

IDAHO BALLROOM ACADEMY

November 2025 News

Is it November already?????? This month always seems to sneak up on me.

Here we go into the dance season! We have at least one major event every month for the rest of the dance year. We have our first big event this month, and the first competition next month.

THIS MONTH'S MAIN EVENT: **Dancing with the Stars**, Nov 8, Madison HS Main Gym. 7:00 pm.

A separate message will be sent to Senior teams with all the details.

Only the Senior teams and the All Stars are performing in this event. But we hope all our IBA families will come support this event!! This is a fundraiser for the *Madison Education Foundation*. The stars, partners, and coaches have spent a lot of volunteer hours perfecting their routines and it will be a great show!

Admission: \$5/person; \$20 family (living in same household)

Tickets: at the door or pre-purchase here: [DWTS Tickets](#).

OTHER IMPORTANT INFO FOR THE MONTH:

• **EUROPE TOUR:** The commitment deadline is **Nov 15**. Click Here: [Europe Tour Commitment & Deposit](#)
The info page is attached

• **Classes Thanksgiving week:**

The Monday Classes will meet on Monday, Nov 24 (to make up for Labor Day).

- Sr Black, Sr Comp, PT Mon, PJ Mon, Bronze Lift, Gold Lift.

NOT MEETING: The Tues/Wed/Thurs teams and classes.

• **CALENDAR REMINDERS:**

Please make sure these events are your calendars

- East Idaho Ballroom Concert (Civic Show): **DATE CHANGE: Jan 24**
- Middle School Show: Still TBD
- Spring Concert: May 9

• **IBA WEBSITE:** idahoballroomacademy.org

If you haven't looked at it this fall, please take a minute and do that. It is a new format, and now has all the newsletters and emailed info in an easy-to-find format. This is the best source to find the info you need.

• **BAND APP:**

One more reminder about this! We have used this many many times now to notify a team of a cancellation or a change. Please make sure that you are in both the IBA Main group and your dancer's team. Also make sure that you have the notifications turned on so that you get a pop-up message when something is posted. There are also lists for lift and tech classes. Many thanks to those parents who are making good use of this app to communicate with each other. We can see who sees the messages, and often only a few on a team have read the message. Please try to watch for your notifications.

NEXT MONTH:

• **CHRISTMAS CLASSIC: SAT, DECEMBER 6.** Madison Junior High School.

Details will be sent in a separate message.

General Schedule: (may slightly change after registration)

Seniors (Youth)	8am - 11am
Juniors	11:30 am - 3:00pm
Pre-T, Pre-Jr	3 - 6pm

The final detailed schedule will be sent one week ahead.

• **MIDDLE SCHOOL BALLROOM**

The Middle School team will be starting in January. Watch for registration info in December.

Have a wonderful November. We are truly grateful for each of you in our IBA Family.

Please feel free to call or e-mail with any questions or concerns.

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FAQ

1. *Who is eligible to go?* Dancers 9th – 12th grades. Any dancer not traveling with a parent or family member will be assigned to an adult. We consider the adults who travel with us our assistant “shepherds” and they will have a few sheep, beside their own, assigned to them.
2. *When do we have to decide?* **NOV 15.** There will be a commitment form and deposit due.
3. *Can Parents go?* Yes, we usually have a large group of parents, grandparents, siblings, etc.
4. *When is the trip?* Late July/Early August. Exact dates tba by January 2026.
5. *When are the practices for the dancers?* The festival team/s will practice in May – July. We haven’t yet determined the schedule. It may be twice a week depending on the amount of material to be learned.
6. *What do we do?* See itinerary. This is a “sampler” trip, we visit the highlights in each city.
7. *How much does it cost?* Ballpark: \$4500 - \$4800
The final cost depends on airfare and currency exchange rates. The only cost in US Dollars is the airfare. Everything else is in Euros or British Pounds. Right now the exchange rate is favorable to the dollar, but it is impossible to predict if this will change.
8. *What is included in the cost?* Everything except lunch/dinner and souvenirs.
Includes: airfare, ground travel, hotel w/ breakfast, all admissions as group, festival fees.
9. *Do we need a passport?* YES. We’ll send details of where/how to apply.
Adult passports (age 16+) are \$165. Youth passports are \$135 (5-year expiry).
10. *How much should we plan on for meals?* Average \$25/day. There is fast food everywhere (McD, Subway), markets (bread, cheese, fruit), and local fare restaurants. We don’t eat as a group, so everyone will be in control of their food budget.
11. *Hotel rooming assignments:* Each hotel has different room configurations. Some are small with just two beds, some are regular with two double beds, and some have beds for up to six. You will be able to let us know how you’d like to be assigned – parents in a room, dancer with other dancers, or parents and dancer together in a room, mother-daughter with other mother-daughter pairs, etc. The only one that is not flexible is a father-daughter pair. We can’t put anyone else in the room with them, so they will share a room in each hotel.



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EUROPE 2026

Dates: Mid July – early August 2026. (July 15-Aug 5 ish) Three weeks.
Festival dates posted in January 2026.

Tentative Itinerary

Day 1	Travel SLC – Prague
Day 2-4	Prague: Castle, Charles Bridge, Old Town, Astronomical Clock, Jewish Quarter
Day 4-7	Munich (bus), city tour, Dachau, Neuschwanstein, Salzburg day trip, Salt Mine
Day 8-11	Paris (fly), city sites, Versailles, Disneyland performance ? activity with Church youth
Day 12-13	Normandy area: Bayeux, D-Day Beaches and cemetery, Mont-Saint-Michelle
Day 14-16	England. Preston-Warwick-Stratford (bus). Church History, Temple.
Day 17-20	London. *City Highlights, Theatre.
Day 21	Travel London – SLC

*London Buckingham Palace, Tower of London, British Museum, Trafalgar Square, National Gallery of Art, Churchill War Rooms, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben, Hampton Court, Hyde Park, Royal Mews, St. Paul's Cathedral, Victoria & Albert Museum, Globe Theatre, Thames River cruise, West End Theatre

Performances

Prague: Festival
Munich: Old Town
Paris: Disneyland, Church ?
Preston: Church ?

Registration: October 15 – November 15.

Register Here: [IBA EUROPE 2026](#)

Approximate Cost: \$4500 - \$4800

Includes : airfare, lodging, breakfasts, festival entry fees, one London theatre ticket, entrance to all tourist sites, ground transportation, day excursions. Five evening meals.

Does not include: lunches and dinners, personal souvenirs, additional London theatre ticket

Payment Schedule:

\$ 500	Nov 15 Deposit. Not refundable after airfare deposit is paid.
\$1500	Jan 15
\$1500	Mar 15
\$1500*	May 15 (60 days out)

* last payment will be more or less depending on air fare and exchange rate.