

NEWSLETTER

Annual Nutcracker Tea Party | October 2026 | Costume week Oct 26th-29th

2026 Fair Parade

We had a great turn out and a great time participating in the 2026 Fair Parade! Thank you to all the moms and dancers who joined us on the float, walking, and dancing in the parade. We are so thankful for the CBTS family and how they show up!



Nutcracker Tea Party

Mark your calendars for the annual Nutcracker Tea Party November 15th 2:00-4:00pm. Tickets will go on sale beginning October 17th. This year, the location will be our very own Performance Center located behind the CBTS.

The Nutcracker Tea Party is a fundraiser hosted by the Cullman Ballet Society to raise funds for summer scholarships and more!

Costume Week

The week of October 26th - 29th bring your child to class in a past recital costume, Halloween, or dress-up costume that they can dance in! Please make sure that your child can move properly and that the costume does not hinder any learning in class.

We look forward to seeing all of our students participate in a week of fun! Teachers dress up too!

The Nutcracker 2026

Cullman Ballet companies and community cast of The Nutcracker will be held December 5th and 6th at Hartselle High School. Whether you have a child, friend, or want to support a fun, holiday tradition, you will want to make your calendars that tickets go on sale November 1st

Reminder: Nutcracker cast
No rehearsal October 10th

Christmas Parade

Friday, November 20th
Nutcracker cast, mark your calendar and plan to wear your Nutcracker T-shirt or sweatshirt!





A note from the Director

The USA International Ballet Competition or USA IBC is one of the world's top competitions for ballet. Founded In 1978 by Thalia Mara, in 1982 the U.S. Congress passed a joint resolution designating Jackson, MS as the home for the IBC. Competitions occur every 4 years In Olympic style.

Along with the competition, there is an International Dance School and teachers workshop. I have attended the teachers workshops and brought students from CBT School to attend the International Dance School since 1986.

Next summer, June 12-26, 2027 we would love to have students ages 12-20 take this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity again. The Cullman Ballet Society Summer Scholarship program has helped many of our students to attend the IBC and we highly encourage our dancers to take advantage of the audition next spring.

Please let me know if you or your dancers are interested. The International Dance School is the best AND your child would experience the amazing performances of the competition from all over the world.

-Elaine Willingham

USA IBC

The USA IBC Dance School is to be held in conjunction with the 13th USA International Ballet Competition providing the opportunity to both study with leading teachers and watch top dancers from around the globe perform.

The two-week session is geared toward intermediate to pre-professional ballet students ages 12-20 who have a minimum of four consecutive years of ballet training including 6-12 months on pointe for girls. Students receive elite training and have the opportunity to perform at the end of a challenging and fun-filled intensive.

Course Offerings and Curriculum:

Ballet, Contemporary, Pointe, Variations, Pas De Deux, Repertoire, Jazz, Lectures, and Master Classes

Applications open November 1, 2026

Deadline to apply: March 31, 2027

Arrival at Dance School: June 11, 2027

Departure from Dance School: June 26, 2027

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