



Ballet Ball: A Night in 1950s New Orleans FAQs

Saturday, April 15, 2023 | 6:00PM

Q: Where will the Ballet Ball be held?

A: Harriett's Orlando Ballet Centre, 600 N. Lake Formosa Drive, Orlando, FL 32803

Q: Where do I park?

A: Complimentary valet parking is included for all of our guests.

Q: What will the format of the event be?

A: If you attended our 2022 Ballet Ball, you spent an evening in Jay Gatsby's lavish 1920s home. This year, you will star in an up-and-coming movie set in the colorful and cultural atmosphere of 1950s New Orleans. Three unique experiences will be featured throughout Harriett's Orlando Ballet Centre for you to enjoy: Bayou and Beyond: Ready for your Close Up in the Ledden Great Hall; Heart of the French Quarter in the Lobby; and the Metairie Cemetary on the Terrace.

Q: What do I wear?

A: Come Dressed as your favorite mid-century movie star to play your part in our story! We encourage you to have fun with the theme. Cocktail attire will also be appropriate.

Q: Will I need to bring anything?

A: Bring yourself (you're the main character, after all) and expect a close up! If you would like to bring movie extras, we are more than happy to arrange a ticket package or sponsorship. Sponsorship packages begin at 10 tickets.

Q: How much are tickets?

A: Tickets will be available beginning November 12th for \$600 per guest. Ticket sponsorships (including 10 tickets) are available for \$6,000, and additional sponsorship opportunities range from \$7,500 - \$20,000.

Please contact Ashley Samuels at 407.418.9812 or asamuels@orlandoballet.org for sponsorship details.

Q: Will guests be split up into groups based on arrival, dinner, and experience times like last year?

A: All guests will arrive at the same time and will be able to enjoy a progressive dinner station in each experience at their leisure. There will be one scheduled performance this evening where all will gather in the Ledden Great Hall.

Q: Will I be able to sit at each experience and will I be asked to move at a scheduled time?

A: Each experience will have some seating for guests to relax. You will be able to stay in each experience as long as you desire and enjoy as much or as little food and drink as you want! There will be a signal to communicate the start of our scheduled performance; don't be late! You won't want to miss your cue.

Q: What time will dinner be?

A: There will not be a scheduled dinner seating this year. Expect unique dinner stations and heavy hors d'oeuvres within each experience throughout the evening. Bars will also be set up in each experience with themed, signature cocktails (and mocktails) for you to enjoy.

Q: Will my group be able to sit together?

A: This year's progressive dinner experience will be a casual, cocktail-style floorplan allowing you and your guests to stick together or mingle as you please. The Ledden Great Hall will feature seating and standing areas for you to enjoy the performance.

Q: Will I be able to dance the night away?

A: Yes, at the end of the night we invite all guests to join us in the Ledden Great Hall for dancing.

Q: What performances can I expect from Orlando Ballet this evening?

A: You will have an exclusive preview from Orlando Ballet Company Dancers in our upcoming performance, *A Streetcar Named Desire*, which will be featured at The Dr. Phillips Center April 27 – April 30, 2023. Tickets will be available at orlandoballet.org.

Q: What are the COVID-19 Safety Protocols?

A: Orlando Ballet monitors and implements the most current safety precautions based on the CDC, state, and local government guidelines. Details about safety protocols will be released in the months leading up to the Ballet Ball.

For information on our current protocol, please visit <http://orlandoballet.org/orlando-ballet-covid-19-updates/>.

Q: Will I receive a physical ticket?

A: Each table host will receive printed invitations for each guest with everything you need to know prior to the event. Guests will also receive electronic communications leading up to the event with sneak peaks and details for the evening.

Q: What if I arrive late?

A: We understand that things may happen, and our hope is that you will be able to enjoy each experience. We will be sure to assist in guiding you to each experience.

Q: If I am not able to attend, will I receive a refund?

A: If you are not able to join us at the 2023 Ballet Ball, we hope you will consider transferring your ticket purchase to donation so that an Orlando Ballet Company Dancer can attend the event, or converting your ticket purchase into a donation.

Q: What is the mission of the Ballet Ball?

A: Proceeds from sponsorship, ticket sales, and treats will support the area of greatest need in delivery of Orlando Ballet's mission to entertain, educate and enrich through the highest quality of dance.

Q: Will there be an opportunity to further support Orlando Ballet at the event?

A: This year's Ballet Ball will include our beloved treats – surprise gift boxes available for \$100 or \$250 that include an item or experience of equal or greater value. Donations are also always welcome, and there will be an opportunity to support our mission during the evening.

Q: Is my ticket tax deductible?

A: Orlando Ballet is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. Contributions are tax deductible to the full extent allowed by law. Fair market value per guest is estimated at \$150; balance may be claimed as tax-deductible. Proceeds will benefit Orlando Ballet.

Still have questions?

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