

# MARIN BALLET

## *Fall 2011 – Spring 2012*

### Pre-Ballet Division

#### Class Descriptions

***Movement Exploration*** is a gentle introduction to movement with music for three year olds. The students work to develop the skills needed to work within a group dynamic, listen actively, and follow directions. Classes are designed as structured play, using imagery and imagination to explore movement and develop gross motor skills.

***Creative Movement*** is for children who are four years old and will be entering Kindergarten in the fall of 2012. Students continue to develop the group dynamic skills in the Movement Exploration curriculum. Gross motor skills such as marching, galloping, skipping, and leaping are expanded. Exercises for coordination and rhythm are introduced through creative games and dances.

***Ballet Preparatory 1*** is for Kindergarten students. Students will continue to develop classroom etiquette, body, and spatial awareness skills. Classes balance work with fun as rhythm studies, folk dances, and exercises for balance are added to the curriculum. Age appropriate pre-ballet exercises and positions are introduced.

***Ballet Preparatory 2*** is for first graders and is a continuation of the Ballet Preparatory 1 curriculum with an emphasis on developing self-discipline. Exercises that promote body alignment, posture, and age appropriate stretches are introduced. Basic classical ballet positions are taught and an increased focus is expected in preparation for Level 1.

#### Pre-Ballet Division Calendar

Quarter Dates	Parent Observation	Tuition Due
First Quarter: Aug. 29 – Oct. 29	October 24 – 29	July 15
Second Quarter: Oct. 31 – Jan. 14	January 9 – 14	October 15
Third Quarter: Jan. 17 – March 24	March 12 – 17 (Pre-Ballet only)	January 15
Fourth Quarter: March 26 – June 2	May 29 – June 2 (Movement Exp. only)	March 15

***Pre-Ballet Showcase 2012, presentations for Creative Movement and Ballet Preparatory 1 & 2, will be held on June 2 & 3 in Marin Ballet's Phyllis Thelen Theater***

#### School Holidays – no classes or rehearsals held

*September 5	Labor Day	*January 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day
*November 11	Veterans' Day	February 20 – 26	Midwinter Break
*Nov. 24 – 27	Thanksgiving	April 9 – 15	Spring Break
Dec. 19 – Jan. 2	Winter Break	*May 28	Memorial Day

\*Students whose class falls on this holiday may take an appropriate make-up class.

***Please see the school calendar for a complete listing of performance and rehearsal dates and school events.***

**Please see reverse for Movement Exploration, Creative Movement, and Ballet Preparatory 1 & 2 Class Schedules**

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### Class Schedules 2011-2012

#### ❖ MOVEMENT EXPLORATION

**\$175 per quarter**

Students must be 3 years old by the first day of the quarter for which they enroll. Choose any one of the following classes.

Day	Time	Teacher	ME Dress Code
Saturday	9:15 – 10:00am	Ashley Terra	<i>Girls:</i> Motionwear #2105 cap sleeved leotard in <u>pink</u> (color #472), pink ballet slippers, white ankle socks, hair pulled neatly back off of face and neck. Skirts are permitted, not below the knee. No jewelry.  <i>Boys:</i> Navy blue shorts, white t-shirt (tucked-in), white ballet slippers, and white socks.

#### ❖ CREATIVE MOVEMENT

**\$225 per quarter**

Students must be 4 years old, entering Kindergarten in Fall 2012. Choose any one of the following classes.

Day	Time	Teacher	CM Dress Code
Monday	3:00 – 4:00pm	Signe Lando	<i>Girls:</i> Motionwear #2105 cap sleeved leotard in <u>pink</u> (color #472), pink ballet slippers, white ankle socks, hair pulled neatly back off of face and neck. Skirts are permitted, not below the knee. No jewelry.  <i>Boys:</i> Navy blue shorts, white t-shirt (tucked-in), white ballet slippers, and white socks.
Saturday	9:15 – 10:15am	Signe Lando	

#### ❖ BALLET PREPARATORY 1

**\$225 per quarter**

Students must be 5 years old, entering Kindergarten. Choose any one of the following classes.

