



INTERNATIONAL
BALLET THEATRE
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DEAR EDUCATORS, FAMILIES & COMMUNITY

I am excited to reach out to you and start planning for our upcoming school academic year. Last year we had great success visiting students from pre-K to 5th grade and we are looking forward to connect with K-12 students from our community as new opportunities are planned for this exciting year.

In 2022, students enjoyed connecting with the Nutcracker characters and its music. They asked questions to the wise Snow Queen, pretended to be the life doll from Drosselmeyer and danced with the Spanish Dancer, Arlequin and polichinelles. They also learned about the story, music and many secrets from behind the scenes for the ballet production at IBT. This spring, students went into a magical journey with the characters from Alice in Wonderland learning to move and dance like a caterpillar and a dormouse, gracefully joined the tea party cupcakes, tea cups characters and of practiced how to be a very agile white rabbit. Our dancers also had a wonderful time connecting with kids of all ages sharing their passion and years of dedication and love for the art of dance.

For 2023-2024 our IBT's Outreach Program will have many opportunities to create meaningful and long lasting connections with our community and students, and we are optimistic that this year we will be visiting many schools and classrooms to continue building a long lasting collaboration.

Please reach out to outreach@ibtbellevue.org and or fill out our short survey to let us know what program fits best your students/classroom, here are some of the options:

1. Fall/Spring - IBT visits your school * - School Presentation (K-12 grade)
2. Winter/Spring - Be our VIP backstage & learn everything during selected performances (8th-12 Grades)
3. Learning Together (K-12) - Use our educational materials in your classroom
4. Year long/ by appointment - Saturday's Dance For All (all ages)
5. Year long/ by appointment Try out a ballet class and meet our dancers

SCHOOL VISITS*

This is one of our dancers favorite things to do, going to the school and spending time with students of all ages. Several visits are planned for this year prior to our most beloved Nutcracker season during the winter months and another set of visits for the spring to celebrate the Jungle Book Children's Production in 2024. Dates and times will be soon published and we highly encourage all to send us an email expressing interest. We will add you to our mailing list. Priority will be given to those who reach out to us in advance.

Thank You for being part of our community

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