

CULLMAN BALLET THEATRE SCHOOL

A note from the director

Thank you to everyone that joined the Cullman Ballet Society during the Membership Drive week last month. The winner of the gift basket drawing was Calie Franklin! It's never too late to join the Cullman Ballet Society and continue to help in sponsoring The Cullman Ballet Company, The Cullman Junior Dance Company and summer scholarships for dancers ages 10 and above. New members please let us know if you did not receive the new CBS Members T-shirt.

Cullman County Fair Parade

Join us in walking in the parade on September 28th to represent Cullman Ballet Theatre School and to promote and publicize our upcoming Nutcracker.

Sign up at the school lobby, rules and other important information are posted on the sign up board.

New 2024 Nutcracker T-Shirts are available at discount only through September 27th.

Purchase at the school office Monday-Thursday.

Purchase Friday at the Dance With Us dance boutique.

**Holiday reminders: No classes:
October, no holidays! Classes as usual
November, Veterans Day, Nov. 11th
Thanksgiving week Nov. 25-28**

New adult tap class!

Thursday at 4:00-4:45 or 4:45-5:15?

**Which is better for you? Let's start in October or November?
Ciara Parker our wonderful tap teacher has the time on
Thursday for anyone interested.**

**Class cards may be used the same as for the adult ballet
class. anyone who is interested please call at
256-734-7775 or email elaine@cullmanballettheatre.com**

**We won again "The Cullman Times Best of the Best"
Dance school in Cullman!**

**Thanks to all who took the time to vote for CBT School!
We really do appreciate it!**

**Guest teacher is former CBT School student and
Cullman Ballet Company alumni:**

**We are so excited to have Abby Cain Hudgins back in
Alabama after so many years!**

**Abby will be teaching Level 7 pointe classes while
Elaine is away on a short trip.**



Abby Hudgins began dancing at Cullman Ballet Theatre School in Cullman, AL, under the direction of Elaine Willingham. She joined the Alabama Ballet School under the direction of Wes Chapman and Roger Van Fleteren, before joining the Alabama Ballet as an apprentice. She attended the University of Oklahoma on dance and academic scholarships, earning a Bachelor of Arts in English and her Master's of Library and Information Studies. She married Dr. David Hudgins, and they trained in ballroom and flamenco, including traveling to Jerez de la Frontera, Spain to study flamenco. Together, they opened Awen Academy of Ballet and Ballroom in Norman OK, which they operated together before moving to Corpus Christi, TX. While in South Texas, Abby taught ballet and fitness for numerous dance studios. She coached individuals and group pieces for competitions, with many students achieving top placements and passing to finals. Abby has successfully completed the ABT® Teacher Training Intensive in Pre-Primary through Level 7 of the ABT® National Training Curriculum. She is thrilled to be home in Alabama and teaching at Cullman Ballet Theatre School.