
Must be at least 5 years old  
Have had a minimum of one year of training at the Academy  
Be available for rehearsal outside the dancer's regular class time/s

Calling all BOYS...ages 10-13yrs. Needed to fill the roles of boys in the Nutcracker Party Scene. You do not need dance experience just a willing attitude. No tights & no fee! See photo below. Contact Miss Kathy now!

### Procedure:

Fill out a Nutcracker participation form and return with the performance fee. Some students will be schedule to attend an audition; others will be assigned roles based on age, level and past performing experience. Find out your part at BY Family Day on September 23rd.

**Nutcracker Forms are due no later than Sept 17th**



Extra forms are available at the front desk.

## Academy Make-up Class Policy



Make-up classes are available if your child misses class due to illness or other important obligations. Ask your child's teacher or Donna at the front desk for the appropriate class level and day/time. You must pick up a make-up class card from the front desk and give to the teacher during roll call. Make-up classes may not be used in lieu of the next tuition installment. Thank you!

A first attempt at "retiré" by Academy ECD 4 student, Arianna!

## Gold Canyon Candle and Poinsettia Sale

Academy students will be receiving packets which give them the opportunity to win valuable prizes while supporting our sister organization, Ballet Yuma. This year, students can offer Gold Canyon Candles AND beautiful Poinsettias! Everyone enjoys Gold Canyon Candles, and many individuals, banks, businesses & churches buy poinsettias for the holidays, Prizes include a "Lavish Nutcracker Gift Package" (with tickets, gifts, flowers, photo with favorite character, & treats), a \$100 VISA gift card, and other exciting mystery prizes!

Ballet Yuma really needs your help this year - like most non-profits, it is struggling with decreased financial support. Candle & Poinsettia sales are an easy, fun way to help make a huge difference and insure that quality dance training, scholarships and events such as *The Nut-*



**For more information about the relationship between the Academy and Ballet Yuma, please pick up a brochure at the front desk or attend the upcoming FAMILY DAY on September 23rd.**



## Fall 2010 semester calendar

August 11	Level Ballet/Contemporary Fall semester classes begin	November 24-28	Thanksgiving Break
August 25	ECD/Jr Ballet Fall semester classes begin	December 10-12	Ballet Yuma Nutcracker
September 6	Labor Day - Academy closed	December 20-	
October 11	Columbus Day - Academy closed	January 2	Holiday Break
October 18-23	Parent observation week	January 3	Classes resume
		January 11	Last day of fall semester



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## The Academy in partnership with Ballet Yuma

### Providing Education, Development, Experience

Ballet Yuma, through performance experience, Company training, and development from the earliest stages at its official school, Yuma Ballet Academy, provides a learning experience which extends a positive influence far beyond the dance floor. From Early Childhood Development classes to upper level training, from ballet to contemporary, students build personal discipline leading to a practiced professionalism in both preparation and performance. As evidenced by the numerous Ballet Yuma dancers who have been accepted to train with or have become members of professional companies, students are availed the opportunity to grow to the point that they are prepared to step into the professional world. Ballet Yuma has been awarded Honor Company status with Regional Dance America as much for the education its students receive as for their acknowledged excellence in performance.

## Q & A - What every parent should know...

### How can I help my ECD/Pre-Ballet student have the best experience?

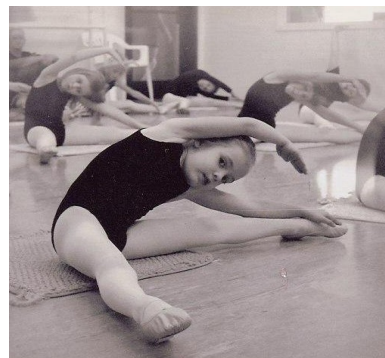
Make sure that your child is:

- Well-rested.
- Dressed appropriately.
- Not hungry or thirsty.
- Been to the bathroom.
- On time for class, so that they don't feel rushed.

**The ECD program prepares the child to enter the wonderful world of ballet!**

### How can I keep my ECD/Pre-Ballet student interested in dance?

- Play classical music at home to encourage dancing.
- Take your child to as many live performances as possible.
- Find books (DVD's) about dance, especially ones that inspire and share stories of the classics, and how hard work pays off.



### Is there anything I shouldn't do as a parent of a ECD/Pre-Ballet student?

- Try to get their attention to tell them to "pay attention" during class. Please only give directions to your child before or after their lessons.

The Academy respects the joy and innocence of the young child. Enjoy your little one's journey and thank you for choosing the Academy!