



*Le Tableau Magnifique Ballet Company*  
*Summer 2017 – Summer 2018 Season Contract*

**Company Divisions:**

**Junior:** Dancers ages 7 and up with at least 2 years ballet experience. Dancers must take Level II Workshop Classes over the summer. During the fall season, dancers must take at least 1 ballet class a week.

**Apprentice:** Dancers ages 10 and up with at least 3 years ballet experience. Dancers must take Level III Intensives over the summer session. During the fall season, dancers must take 2 classes a week.

**Senior Division – Intermediate Level:** Dancers ages 12 and up with at least 4 years ballet experience. Dancers must take a combination of the Level III Intensives, Intermediate Intensives, Pointe Technique, and Floor Barre Classes over the summer session. During the fall season, dancers must take at least 3 classes a week.

**Senior Division - Advanced:** Dancers ages 14 and up with at least 5 years ballet experience. Dancers will be placed within the Division as either a Principal, Soloist, Demi-Soloist, or Corps de Ballet dancer. Principal dancers have reached the advanced level at LSOD and are capable of leading a production. They have the necessary technique, stamina, dedication, and stage presence to warrant the title of Principal dancer. During the fall season, they take at least 4 classes a week. Soloists and Demi-Soloists have reached the advanced level at LSOD and are ready to perform solo roles. During the fall season, they take at least 3 classes a week. Corps de Ballet dancers have reached at least the Intermediate Technique Level at LSOD and can perform well and in unison with small and large groups. During the summer session, dancers must take the master classes (with permission from the Director), Two Week Advanced Intensive (with permission from the Director), and any other classes offered at the Intermediate/Advanced Level. For those dancers not yet at this level, they will need to take the Intermediate Intensives, Pointe Technique, and Floor Barre Classes.

Dancers will need to attend 3 weeks of summer session classes and 4 weeks of LTM summer rehearsals in order to participate in the Company. There are 7 weeks of LTM summer rehearsals.

## **Performance Opportunities:**

Participation in the November 2017 production of "The Snow Queen". The production will be based on the classic story written by Hans Christian Andersen. Dress rehearsal: Friday, November 24<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm – 9:00 pm; Performances Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00 pm and 7:00 pm. There will not be rehearsals scheduled for Monday, November 20<sup>th</sup> – 23<sup>rd</sup> (Thanksgiving Week).

Participation in the July 2018 (Saturday, July 21<sup>st</sup>) production of "Ballet on the Green" at Shea Stage in front of The Bankhead Theater

Participation in community service projects: Taylor Family Foundation, Heritage Estates (December 2017 & March 2018), Shepherd's Gate, and Kids Against Hunger.

Potential Performance: Outdoors at The Firehouse Theater in Pleasanton – April 2018 (weather permitting)

## **ADDITIONAL NOTES:**

Dancers will have the opportunity to participate in a studio photo shoot. There will be a \$25 sitting fee for each dancer who wishes to participate. **Photo shoot dates: Sunday, July 9<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.**

Apprentice and Senior Division dancers will have headshots taken (no additional fee) and will create short biographies to publish in a company playbill. Junior Division dancers will take a group photo and will also create biographies for the playbill.

Film vignettes will again be a part of the company performance with LTM dancer participation.

Dancers can choose to participate in the LTM Secret Pal Game (details are attached).

Commemorative Snow Queen LTM Company t-shirts will be given to each dancer.

**The Company fees are non-refundable. Please be sure you are able to participate before committing.**

**Rehearsal Schedule: [see "LTM Calendar for the 2017-2018 Season" for calendar format of rehearsals]**

All LTM Dancers will take Company classes/rehearsals throughout the summer. All choreography for the November 2017 production will be taught during the summer. The more classes/rehearsals dancers attend, the more performing opportunity they will be given.

