

Daytime Pre-Professional Training Facts & Questions

- **Who is eligible?** SLBS students level 7 & up, already strong en pointe, at least entering the 10th grade for the 2019-2020 school year, and no older than 21 by September 3rd, 2019.
- **What is the schedule?** Classes will start on Tuesdays and Fridays, with a possibility of adding Thursdays depending on enrollment. Ballet class goes from 1:30-3:00, with a second class in pointe, variations, rehearsals, or company observation until 4:15. Friday could include rehearsals until 5:30, for those who choose to perform and are cast accordingly.
- **Are there more classes available?** Yes! SLBS still offers its usual evening and weekend classes, with an additional open class now available on Sundays. For details, visit <https://www.stlouisballet.org/classschedule>.
- **Can I dance at my old studio, too?** Absolutely. Pre-Professional Training is created for the most dedicated and driven students of the greater St. Louis community, and is intended to augment your training, be it with SLBS or another school.
- **Are there performances opportunities?** You have the option to be considered for performance opportunities with SLB, our professional company. Alongside our Trainees, SLB might invite additional students, depending on casting needs. In addition to the other company productions, opportunities are available for *The Nutcracker*, and SLBS's annual June recital.
- **Are we required to commit to performances?** No. You may simply want more classes to enhance your technical strength, and we welcome that. It is also possible to choose some opportunities, rather than all. However, if you do opt to be in a production, we expect you to make rehearsals the top priority in your schedule.
- **I need volunteer hours for college applications, but I want to spend my time dancing. What are my options?** If you perform in our productions of *The Nutcracker* and *Swan Lake*, you will be providing a service to the community, as we invite schools and our "Pointe to Succeed" affiliates to attend these ballets. If you are looking for more opportunities, inform the staff, and we might find even more volunteering options for you in the community.
- **What are the costs?** We are striving to keep costs of our PPT at a minimum for your benefit, hopefully at \$100 or less per month. This is a separate fee, specifically for the Daytime Program. Standard tuition applies to the SLBS evening and weekend classes.
- **When do classes begin?** Daytime Pre-Professional Training classes begin immediately after Labor Day, and continue when the company operates – September 3rd through May. SLBS classes, on the other hand, begin on Monday, August 5th.
- **How do I apply?** If you are not a current SBS student, contact the office at 636-537-1998 to set up an audition. If you are an SLBS student, contact the office to express your interest and confirm eligibility.