

## ***Learn, grow and dance***

Dancers from 2-92 will find a home at the **Saint Louis Ballet School (SLBS)**. Registration is now open online and classes begin August 14. Co-owner and director, Tanya Strautmann, who danced professionally with Saint Louis Ballet Company for 16 years, praised the art as something that "helps you in your entire life. It teaches you discipline and how to reach goals."

The discipline of dance even helps children excel in school, she said.



Saint Louis Ballet School classes include Mommy/Daddy & Me, age 2; Pre-Ballet, ages 3-5 and Ballet age 6-high school; plus all levels of tap, jazz, hip hop and contemporary dance. For adults wishing to rekindle a talent or learn a new one, SLBS offers ballet and tap with the convenience of a drop-in rate, class card or a monthly tuition fee.

Saint Louis Ballet School is the educational branch of the Saint Louis Ballet Company and co-directed by Gen Horiuchi, former principal dancer with

New York City Ballet and Broadway star from CATS. Students may audition in September for the Saint Louis Ballet's annual production of "The Nutcracker" performed at the Touhill Performing Arts Center.

SLBS also features private music lessons in piano and flute. Parents with dancers and musicians will love the convenience.

SLBS also added a fifth state of the art studio last October. In addition, students have the advantage of learning from professionals in their field. "Our teachers love dance for everything it is. They don't have to see every student become a professional, they want to see students improve, work hard and have fun," Tanya said.

Register today at [stlouisballet.org/SCHOOL](http://stlouisballet.org/SCHOOL) or call 636-537-1998.



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