



braswell arts





BRASWELL ARTS ASSOCIATION

DANCE ABROAD

*An international dance experience in
Basel, Switzerland.*

The Braswell Arts Association Dance Abroad Program is for students and schools who are interested in an international experience filled with dance, art and new cultures. In collaboration with the Braswell Arts Association and local businesses, we create an unforgettable international experience.

Dancers in all stages of technical development are invited to apply.



BASEL, SWITZERLAND

*A city for pleasure-seekers, for lovers of art and architecture.
A city for you.*



WELCOME

Basel, Switzerland, is a place of exciting contrasts. A city with historical buildings next to modern architecture. Where a young and dynamic art scene exists alongside world-renowned museums. Cosmopolitan ambience here, lively traditions there. You just have to experience Basel for yourself.

GUIDED RESEARCH

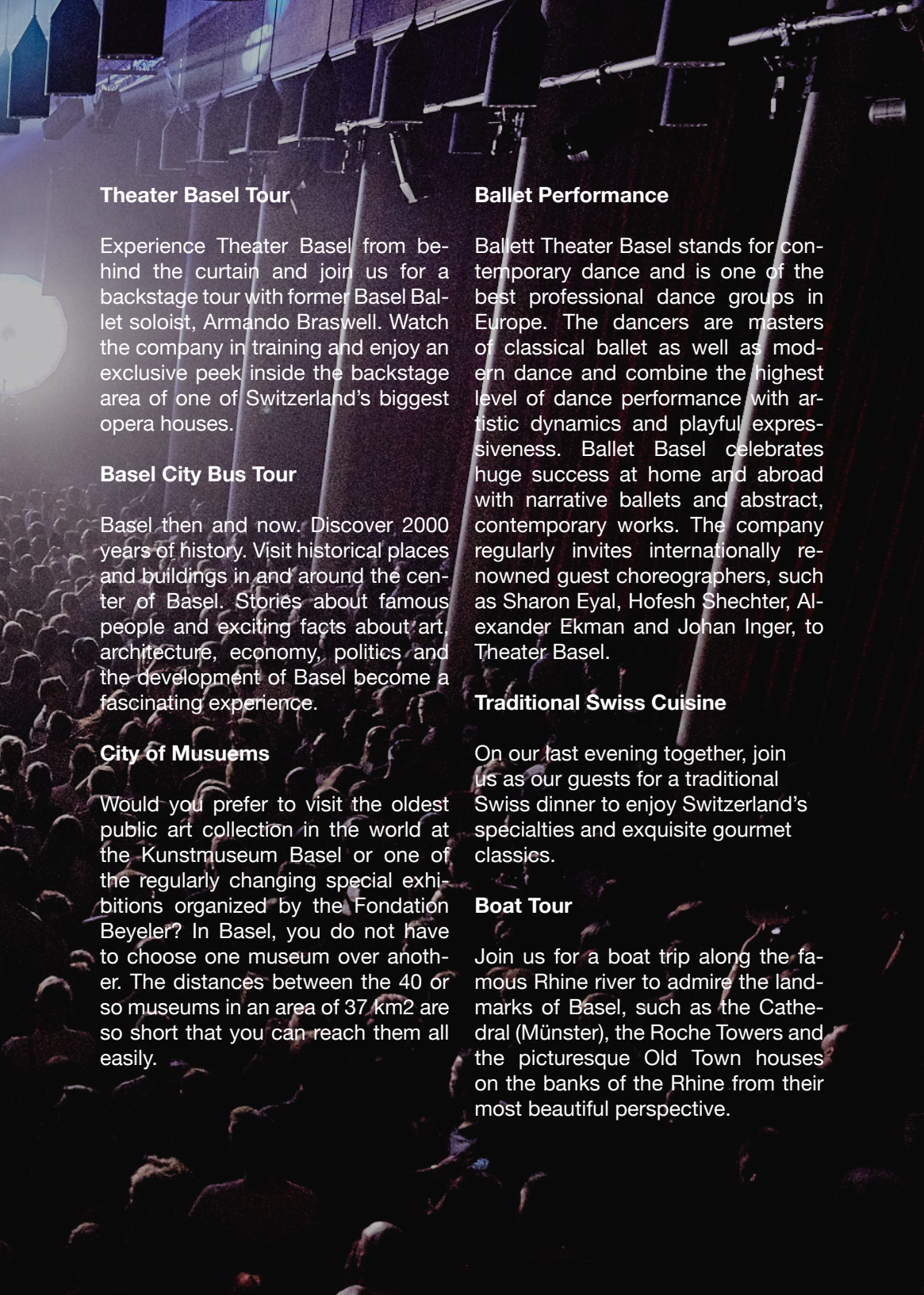
Before and during your visit to Basel, the Braswell Arts Association is your contact for up-to-date information and personal assistance. We will share our ideas on how to make your trip even better.

