



YEAR-ROUND
ACADEMY PROGRAMS

2023-2024 PROGRAMS

STUDIO COMPANY



SEPTEMBER 2023–JUNE 2024

Ages: 17+ | By audition only

The Joffrey Studio Company is a scholarship program of the Joffrey Academy of Dance which launched in the 2014–2015 season. The Joffrey Studio Company consists of outstanding students selected by the Joffrey Academy Artistic Team. Studio Company members enjoy benefits such as a living/educational stipend, year-long gym membership to Chicago Athletic Clubs, on-site physical therapy provided by Athletico, dance-wear allotment, complimentary tickets to The Joffrey Ballet performances at Lyric Opera House, waived registration fees and production fees for all performances, and complimentary classes in the Adult Open Division.

SCHEDULE

Joffrey Studio Company members train alongside dancers in the Trainee Program. Daily classes run Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM–4:30 PM and Saturdays from 10:30 AM–4:00 PM. Classes include ballet technique, pointe, partnering, contemporary, modern, Pilates, character, men's classes, choreography, and more. This well-rounded program also offers educational seminars such as career development, injury prevention, and nutrition.

PERFORMANCES

Students in the Joffrey Studio Company have the opportunity to be selected to perform with the main company at Lyric Opera House and perform in the Academy's performance series, as well as in additional festival and performance opportunities around Chicago.

AUDITIONS

Selection for the Joffrey Studio Company is by audition only for dancers approximately ages 17 and up. Students may be asked to join the Trainee Program in the Academy for one to two years prior to being selected for the Joffrey Studio Company or may be asked to join the Joffrey Studio Company from an Academy audition. Annual auditions for Studio Company are held during the National Audition Tour. Students unable to attend the Audition Tour should submit a video audition.

TRAINEE PROGRAMS



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The Joffrey Academy Trainee Programs, offered in both Ballet and Contemporary, are rigorous programs for students approximately ages 17 and up who are preparing for a professional dance career. Students train in either ballet or contemporary plus other dance disciplines, creating well-rounded, versatile dancers. Trainees rehearse and perform classical and contemporary works from The Joffrey Ballet's extensive repertoire and have the opportunity to work with world-renowned guest choreographers.

SCHEDULE

Daily classes for the Ballet Trainee Program run Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM–4:30 PM and Saturdays from 10:30 AM–4:00 PM, and Contemporary Program run Monday through Friday, 9:00 AM–3:30 PM. Classes include ballet or contemporary technique, pointe, partnering, modern, Pilates, character, men's classes, choreography, and more. These well-rounded programs also offer educational seminars such as career development, injury prevention, and nutrition.

PERFORMANCES

Students in the Trainee Programs may participate in a Fall and Spring Production in the Black Box Theater at Joffrey Tower. Trainees also have the unique opportunity to have a new piece created on them during the Winning Works Choreographic Competition. Performance repertoire varies each year, and additional opportunities to perform around Chicago may arise.

AUDITIONS

Admission into the Trainee Programs is by audition only. Annual auditions for the Trainee Programs are held during the National Audition Tour. Students unable to attend the Audition Tour should submit a video audition.

CONSERVATORY PROGRAM



SEPTEMBER 2023–JUNE 2024

Ages: 14–18 | By audition only

The Joffrey Conservatory Program is for students ages 14–18 years old who are seeking a successful balance between academics and intense training as they prepare for professional careers in dance. The program's curriculum, created by The Mary B. Galvin Artistic Director Ashley Wheater and Academy staff, is designed to help students better prepare for the rigorous training of the Joffrey Academy Trainee Program and Studio Company. The Conservatory will also lay the foundation for a successful career in professional dance or in other fields by developing artistry, creativity, discipline, and confidence.

SCHEDULE

Dancers have class five days a week, Monday through Friday from 9:00 AM–3:30 PM, with the option to take class on Saturday. Classes include ballet technique, pointe, men's, variations, repertoire, partnering, contemporary, modern, Pilates, character, improv, and more!

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Students in the Conservatory Program will have the opportunity to be selected to perform in the Academy's performance series, as well as additional festivals and performance opportunities around Chicago.

ACADEMICS

Joffrey Academy has a referral-based relationship with K–12 Online Private Schools. K–12 enables students to learn at their own pace, whether they are seeking greater academic challenges, in need of a more nurturing environment, or working around budding careers, travel, and extracurricular pursuits. Students can enroll at any time as a full-time student on track to receive a high school diploma, or part-time to supplement a traditional home school curriculum.

