

Abigail Francisco

School of Classical Ballet

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Office Hours:

Monday: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Tuesday: 5:00 pm - 7:00 pm
Wednesday: CLOSED
Thursday: 5:30 pm - 7:00 pm
Friday: CLOSED
Saturday: CLOSED

The studio may be open for classes or events but **the office is only open during the above hours.**

Please use office hours only to take care of CASH payments or any studio business.



Greetings From the Artistic Director

By Abigail Francisco, Artistic Director

Dear Parents, Guardians and Students,

September through the first of November has been a wonderful few months. The studios are alive with dance and music. I have seen growth in the students and they are working hard in the classes.

A Happy Thanksgiving to All,
Ms. Abigail

Important Dates to Remember in the coming weeks

November 12th – 2nd Tuition Installment Due

November 19th - In Studio Presentation

November 23rd - 26th - Closed (Thanksgiving Holiday)

December 22, 2011 - January 2, 2012 - Closed (Winter Break)

Just a Reminder

- Students should never leave the buildings in dance clothing, it is best to have regular clothes or a cover up on.
- Wearing dance shoes outside can ruin the shoes and damage our dance flooring.
- **Pet's are not allowed in the building.**

In Studio Productions

November 19th

Information & Show times:

<http://abigailclassicalballet.com/documents/In%20Studio%20Presentation.pdf>

Students need to arrive 20 minutes before the In Studio Production start times. All classes will wear their regular class attire. Ballet classes, Creative Movement through Vaganova II levels will also need to wear their designated class skirt. Vaganova III & IV will wear costumes provided by the school or specific clothing as given by the teacher. Jazz and Tap class will wear class attire or a specific costume as announced by the teacher

All students will need to wear stage make-up.

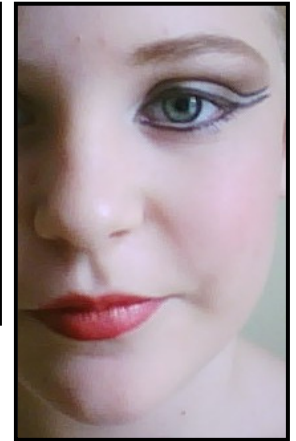
Make-up Application:

Lipstick:

- Raspberry color lipstick.

Eye Makeup: see pictures

- **Light-Skinned Students:** Brown eye shadow on the eyelid with white eye shadow above (blended together) black mascara, and black eyeliner on the top and bottom of eye.
- **Dark-Skinned Students:** Blue eye shadow on the eyelid with white eye shadow above (blended together), black mascara, and black eyeliner on the top and bottom of eye.



We know that parent's are sometimes concerned about the youngest students wearing make up. Keep in mind that this is stage make up and students are taught that it is only appropriate for the stage and the reasons why it is worn. Our staff and teacher's take pride in the fact that we teach not only dance but the traditions and proper etiquette that goes along with a proper dance education.

Why do dancers wear stage make up? For performers on stage, makeup is an important part of your costume. Under bright, colored stage lights your skin and your face will look very different. Stage makeup helps so that the audience can see your eyes and features.

A BIG Thank You...

Thank you to the Mroczek family, the Boughner family, the Frederick family, the MacWilliams family, the Harding family, the Owens family, the Broussard family, the Barber family, Hannah Tucker, the Lewandowski family, the Race family, Kayleigh & Vickie Hubbert with Brownie Troop #4345 for sharing your talents to decorate the North Beach boardwalk. Our dancers and families hung garland and bows on the North Beach boardwalk. They are now painting larger than life size cutouts of scenes from The Nutcracker that will be placed at the end of the pier. It is going to look amazing!

The Abigail Francisco Youth Performance Ensemble

The Youth Performance Ensemble is a group who's mission is to provide joy and comfort through dance and work through community service activities. The Ensemble is composed of the more experienced dancers in the school, has a repertoire that includes classics of ballet in addition to original jazz, tap, and Broadway numbers. The Ensemble has performed at various events and hospitals through out the Maryland and DC area. They have danced at Children's Hospital National Medical Center, Johns Hopkins, Kennedy Krieger, Calvert Nursing Center, Calvert Pines, Annmarie Garden events, The Dancing for Peace program at the Reflecting Pool in front of the Capital in Washington, DC, The Symposium in San Francisco and many more.

The Ensemble has been busy the last few months dancing at the North beach Veterans Memorial for the 9/11 Remembrance, Annmarie Garden's Artsfest and two performances at the Calvert Nursing Center.

Upcoming performances:

November 26: Calvert Hospice Festival of Trees, Huntingtown High School 11:30am

December 3: North Beach Holiday Parade & performance at Town Hall at 5:00pm

December 4: Calvert County Parade in Prince Frederick at 2pm

December 17: Calvert Nursing Home, Asbury Retirement Center & Annmarie Garden at 6pm for Garden in Lights.

May 12: Atlanta, Georgia