In your free time, we suggest you experience the vibrant atmosphere of the city or discover the scenic beauty of the surrounding areas.



EVENTS AND OUTINGS

To compliment your dance training, we have a few events in store...



Theater Basel Tour

Experience Theater Basel from behind the curtain and join us for a backstage tour with former Basel Ballet soloist, Armando Braswell. Watch the company in training and enjoy an exclusive peek inside the backstage area of one of Switzerland's biggest opera houses.

Basel City Bus Tour

Basel then and now. Discover 2000 years of history. Visit historical places and buildings in and around the center of Basel. Stories about famous people and exciting facts about art, architecture, economy, politics and the development of Basel become a fascinating experience.

City of Museums

Would you prefer to visit the oldest public art collection in the world at the Kunstmuseum Basel or one of the regularly changing special exhibitions organized by the Fondation Beyeler? In Basel, you do not have to choose one museum over another. The distances between the 40 or so museums in an area of 37 km² are so short that you can reach them all easily.

Ballet Performance

Ballet Theater Basel stands for contemporary dance and is one of the best professional dance groups in Europe. The dancers are masters of classical ballet as well as modern dance and combine the highest level of dance performance with artistic dynamics and playful expressiveness. Ballet Basel celebrates huge success at home and abroad with narrative ballets and abstract, contemporary works. The company regularly invites internationally renowned guest choreographers, such as Sharon Eyal, Hofesh Shechter, Alexander Ekman and Johan Inger, to Theater Basel.

Traditional Swiss Cuisine

On our last evening together, join us as our guests for a traditional Swiss dinner to enjoy Switzerland's specialties and exquisite gourmet classics.

Boat Tour

Join us for a boat trip along the famous Rhine river to admire the landmarks of Basel, such as the Cathedral (Münster), the Roche Towers and the picturesque Old Town houses on the banks of the Rhine from their most beautiful perspective.



DANCE CLASSES

Students will experience a diverse schedule of classes curated by Braswell Arts Center, including classical ballet, contemporary dance and choreography.

Classical Ballet

These classes are geared towards dancers who have a solid understanding of ballet technique. The classes follow a traditional ballet class format with a positive approach and are accompanied by a live pianist.

Contemporary

We have many different Contemporary teachers, but expect a focus on big movements while maintaining fluidity as well as focusing your mind to improve your body's response in each Contemporary class.

Choreography

In our choreography classes, dancers learn movement phrases with a choreographer that pushes them to pay attention to details and move in a fluid way.

Yoga

Yoga is a great supplement to any dance program. Our yoga classes will not only help reduce stress, but also strengthen muscles and stretch your body while increasing awareness of your breath.

Stretching

Our stretching classes are a great way to promote joint range of motion, build flexibility and decrease your risk of injury.

Pilates

Pilates is an accessible way to build strength and better your posture as well as improve your balance and flexibility. This is a low impact class perfect for bettering your general fitness and overall well-being.

Hip-Hop

Hip-Hop moves are used more and more in today's contemporary work! In Hip-Hop classes, students will be challenged with different types of urban movements and dynamic beats. Our Hip-Hop classes are part of a collaboration with Allen Ibrahim and his famous Black Box Studio team.