HOUSING

The Joffrey Academy has an ongoing housing partnership with Infinite Chicago and The Flats Student Housing for students in the Pre-Professional Division and Trainee Programs. Infinite Chicago and The Flats Student Housing are located within walking distance to Joffrey Tower and designed to fit the busy lifestyle of Joffrey students living in the downtown Loop area. Apartments typically come fully furnished and include a large array of amenities including an in-unit washer and dryer, full kitchen, and cable and internet service. Housing at Infinite is unchaperoned and recommended for students 16 and older. Students 15 and under are encouraged to move to Chicago with a parent/guardian.

Please note: The Joffrey Academy does not take responsibility for arranging academic or housing needs. All housing and academic arrangements are the responsibility of the families.

AUDITIONS

Acceptance into the Conservatory Program is by audition only. Students are encouraged to attend the National Audition Tour and audition during Summer Intensives.

PRE-PROFESSIONAL PROGRAM



SEPTEMBER 2023–JUNE 2024

Ages: 9–18+ | By audition only

The Pre-Professional Division at the Joffrey Academy of Dance provides the highest artistic standards of training to prepare students for a career in dance, should they choose to pursue this path. This program helps students to become well-rounded and versatile dancers. The personal attention and guidance from Joffrey Academy Faculty will prepare each student to pursue his or her own professional goals.

SCHEDULE

Pre-Professional classes take place Monday–Friday beginning at 4:30 PM and Saturdays. Depending on level, students attend classes 3–6 days per week.

PERFORMANCES

Students in the Pre-Professional Program may participate in a Fall, Winter, and Spring Production in the Black Box Theater at Joffrey Tower. Students also have the opportunity to audition for The Joffrey Ballet's *Nutcracker*. Additional performance opportunities may occur throughout the year.

PLACEMENT/AUCTION

Admission into the Pre-Professional Program is by audition only. Annual auditions for the Pre-Professional Program are held during the Summer Intensives.

GRADUATES

Since its opening, more than 50 of the Joffrey Academy students have found positions with professional dance companies dancing with The Joffrey Ballet, American Ballet Theater, New York City Ballet, Staatsballett Berlin, Dresden Semperoper, Estonian National Ballet, Tulsa Ballet, Complexions, State Street Ballet, Cincinnati Ballet, Dance Theatre of Harlem, Atlanta Ballet, Milwaukee Ballet, Memphis Ballet, Kansas City Ballet, Oklahoma City Ballet, Texas Ballet Theatre, BalletMet, North Carolina Dance Theatre, Pittsburgh Ballet Theatre, Alabama Ballet, Polish National Ballet, Slovak National Ballet, Ballet West, Ballet Nebraska, Ballet Theater of Indiana, Ballet Austin and more.

SUMMER INTENSIVES



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Immerse yourself in the challenging and comprehensive training offered at the Joffrey Academy during one of the Summer Intensives. This unique experience offers students an understanding of strong technique and impeccable artistry, as well as the opportunity to participate in exciting fieldtrips around Chicago. Classes are taught by Joffrey Academy Faculty, Artistic Staff of The Joffrey Ballet and Joffrey Academy, as well as Joffrey Ballet Company Artists. Housing is offered close by for students coming from out of town, including chaperoned supervision and meal plans. Each program culminates with a performance for family and friends.

ADVANCED SUMMER INTENSIVE: 5 WEEKS | JUNE 19–JULY 21, 2023

The five-week advanced intensive is designed for serious ballet students ages approximately 12 and older who are aspiring to pursue a professional dance career. Daily classes include ballet technique, pointe, variations, men's class, partnering, and classical repertoire. The program will also include weekly classes in modern, jazz, body conditioning, character, contemporary repertoire, and Pilates.

ADVANCED SUMMER INTENSIVE: 3 WEEKS | JULY 24–AUGUST 11, 2023

In the three-week advanced intensive, intermediate to advanced level students approximately ages 12 and up are challenged in various disciplines: daily ballet and pointe technique, variations, classical repertoire, character, body conditioning, contemporary, modern, jazz and more.

JUNIOR SUMMER INTENSIVE: 3 WEEKS | JUNE 26–JULY 14, 2023

The three-week junior intensive at the Joffrey Academy of Dance in Chicago is designed for the serious student, approximately ages 9–14, who loves dance. Daily classes throughout this program include ballet technique, pointe/pre-pointe, classical repertoire, character, jazz, modern, flexibility, and more.

WEEKEND ACTIVITIES

Whether it is Summer Dance, baseball, or concerts and festivals in the parks, there is always something happening in Chicago! After a challenging week of dancing, students can participate in weekend activities planned by the Joffrey Academy. There are different activities held each weekend of the program to offer students a chance to see the sights and explore the beautiful city of Chicago, including architectural river boat tours, catching a show in the Theater District, watching the Cubs play at Wrigley Field, exploring the Lincoln Park Zoo, and much more!

ABOUT THE ACADEMY



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The Joffrey Academy of Dance, Official School of The Joffrey Ballet, is committed to providing students of all ages, levels, and backgrounds who have a desire to dance with a world-class education built on a foundation of classical ballet. With the talents cultivated at the Joffrey Academy, students can pursue careers as professional dancers at companies throughout the world, higher education opportunities in dance, or success in other fields. Through the Joffrey Academy's programs, students develop a diverse set of skills including artistry, creativity, discipline, and confidence. The Joffrey Academy's high-quality, educational programming forms future audiences and support for the Joffrey and builds the organization's reputation worldwide.

Located in the heart of Chicago's theater district, the 20,000 square foot Exelon Education Center, which is home to the Academy, boasts state-of-the-art studios in Joffrey Tower. The Joffrey Academy received the distinguished honor of being named Outstanding School in 2010, 2012, and 2015 by the Youth America Grand Prix, the world's largest international student ballet competition. The Joffrey Academy also received the Boeing Game Changer Award in recognition of its efforts to make dance accessible to all.

Joffrey Academy of Dance, Official School of The Joffrey Ballet, is the only training program owned, operated, or endorsed by The Joffrey Ballet. The Joffrey Ballet is not affiliated with any other dance training or school program, including the Joffrey Ballet School in New York. Chicago's Joffrey Academy is the only school that follows the organizational mission, training syllabi, and artistic vision of The Joffrey Ballet. No other program, including those holding the Joffrey name, is sanctioned by The Joffrey Ballet.

INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS

The Joffrey Academy can enroll students on M-1 visas for the following programs: Pre-Professional Levels V and VI, Joffrey Conservatory, Joffrey Contemporary Ballet Trainee Program, Joffrey Ballet Trainee Program, Joffrey Studio Company, and Summer Intensive.

For more information please visit:

joffrey.org/education/academy/faqs-for-international-students

ARTISTIC FACULTY

The Joffrey Academy programs are taught by the reputable and talented faculty of the Joffrey Academy of Dance, Official School of The Joffrey Ballet. Some students may also be taught by the Artistic Staff of The Joffrey Ballet and Joffrey Ballet Company Artists.



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To view the complete Academy Faculty listing, please visit:
joffrey.org/education/academy/academy-leadership-and-faculty

JOFFREY HISTORY



The Joffrey Ballet has been hailed as “America’s Ballet Company of Firsts”

The Joffrey Ballet’s long list of “firsts” includes being the first dance company to perform at the White House at Jacqueline Kennedy’s invitation, the first to appear on television, the first classical dance company to go multi-media, the first to commission a rock ‘n’ roll ballet, the first and only dance company to appear on the cover of Time magazine, the first company to have had a major motion picture based on it, Robert Altman’s *The Company*, and the first U.S. ballet company to livestream video of a rehearsal on YouTube.

For more than a half-century, The Joffrey Ballet’s commitment to taking world-class, artistically vibrant work to a broad and varied audience has created a solid foundation that continues to support the company’s unprecedented capacity for achieving important “firsts.” Today, the Joffrey, which has been hugely successful in its former residences in New York and Los Angeles, lives permanently in its brilliant new facility, Joffrey Tower, in the heart of America, Chicago, Illinois. The company’s commitment to accessibility is met through an extensive touring schedule, an innovative and highly effective education program including the much lauded Joffrey Academy of Dance, Official School of The Joffrey Ballet, and Community Engagement Program, and collaborations with myriad other visual and performing arts organizations.

Classically trained to the highest standards, The Joffrey Ballet expresses a unique, inclusive perspective on dance, proudly reflecting the diversity of America with its company and audiences and repertoire which includes major story ballets, reconstructions of masterpieces, and contemporary works. Founded by visionary teacher Robert Joffrey in 1956, guided by celebrated choreographer Gerald Arpino from 1988 until 2007, The Joffrey Ballet continues to thrive under internationally renowned Mary B. Galvin Artistic Director Ashley Wheater. The Joffrey Ballet has become one of the most revered and recognizable arts organizations in America and one of the top dance companies in the world.

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