

THE MET GAZETTE

Wednesday, April 26, 2023 | Showcase countdown: 38 days!

Important Dates!

Mandatory Parent Meetings:

Thursday, April 27, 6:00pm

CM3-5, Pre-Ballet, Levels 1, 2, 2x, 3, 3x, 4, 4x and 5/ADV. Required whether this is your first year or you are a "seasoned" Met parent!

Friday, April 28, 6:00pm

ALL Boys' Scholarship Parents and anyone unable to attend on Thursday.

Showcase Studio Rehearsal:

Saturday, April 29, 3:30-6:00

Required for all dancers; detailed schedule to be provided in email.

MANDATORY Tech and Dress Rehearsals:

**Wednesday, May 31,
Thursday, June 2, Friday,
June 3**

Please hold all dates;
4-8:30pm. Detailed schedule
TBA.

It's Showcase Season!

Hope you enjoyed a great Spring Break! And now, on to SHOWCASE! This year's annual Showcase will be held on **Saturday, June 3 and Sunday, June 4.**

Please make every effort to have **perfect attendance** these next three weeks. We will be having **costume fittings**, and working to finish teaching all dances.

In this issue of our "Met Gazette" you will find important dates for upcoming studio rehearsal, parent meetings, volunteer requirements, casting and ticket information. Later issues will include additional details about these items, along with directions to the theatre (Abington Friends School), detailed rehearsal times, etc.

Thank you all for making this a truly wonderful year. Looking forward to seeing you at the parent meetings, and being in the theater together soon!

With warmest regards,
Lisa Collins Vidnovic ~ Director, Metropolitan Ballet Academy

Committee Members Needed

We are currently seeking volunteers for critical committee needs! Are you interested in assisting with Costumes, Flowers, or the Met Boutique? Please join us!

Please reach out to Jessica Young in the Metropolitan Office at 215-663-1665 or email info@metropolitanballetacademy.com.

Showcase Supplies!

Specific tights and shoes are required to create a uniform look on stage.

Dress2Dance in Glenside will hold items for you for pickup: call 215.884.5756.

- Young ladies wearing children's sizes: Body Wrappers C45 in ballet pink.
- Ladies wearing adult sizes: Body Wrappers A45 in ballet pink.
- Young ladies selecting darker tones instead of ballet pink: Total Stretch convertible tights, style C81; coffee, jazzy tan, light suntan, tan as best matches your skin tone and shoes.
- Ladies wearing adult sizes and selecting darker tones instead of ballet pink: Total Stretch convertible tights, style C81; coffee, jazzy tan, light suntan, tan as best matches your skin tone and shoes.
- Buy at least two pairs!
- Boys/Men, please buy a **package** of black socks and black ballet shoes.

Performance Hair

- Students will be instructed about their hair style (high bun, low bun, etc) in class.
- Ladies need a **package** of bobby pins matching their hair color and hair nets.
- Men with long hair must have hair smoothly tied back.

Parent Volunteers

Our annual Showcase is not possible without the commitment of each family to volunteer. We have a job for everyone! Sign-ups will be online, with the link available at the parent meetings.

- **Chaperones:** Each class needs two chaperones backstage for each show and tech/dress rehearsal. This is our most critical need!
- **Floor set-up and removal:** Great job for dads! We always especially need help unloading at the studio on Sunday evening at 6:30pm.
- **Boutique sales, Flower bouquet assembly and sales, Costume Launderers** are all vital to the performances.

When you sign up to volunteer as a *chaperone*, you are asked to submit PA clearances. Please email them to metballetvolunteers@gmail.com.

Questions? Email metballetvolunteers@gmail.com.

CASTING!

Saturday 1pm	Saturday 4pm	Sunday 1pm	Sunday 4pm
Saturday CM 3-5	Tuesday CM 3-5	Thursday CM 3-5	
Saturday Pre-Ballet	Monday Pre-Ballet	Monday Pre-Ballet	Saturday Pre-Ballet
Saturday Level 1	Wednesday Level 1	Wednesday Level 1	Saturday Level 1
Monday Level 2	Thursday Level 2	Thursday Level 2	Monday Level 2

Levels 2x, 3, 3x, 4, 4x, 5/Adv and All Boys' Scholarship classes perform in all 4 shows.

Casting for Advanced dancers/alternating roles will be posted May 6.

Summer at Metropolitan!

We have programs available for ages 3-18! We especially encourage our current families to bring a friend. This is a great opportunity to experience movement and fun at Met!

For our progressing dancers, summer is a great time to solidify and progress skills. Dancers improve rapidly in these focused weeks, and have the opportunity to learn from visiting faculty! Please join us!

Summer information and forms are all found on the Metropolitan website.

Registrations are due by May 15!

Memorial Day Holiday

The school will be closed on Monday, May 30 in observance of Memorial Day. Rest and relax for the busy week ahead!

Tickets!

Our online ticketing service makes it easy for Metropolitan families and friends to purchase tickets online for showcase.

<https://metropolitanballetacademy.com/tickets/>

Tickets will be \$20 in advance, \$25 at the door.

You will be able to view your seats, select and purchase them using your credit card. Important! You must use a computer to choose specific seats in the ticketing system. A mobile device will select "best available" seating.

- Please purchase your tickets in advance! **Double check the casting chart above to ensure you purchase tickets for the shows in which your child is performing.** Tickets will most likely not be available for exchange!
- Each year these shows sell out! Please order your tickets right away, especially if your child is only performing in one show.
- There are two wheelchair positions in the theater. Please purchase these right away if needed!

Tickets will be online beginning on Friday, April 28. For questions, please contact Tracey Scott-Hall at the ticket box office, using the contact on the ticketing website (available when ticket sales are live).

Boys' Scholarship Program Auditions!

We are looking for more boys to join us at Metropolitan! Auditions are June 10 at 9:00 am. Boys, ages 7-11 and 12-17 are eligible to receive free, weekly dance classes plus performance opportunities. No prior dance experience required!
