



**FLORIDA FEDERATION OF MUSIC CLUBS
APRIL 2027 BALLET AUDITIONS**



Highland School of Dance, Saturday, April 17, 2027 10:00 a.m.
6929 Old Highway 37, Lakeland, FL 33811

**BALLET ENTRANTS WANTED FROM ALL OVER FLORIDA!
INFORMATION/APPLICATION AVAILABLE:**

www.ffmc-music.org/classical-ballet-award

Male and Female Ballet students between the ages of 12 and 18 are invited to apply for the ballet auditions. (Applicants must be at least 12 years old and not have attained the age of 18 on March 1, 2027.) **First prize \$750; Second prize \$250.** Winners also receive a plaque and a sketch of the career of Frances Rands Beery. Honorable mention awards are \$25. First place winners may not re-enter more than 1 (one) subsequent Audition. Winners may be invited to perform at local and state events.

Florida Federation of Music Clubs sponsors the open auditions. The awards were endowed by the Lake Wales Arts Council in memory of Frances Rands Beery, an international premier ballerina, who danced with the International Opera Company and in New York City musicals. Mrs. Beery conducted a ballet studio in Lake Wales for many years. She was a member of the State Dance Association of Florida, a board member of the Lake Wales Arts Council, Lake Wales Music Club, and Florida Federation of Music Clubs.

Students must be prepared to perform two dances: (1) *en pointe* combination from classical ballet and (2) in costume, a variation, original or contemporary. The second dance may be in soft shoe, barefoot or *en pointe*, but must demonstrate classical ballet technique. Students must provide own music. Audio equipment is available. Professional judges will use criteria including appearance, stage presence, dynamics, interpretation, and technique. A warm-up session, led by a professional instructor, will be conducted, of basic techniques in leotard *en pointe*.

Postmark deadline for applications is March 1, 2027 to the chairman, Dr. Monica Laude, 23781 US Highway 27 Ste 128, Lake Wales, FL 33859. For information: 863.455.9941. Application is available: <https://www.ffmc-music.org/classical-ballet-award> or e-mail Dr. Laude: mlaudelaw@gmail.com