

Housing Suggestions for Boston Ballet School Students

For out-of-state and local students, Boston Ballet School recommends a variety of housing resources for our year-round program. The following are suggestions designed to initiate your research process.

BBS-Recommended Realtors: (for those looking to relocate to Boston for the school year or company season)

- **Keller Williams Realty, Jennifer Gelfand:** A former Principal dancer with Boston Ballet and a lifelong Boston resident, Jennifer's expertise and knowledge of the city and surrounding areas has successfully helped both company members and students alike with their purchases and rentals over the years. A mother herself, she relates well to concerned parents who have questions about the Boston community. Keller Williams Realty is located at 1313 Washington Street, Boston, MA 02118. Feel free to **contact Jennifer directly at (617) 230-2829 or email her at jennifergelfand@kw.com**. Identify yourself as a Boston Ballet School student.
- **AE Rondeau Realty** - Several students and their families have had positive experiences with this Realty Company. They are located right up the street from the Boston Studio and have listings for the South End and surrounding areas. **Contact Mary Jane at (617) 247-0300**. AE Rondeau Realty, 69 Appleton Street Boston, MA 02116. <http://rondeautierneyre.com/> (site coming soon).

BBS-Recommended Accommodations:

- **40 Berkeley** is a privately owned and operated residential/hostel, conveniently located just one block from Boston Ballet's Clarendon Street headquarters. It offers private or shared rooms, 24-hour security, affordable rates, meal options and many additional amenities. **Call (617) 375-2524 or visit www.40berkeley.com for more information**. Identify yourself as a Boston Ballet School student.
- **Bayridge Residence**, a female residence affiliated with the Catholic Church, offers students a unique opportunity to live with other women from diverse backgrounds in the Back Bay area. Rooms come furnished with fresh linens, towels and have access to wireless internet. The Bayridge facility includes coin-op laundry, kitchenette, TV room, library/study and dining room. Meal plan option available. **Call (617) 536-2586 or visit <http://bayridgeresidence.org/> to download the application**.
- The **International Guest House (IGH) in Boston** is a lodging house that offers residence in the heart of the historic Back Bay. The International Guest House was once a single family mansion that was converted into a fully furnished lodging accommodation. IGH is a private family owned business which provides its residents with affordable and comfortable living. Residents come from all over the world making it extremely convenient to meet people and make new friends. **Contact IGH at (617) 375-5400 or email mail@intlquesthouse.com**.
- **Hotel 140**. In the shadow of the towering John Hancock building, Hotel 140 is a historic icon and beacon of warmth and hospitality. Hotel 140 offers special monthly rates for extended stays, with one or two bedroom suites with kitchens available. **Call (617) 585-5435 or email stay@hotel140.com**. For more information, visit <http://www.hotel140.com/>. Identify yourself as a Boston Ballet School student.
- Some of Boston Ballet's summer faculty has stayed at apartments at **www.maverickempire.com**. Many of the apartments are furnished and located near Boston Ballet's Clarendon Street location in the South End. **Call Patrick Berzai, Leasing Manager at (617)304-5838 or email at pberzai@maverickempire.com**.

If you wish to bypass hiring a realtor, the following websites have proven helpful in searching for apartments throughout Boston:

- boston.craigslist.org Check out the postings on "Sublets/ Temporary Housing," or consider putting a free ad up yourself under the "Housing Wanted" section.
- boston.sublet.com Search the different sections of Boston with ease.
- www.bostonapartments.com Here you can look at apartment listings, submit a request to be contacted about apartments and search for a roommate.
- www.boston.com/realestate The Boston Globe connection! Find local housing within your price range and preferred section of the city.

Academic Suggestions for Boston Ballet School Students

If you are looking to complete academic credits or seek out a personal tutor, Boston Ballet School suggests using the following sources to initiate your research process.

The Newman School: a professional Prep School that boarding needs and high school academics.

- General location/contact info:

The Newman School
247 Marlborough Street, Boston, MA 02116
Phone: 617-267-4530/ www.newmanboston.org

- For students grades 9-12, and those students who think they would benefit from a post-graduate year of study.
- Separate application process for incoming freshman, transfers, and international students. (<http://www.newmanboston.org/admissions.htm>)
- International students are required to stay with a responsible adult in a “homestay” family situation. (http://www.newmanboston.org/international_esl.htm)
- Financial aid is available. (http://www.newmanboston.org/Financial_Aid.htm)
- 3 semesters, so you may apply for a program beginning in September, January, or June.

Boston Arts Academy: a Boston Public School.

- General location/contact info:

Boston Arts Academy
174 Ipswich Street, Boston, MA 02215
Phone: 617-635-6470/ www.bostonartsacademy.org

- Only students entering grades 9-12 allowed.
- Only accepts applications from students living in the city of Boston. Application is available online. (<http://bostonartsacademy.org/admissions/overview>)
- Students must choose between 5 focuses: visual arts, theatre, dance, instrumental music, or vocal music.
- Housing not provided.

The Keystone School: a flexible, accredited, online middle and high school.

- For grades 6-12.
- May enroll at any time as a full-time student on track to receive a high school diploma, or part-time to supplement a traditional or home school curriculum.
- For more information, visit <http://keystoneschoolonline.com/>

Massachusetts Virtual Academy at Greenfield: the first diploma-granting, virtual school in Massachusetts

Greenfield School District,
141 Davis Street, Greenfield, MA 01301
Phone: 866.467.0843/ www.k12.com/mava

- For grades K-12.
- Curriculum provided by K¹², the leading online K–12 curriculum provider for the K–12 community and a CITA-accredited company.
- No tuition for Massachusetts residents.
- Extracurricular activities and in-person, teacher-led, school-sponsored events available.
- General Contact Information:

Laurel Springs School: Accredited, online private school and college preparatory school

- For grades K-12.
- Accredited by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.
- Students fully supported by qualified, caring teachers and staff and are connected to a global community of learners.
- For more information visit: <http://www.laurelsprings.com/>

Global Student Network: Affordable, flexible, online homeschooling.

- For grades K-12.
- Courses rooted in National Content Standards.
 - Use of best libraries, museums, and educational sites around the world.
 - For more information visit: <http://www.globalstudentnetwork.com>

Helpful Websites to Familiarize Yourself with Boston

Boston, first incorporated as a town in 1630, and as a city in 1822, is one of America's oldest cities, with a rich economic and social history. What began as a homesteading community eventually evolved into a center for social and political change. Boston has since become the economic and cultural hub of New England. As the region's hub, Boston is home to many institutions of higher education, some of the world's finest inpatient hospitals, and numerous cultural and professional sports organizations.

For descriptions of Boston neighborhoods:

- <http://www.cityofboston.gov/neighborhoods/default.asp>

Please exercise caution when choosing housing in Boston, especially if you are unfamiliar with the different neighborhoods in Boston. We recommend doing some research before committing to an apartment. Safety should be just as important as affordability.

For information on the Boston subway (The "T"):

- <http://www.mbta.com>

For information on Boston Logan Airport:

- <http://www.massport.com>

For information on Boston jobs, real estate, entertainment, news, etc.:

- <http://www.boston.com>
- <http://boston.craigslist.org>

For information regarding local attractions:

- <http://www.cityofboston.gov/arts/>
- <http://www.cityofboston.gov/visitors/free.asp>

Map of Greater Boston:

