

OREGON BALLET THEATRE

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Oregon Ballet Theatre School Announces its 2026 Audition Tour

PORTLAND, OR – [December 19, 2025] –

Oregon Ballet Theatre School (OBT School) is pleased to announce the dates and locations for the 2026 Audition Tour. Registration for the Audition Tour is now open. These boutique audition experiences allow dancers to train directly with OBT faculty in a master-class format that features individual feedback and personalized corrections.

The Audition Tour brings OBT faculty to cities across the country and Canada, giving dancers the opportunity to audition for placement in the **2026 – 2027 OBT School programs and the Senior Summer Intensive**. Auditions are required only for the Senior Summer Intensive.

Summer audition faculty includes Dani Rowe, OBT Artistic Director; Dominic Walsh, OBT2 Director; and Katarina Svetlova, OBT School Director and other thoughtfully selected OBT faculty. Please see individual site listings for details on which faculty members will be present at each location.



OBT School Director Katarina Svetlova with OBT School Students

2026 Audition Tour Dates & Locations:

- Portland, OR – January 3
- Chicago, IL – January 3
- San Francisco, CA – January 4
- Los Angeles, CA – January 4
- Eugene, OR – January 4
- Seattle, WA – January 10
- Austin, TX – January 10
- Dalton Gardens, ID – January 18
- Vancouver, BC – January 11
- Lehi, UT – January 17
- Salt Lake City, UT – January 18
- Bend, OR – January 25

OBT Summer Intensive

The Summer Intensive offers a rigorous, immersive program for students seeking to refine ballet technique and artistry in a professional training environment. Senior intensive programs run 2, 4, or 6 weeks, with students in the 6-week session participating in a performance opportunity. Junior intensive offers 1–3-week registrations. Daily classes may include classical ballet, partnering, variations, pointe, contemporary, character, flamenco, men's technique, strength and conditioning and other various classes that support classical ballet training. Workshops in injury prevention, mental strength, and nutrition, may also be offered.

Registration for Summer Intensive opens January 8, 2026.

Summer Intensive Dates (Senior Program):

Ages 12 – 22

- 6 Week Session: June 22 – July 31
- 4 Week Session: June 22 – July 17
- 2 Week Session: July 20 – July 31

Summer Intensive Dates (Junior Program):

Ages 8-15

- Week 1: June 15 – 20 (No classes held June 19)
- Week 2: August 3 – 7
- Week 3: August 10 – 14

Location: Oregon Ballet Theatre School, 720 S Bancroft Street, Portland, OR. Auxiliary studios may be utilized depending on capacity needs.

Registration:

[Click here to register](#) for OBT's Audition Tour now!

Housing

Students ages 12 to age 22 can opt for supervised, air-conditioned housing at Portland State University's Broadway Residence Hall. Dorms include two-person units with ensuite bathrooms, Wi-Fi, laundry facilities, and daily breakfast and dinner. Students provide their own lunches. Housing is separate from program registration and is limited, so early reservation is recommended.

About OBT School

OBT School offers world-class professional training through a boutique curriculum centered on developing versatile, resilient dancers who are prepared for a broad range of professional careers - whether in major ballet companies or any high-level field that demands discipline and excellence. Students at OBT School receive comprehensive instruction rooted in classical technique, enriched by performance opportunities in select OBT Company productions, including George Balanchine's *The Nutcracker*®. With a strong Trainee Program and Second Company, OBT provides a clear pathway from student to professional artist.

“OBT School’s programs provide young dancers with the technical foundation, artistic growth, and mentorship necessary to thrive as performers,” said School Director Katarina Svetlova. “We look forward to welcoming dancers from across the country and around the world to audition and join us for an inspiring summer of training.”

Oregon Ballet Theatre School is the year-round training ground of Oregon Ballet Theatre, the largest professional dance company in Oregon.

For More Information and Registration:

Visit www.obt.org/school or email school@obt.org.