- **Summer Rehearsal Schedule (July 24<sup>th</sup> – August 18<sup>th</sup>):**
  - Junior Division Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 10:30 am to 12:00 pm; On August 14<sup>th</sup> from 12:30 pm to 1:30 pm
  - Apprentice Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 2:30 pm to 4:00 pm & Thursdays from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm
  - Senior Division – Intermediate Rehearsals will be on Mondays & Thursdays from 12:00 pm to 2:00 pm; On August 14<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 pm – 5:30 pm
  - Senior Division – Advanced Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 4:30 pm to 7:00 pm, Thursdays from 3:30 pm to 6:00 pm; Fridays from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm; NO Rehearsal on Friday, August 18<sup>th</sup>; On August 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 pm – 7:00 pm

- **Pre-Fall Season Rehearsal Schedule (August 21<sup>st</sup> – September 7<sup>th</sup>):**
  - Junior Division Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
  - Apprentice Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 5:00 pm to 6:00 pm & Thursdays from 4:00 pm to 5:00 pm
  - Senior Division – Intermediate Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm & Thursdays from 5:00 pm – 6:30 pm.
  - Senior Division – Advanced Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 7:00 pm – 8:30 pm & on Thursdays from 6:30 pm – 8:00 pm.

There will be no rehearsals on Monday, September 4<sup>th</sup> (Labor Day)

LSOD will open for fall classes on Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>

- Saturday rehearsals will run Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, November 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:30 pm – 6:00 pm (Dancers will not be scheduled for this entire time frame until late October). With the exception of high school homecoming activities, **ALL Saturday rehearsals are mandatory.**
- No more than 2 Sunday afternoon rehearsals *may* be added if necessary.
- **Weekday Fall Schedule Rehearsals (beginning Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>):**
  - Junior Division Rehearsals will be on Mondays from 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm
  - Apprentice Rehearsals will be on Saturdays from 2:00 pm – 2:30 pm
  - Senior Division – Intermediate Rehearsals will be on Thursdays from 5:30 pm – 6:00 pm
  - Senior Division – Advanced Rehearsals will be on Thursdays from 8:00 pm – 8:45 pm

### **Fees:**

Senior Division – Intermediate - \$300; Senior Division – Advanced - \$350. This fee includes all summer LTM Company classes and rehearsals, as well as, subsequent weekday and weekend rehearsals during the season. Also included, a commemorative “Snow Queen” t-shirt, and any rehearsals associated with performances at other venues.

Apprentices: \$200. This fee includes all summer LTM Company classes and rehearsals, as well as, subsequent weekday and weekend rehearsals during the season. Also included, a commemorative LTM “Snow Queen” t-shirt, and any rehearsals associated with performances at other venues.

Junior Division: \$150. This fee includes all summer LTM Company classes and rehearsals, as well as, subsequent weekday and weekend rehearsals during the season. Also included, a commemorative LTM “Snow Queen” t-shirt, and any rehearsals associated with performances at other venues.

- Rehearsals and participation in “Ballet on the Green” during summer 2018 are also included.
- All costumes will be on loan from the Company. There may be a costume for dancers to keep, but that will be determined after the November production. There will be no additional cost for this costume.
- Families with 3 or more LTM dancers will be given a discount. Please see Shelly for details.

## Le Tableau Magnifique Ballet Company Questionnaire and Contract

- Dancers make a commitment to LTM by signing this contract and submitting the annual fee prior to their placement being posted or announced. Dancers who are unhappy with their placement in LTM will not be given a refund if they choose to remove themselves from the Company.
- The annual fee covers Company classes and rehearsals scheduled during the summer of 2017 through the end of June 2018. Summer 2018 rehearsals for "Ballet on the Green" are also covered. All costumes will be purchased by the Director and on loan to the dancers. A costume may be donated to dancers at the end of the season. Dancers also receive commemorative t-shirt and will have a headshot photo taken. Additional expenses for the dancer may include the purchase of a specific body-liner\*, special tights or shoes, and any tickets needed for theater performances.
- ALL Saturday rehearsals, with the exception of attending school homecoming dances, are mandatory.
- Dancers may not be a member of another ballet company while under contract with LTM.
- Space within the Company is limited.
- \*All Senior Division dancers will be required to purchase a particular body-liner this season:

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Questionnaire:

What weeks/days will you attend LTM classes/rehearsals this summer?

