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# 2019-2020 COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & EDUCATION



Turner Unified Schools R.O.A.D. Scholars.  
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## R.O.A.D. SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

In September 2017, Kansas City Ballet initiated a unique partnership with Kansas City Public Schools in Missouri and with Turner Unified Schools in Kansas to bring a free 12-week dance residency program, Reach Out and Dance (known as R.O.A.D.), to all third grade students in 16 elementary schools.

Each spring, up to 112 students from 16 R.O.A.D. Residency schools are invited to study dance on scholarships during the school day at the Todd Bolender Center for Dance & Creativity, home of Kansas City Ballet.

R.O.A.D. Scholars receive free dancewear and ballet slippers, two tuition-free classes per week for 12 consecutive weeks each spring and for eight weeks each summer, and complimentary tickets for themselves and a family member to attend a Kansas City Ballet performance.

Subsequently, each fall, 30 R.O.A.D. Scholars are invited to train in the Kansas City Ballet School for the next two years.

Additionally, R.O.A.D. Scholars are eligible to audition for Kansas City Ballet's production of *The Nutcracker*.

### R.O.A.D. SCHOLAR PARENT:

*"This Program has allowed my daughter's dream to come true. She always wanted to dance and now gets a chance to do it!"*



Kansas City Public Schools R.O.A.D. Scholars.  
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Interested in participating or learning more about any of these programs?  
Contact KC Ballet's Community Engagement & Education Department at 816.216.5583 or email [aberry@kcballet.org](mailto:aberry@kcballet.org)



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## EDUCATIONAL PERFORMANCES

### MATINEES FOR SCHOOLS

Kansas City Ballet presents full-length morning performances for schools designed to enhance interdisciplinary learning, integrating dance with English Language Arts, Social Studies, and Music. Students will experience stunning choreography, elaborate sets, beautiful costumes, and the Kansas City Symphony!

#### THE NUTCRACKER

Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts | 1601 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64108  
Friday, December 6, 2019, 10:30 AM  
Thursday, December 12, 2019, 10:30 AM  
Friday, December 13, 2019, 10:30 AM

#### SWAN LAKE

Kauffman Center for the Performing Arts | 1601 Broadway, Kansas City, MO 64108  
Friday, February 14, 2020, 10:30 AM

All seats \$12/person

To access Student Matinee Order Forms go to: [kcballet.org/community-engagement/schoolmatinees](http://kcballet.org/community-engagement/schoolmatinees)

NOTE: Multi-media study guides are available online to participating schools and may be accessed and downloaded prior to all performances at [kcballet.org/community-engagement](http://kcballet.org/community-engagement)

### LECTURE DEMONSTRATIONS

Bring an exciting interactive program of classic and contemporary ballets to your school! Kansas City Ballet's Second Company performs a 60-minute costumed performance narrated by KC Ballet staff and dancers. Great for elementary, middle or high schools!

Lecture Demonstrations are available October 29-November 1, 2019, January 14-17, 21-23 and 28-31, 2020, March 3-5, 10, 24-26 and 31, 2020. For more information and cost: email [aberry@kcballet.org](mailto:aberry@kcballet.org)



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# FOR SCHOOLS

## DANCE IN SCHOOLS

### REACH OUT AND DANCE (R.O.A.D.) RESIDENCY PROGRAM

Kansas City Ballet's nationally recognized dance residency program is being offered to new schools for a 12-week session, **January-May 2020!** Weekly movement classes and end of semester R.O.A.D. Rallies are offered during the academic year in elementary schools, during the school day. Established curriculum is taught by KC Ballet teaching artists to live music, introducing 3rd and 4th grade students to the fundamentals of dance: space, time, effort, self-discipline, and cooperative learning. Thematic lessons integrate STEAM based curriculum and are based on National and State Education Standards.

Participation in R.O.A.D. school residencies requires no special clothing, shoes or equipment.