Day	Time	Teacher	Ballet Preparatory 1 Dress Code
Monday	3:00 – 4:00pm	Stephanie Scarpello	<i>Girls:</i> Motionwear #2105 cap sleeved leotard in <u>lt. blue</u> (color #445), pink ballet slippers, white ankle socks, hair pulled neatly back off of face and neck. No skirts or jewelry.  <i>Boys:</i> Navy blue shorts, white t-shirt (tucked-in), white ballet slippers, and white socks.
Thursday	3:00 – 4:00pm	Stephanie Scarpello	
Friday	4:00 – 5:00pm	Stephanie Scarpello (Prep 1/2)	
Saturday	10:15 – 11:15am	Ashley Terra	

#### ❖ BALLET PREPARATORY 2

**\$225 per quarter**

Students must be 6 years old, entering 1<sup>st</sup> Grade. Choose any one of the following classes.

Day	Time	Teacher	Ballet Preparatory 2 Dress Code
Monday	4:00 – 5:00pm	Stephanie Scarpello	<i>Girls:</i> Motionwear #2105 cap sleeved leotard in <u>lt. blue</u> (color #445), <b>pink tights</b> , pink ballet slippers, hair in ballet bun, shorter hair pulled neatly off face and neck. No skirts or jewelry.  <i>Boys:</i> Navy blue shorts, white t-shirt (tucked-in), white ballet slippers, and white socks.
Thursday	4:00 – 5:00pm	Stephanie Scarpello	
Friday	4:00 – 5:00pm	Stephanie Scarpello (Prep 1/2)	
Saturday	9:00 – 10:00am	Stephanie Scarpello	

**Dress Code items may be purchased in San Rafael at:**  
**The Dance Shop, 1201 Second Street, San Rafael, 459-4008**  
**D'Lynnes Dancewear, 1137 Fourth Street, San Rafael, 456-4747**

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**Dress Code**

**Movement Exploration & Creative Movement**

**Girls:** Motionwear #2105 cap sleeved leotard in pink (color #472), pink ballet slippers, white ankle socks. Skirts are permitted, but not below the knee. Hair pulled neatly off of the face and neck, no jewelry.

**Ballet Preparatory 1**

**Girls:** Motionwear #2105 cap sleeved leotard in light blue (color #445), pink ballet slippers, white ankle socks. Hair pulled neatly off of the face and neck, no jewelry.

**Ballet Preparatory 2**

**Girls:** Motionwear #2105 cap sleeved leotard in light blue (color #445), pink ballet slippers, **pink tights**. Hair in a ballet bun, no jewelry.

**All Pre-Ballet Boys:** Navy blue shorts, white t-shirt (tucked-in), white ballet shoes, white crew socks.

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**Faculty Biographies**

**Signe Lando** earned a B.A. in Child Development from San Jose State University, and studied dance with Jody White, Margie Belrose, Francesca and Dimitri Romanoff, Alvin Ailey, Margot Jones, and Rec Russell, among others. She danced with the Marin Chamber Dance Co. under the direction of Juliana Sakowsky. Mrs. Lando developed a rhythm and movement program for pre-schools and joined the Marin Ballet faculty in 1988, specializing in pre-ballet classes and scholarship training to outreach communities. She choreographed a ballet using young dancers from Marin Ballet, based on Madeleine L'Engle's book, "Dance in The Desert," with composer Philip Lee Hahn at St. John's Church in Ross.

**Stephanie Scarpello** trained at Marin Ballet for 11 years, studying with Svetlana Afanasieva, Leslie Crockett, and Shannon Bresnahan. She danced with the College of Marin Dance Company, performing various works by choreographers Kristi Kuhn, David Jones, and Ellen Bauer. She graduated Cum Laude from the University of San Francisco with a B.A. in Performing Arts & Social Justice with an emphasis in dance. Ms. Lando joined the Marin Ballet faculty in 2003.

**Ashley Terra** trained at Marin Ballet with Laurie Klein and Signe Lando, whom she credits as being her first dance mentors. She supplemented this training at Marin Dance Theatre and later at the College of Marin. Most recently, Ms. Terra graduated from California Institute of the Arts with a B.F.A. in Dance and Choreography. Ms. Terra joined the Marin Ballet faculty in 2009.