Bringing the art of dance and instilling creativity within our city’s schools

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH OVERVIEW
IN-SCHOOL RESIDENCIES, LECTURES AND DEMONSTRATIONS

Lecture Demonstrations -
Dancers from The Florida Ballet bring an interactive, educational program to your school that features current repertoire. Age-appropriate opportunities are available for elementary, middle, and high school audiences. Audience participation and a question and answer session makes this an exciting program for students.

Residencies -
The Florida Ballet offers residency programs that capture creativity. Dancers and/or teaching artists will spend a day, a week, or months at your school providing an opportunity tailored to your curriculum needs.

Our teaching artists are highly experienced educators who are adept at teaching children of all ages, cultural backgrounds, and emotional abilities. Our team helps instill confidence, trust, and self-esteem in students as they experience the joy of dance.
After-School Outreach Ballet Classes

The Florida Ballet is committed to making dance accessible to those who might otherwise not have the opportunity to experience the art of ballet. After-school weekly classes, taught by Florida Ballet instructors, are offered at the student’s homeschool, September-May. A culminating presentation is part of this program, which provides participants the opportunity to present portions of learned technique over the nine-month program to family and friends.

Participants receive an 80% reduced tuition rate for the nine-month program. For those that cannot afford this reduction, partial and full scholarships are made available. In addition to the after-school program, The Florida Ballet offers our after-school outreach students a continued reduced tuition to attend our summer programming at our studio location, as well as, special offers to attend any of our performances throughout the year.
“Breaking the Barrier: For Boyz Only” is a multilevel educational and performance project providing an opportunity for middle-school aged boys to gain exposure to the art of dance. The project targets at-risk young men from the urban core facing barriers to art experiences due to financial considerations, misconceptions about dance, unfamiliarity with cultural activities, or a lack of exposure to the arts.

Launched three years ago, the program has expanded from the initial one school serving 12 young men to five schools serving 60. Participating students are introduced to various dance styles including hip hop, jazz, and ballet. For most, this is a first-time exposure to dance, which provides a compelling access point for further study of the arts.

An annual culminating performance features all participants presenting choreography learned throughout the project along with male dancers from The Florida Ballet. The performance piece is incredibly effective in terms of social development not only for the boys but for the community as well. For the students, it provides a respect for teamwork, and a sense of what can be achieved with hard work and dedication. For the community, it is an opportunity to promote new, as well as future, audiences for dance.
Abbreviated Performances

Introduce your students to the joy and wonder of dance by joining The Florida Ballet for one of our special abbreviated performances. These performances are a wonderful way to expose students to the transformative power of creativity through the performing arts. Designed especially for school groups, performances provide an engaging introduction to classical ballet.

The 2019/20 Season will feature two offerings for local school children at Lazzara Performance Hall, UNF.

The Nutcracker ~ Thursday, December 19, 2019 ~ 11:00 am

Beauty and The Beast ~ Friday, March 20, 2020 ~ 11:00 am

The Florida Ballet provides education resource guides providing your students with an opportunity to explore, investigate, make connections, analyze, and reflect about dance and the performance. Study Guides include pre-performance worksheets, post-performance writing activities, and materials for guided discussions that challenge students to think deeply and critically about the performance and about the artistic process. We encourage educators to adapt the activities to specific grade levels to help students explore movement and dance, learn about ballet, and discover what happens behind the scenes of ballet production. Discover how enjoying a ballet performance can also include experiences in perceiving, responding, viewing, and thinking critically about dance.

For further information regarding any of The Florida Ballet’s educational outreach programs, please email Katharine Graham, Administrative Director, info@floridaballet.org or call 904-353-7518.