#### RESIDENCY STUDENTS:

*"Whenever I was sad in the morning and my teacher said that we had R.O.A.D. that day, I would become as happy as a blooming flower!"*

*"I like everything about my R.O.A.D. class!"*

#### CLASSROOM TEACHER:

*"I love how R.O.A.D. touches on many different subjects – Math, Social Studies, Science, dance terms, and teamwork. The arts touch us all!"*



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# FOR THE COMMUNITY

## DANCE-A-STORY

These 45-minute workshops are specifically designed for Pre-K and early elementary age children and focus on story ballets and literacy. Stories come to life through creative movement, music and ballet costume & prop show and tell.

Great for pre-schools and library story times! Workshops available for *The Nutcracker*, *Swan Lake*, *The Sleeping Beauty*, *The Wizard of Oz*, and *Peter Pan*. Contact [aberry@kcballet.org](mailto:aberry@kcballet.org) for more information and cost.



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## BALLET 101

Dispelling myths for newcomers and skeptics! These 60-minute workshops for community groups and businesses prove that ballet is so much more than layers of tulle and satin shoes. So step away from the stereotypes and learn why the common misconceptions about ballet are bunk. For more information or to schedule a Ballet 101, contact [aberry@kcballet.org](mailto:aberry@kcballet.org) or call 816.216.5583.



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## DANCE SPEAKS

An adult education series held in the Bolender Center's Michael and Ginger Frost Studio Theater and various community venues. Interesting panel discussions introduce the community-at-large to upcoming ballets, guest choreographers, staggers, and dancers. Includes audience Q & A with artists and an invitation to KC Ballet's company rehearsals prior to specific Dance Speaks!

***Carmina Burana:*** September 18, 2019 | 5:30 PM Company Rehearsal, 6:00 PM Dance Speaks

***Swan Lake:*** January 29, 2020 | 5:30 PM Company Rehearsal, 6:00 PM Dance Speaks

***New Voices, New Moves:*** March 11, 2020 | 6:30 PM Dance Speaks

***Celts, a ballet celebrating Irish Culture:*** April 22, 2020 | 5:30 PM Company Rehearsal, 6:00 PM Dance Speaks

All seats \$12/person

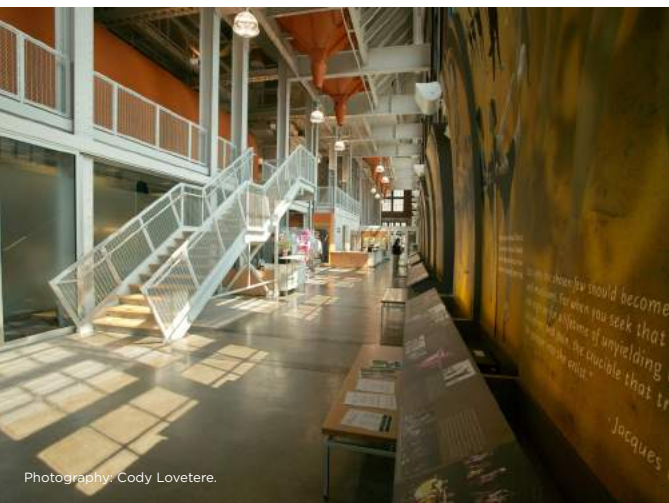


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## TOURS

Kansas City Ballet offers groups of 10 or more the opportunity to tour our historic facility and observe the company at work. The Todd Bolender Center for Dance & Creativity, home to Kansas City Ballet, is located at 500 West Pershing Road, in downtown Kansas City. Information is provided on upcoming productions, and participants may visit KC Ballet's Costume Shop and view dancers in classes and rehearsals.

To schedule a tour, email [aberry@kcballet.org](mailto:aberry@kcballet.org) or call 816.216.5609.



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## MISSION STATEMENT

To create awareness, appreciation, and to engage learners of all ages in a deeper understanding and connection to dance.

**April Berry, Director of Community Engagement & Education**

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