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Are there any conflicts during the fall season (September - November) that will affect your attendance at weekly rehearsals? \_\_\_\_\_

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Do you have any concerns regarding your participation in LTM that the Director should be aware of?

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What is your t-shirt size (t-shirts run small!)? \_\_\_\_\_

**Director's Note:** Dancers will be placed within the Company based on technical and theatrical ability. It is up to the Director's discretion alone as to the proper placement of a dancer within the Company. Many dancers who regularly take class together will not be categorized equally within the Company. For the corps de ballet, choreography will be varied to accommodate the different ability levels of dancers. The Director is available to discuss placement and progress with dancers, but will not discuss these issues/concerns with parents. Please understand that being a part of LTM is a large commitment and requires dedication and respect for the Company, Director, and fellow dancers.

- Shelly Schoendienst, LTM Director and Founder

## **Le Tableau Magnifique Ballet Company Statement of Intent for the 2017 – 2018 Season**

I agree to follow the above rules/guidelines during my season with Le Tableau Magnifique Ballet Company.

I realize that the more summer classes/rehearsals I attend, the more performance opportunity I will be given.

I realize that participating in LTM means attending a significant number of rehearsals and classes over the summer, as well as, attending Saturday rehearsals from September through November.

I will treat my fellow Company dancers and the Director with respect and consideration.

I will have tons of fun while performing with LTM!

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Dancer's Signature

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Date Signed

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Parent's Signature (if dancer is under age 18)

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For LSOD Representative to complete: \_\_\_\_\_

Date submitted to the Director

## **Le Tableau Magnifique Secret Pal Game**

Participating Senior Division dancers will be given a Secret Pal. This Pal may be another Senior Division dancer or an Apprentice. Principal and Soloist dancers will also be given a Junior Division Secret Pal. Apprentices will be given a Secret Pal. Junior Division dancers will not be given a Pal; they will just be on the receiving end of the game.

All participating dancers will need to complete the below questionnaire and return it to the Director as soon as possible. These questionnaires will be used to prepare goodies for Pals, ensuring that preferences and allergies are taken into consideration. If the questionnaire is not turned in, dancers will not receive any goodies. Once the questionnaire is completed and passed off to the Pal, they can start giving goodies.

There will be rules to follow this year for participating dancers:

- The game will start on Monday, July 24<sup>th</sup> with the start of the new season.
- Goodies given to Pals should be inexpensive (less than \$10) and do not have to be purchased gifts. Examples include: a drawing, letter, or poem, a bouquet of flowers from your garden, an edible treat, or a burned music CD. The Dollar Tree is also a great place to find fun items.
- Dancers need to give at least 2 goodies and no more than 4 goodies to their Pal each month.
- The game will end near the end of the season with a Secret Pal Reveal Game.

Participating in this game can be somewhat of a gamble. Some dancers give a lot of gifts and receive very few, while others give very few and receive a lot. It is the nature of the game. If you do not receive at least 2 items a month, please let Miss Shelly know.

# LTM SECRET PALS QUESTIONNAIRE

How old are you? \_\_\_\_\_

Describe what you look like \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your hobbies? \_\_\_\_\_

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What are your favorite foods (can include goodies!) \_\_\_\_\_

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What foods do you not like? \_\_\_\_\_

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What is your favorite color? \_\_\_\_\_.

What is your favorite animal? \_\_\_\_\_.

What are your favorite things? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

What are your least favorite things? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_.

Write your name here: \_\_\_\_\_