Jazz

Learn to move through the space with big movements and gestures while using different jazz techniques and personal expression. Our classes incorporate elements of traditional jazz technique with influences of today's popular music.

Improvisation

Improvisation is an important tool in today's dance world. In our improvisation classes, we expose students to improvisation techniques and resources. Taught by professional dancers who give the dancers different tasks and exercises in order to explore their own ideas for choreography and assist them in finding their own unique movement language.

SCHEDULE

We work with each group to create the perfect schedule with a balance of quality training, planned events and free time to explore. Our team has experience working with dancers of many levels and ages.

Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
ARRIVAL	BALLET 10:00 - 11:00	PILATES 10:00 - 11:00	BALLET 10:00 - 11:15
	STRETCHING 11:15 - 12:00	CONTEMPORARY 11:15 - 12:30	JAZZ 11:30 - 12:45
	LUNCH 12:00 - 13:00	LUNCH 12:30 - 14:30	LUNCH 12:45 - 14:00
	BUS TOUR 13:00 - 15:30	CHOREOGRAPHY 14:30 - 16:30	BOAT TOUR 14:00 - 16:00
WELCOME DINNER 19:30			

Saturday	Sunday	Monday	Thursday
BALLET 10:00 - 11:15	YOGA 10:00 - 11:00	THEATER BASEL TOUR 9:30 - 12:00	DEPARTURE
IMPROVISATION 11:30 - 12:45	CONTEMPORARY 11:15 - 12:30	LUNCH 12:00 - 13:00	
LUNCH 12:45 - 14:00		BALLET 13:00 - 14:15	
MUSEUM 13:00 - 15:30		HIP- HOP 14:30 - 15:45	
	THEATER BASEL PERFORMANCE 17:30 - 21:30	GOODBYE DINNER 19:30	

*sample schedule



WHAT IS THE BRASWELL ARTS ASSOCIATION?

Braswell Arts Association (BAA) is a non-profit association founded by Lisa and Armando Braswell and inspired by their international background as well as their love for Basel. Through artistic creation and collaboration, the BAA connects the community to high-quality art while supporting the underprivileged and encouraging diversity in dance.

We offer up-and-coming artists an opportunity to work and exhibit while also providing children and young adults, including those from socially disadvantaged families, with opportunities and an infrastructure for their individual artistic development. The only space of its kind in Basel - and perhaps in all of Switzerland - the Braswell Arts Center now serves as a space for artistic creativity, collaboration and innovation in all art forms.

The goal is to continue to further expand the programs of the Braswell Arts Association, to provide the community with access to high-quality training and artistic experiences, as well as create new and valuable opportunities for young and emerging artists.

WHO ARE WE?



A Dynamic Team

In 2015, Armando and Lisa Braswell began to build an arts community in Basel where dancers of all levels and all body types could train in a supportive and professional environment. This idea has since expanded and in 2017, the couple founded the “Braswell Arts Center” – a space for innovation and collaboration in all art forms located in Basel, Switzerland. In 2019, the pair continued their mission with the founding of the “Braswell Arts Association” a non-profit arts organization dedicated to supporting pre-professional dancers as well as emerging and established artists. Through arts education and exchange, Armando and Lisa hope to encourage collaboration and the creation of new works of art and to promote networking and entrepreneurship within the local and international arts community.

A background image showing the hands and forearms of several people in a dance pose, rendered in a light, semi-transparent style. The hands are positioned in various ways, suggesting movement and grace.

Armando Braswell

Armando Braswell is a professional dancer and teacher from New York City. After receiving his Bachelor of Fine Arts degree in dance from The Juilliard School in 2006, Armando danced with Ballett Theater Munich, Gauthier Dance Stuttgart and was a soloist with Ballett Theater Basel for 7 years. Aside from his dancing career, Armando has established himself as a guest teacher in high demand, teaching amateurs and professionals worldwide including at the Prix De Lausanne and the Juilliard School. Armando has also choreographed for many dance and opera stages as well as television.

In addition to his artistic activities, Armando is also active in the journalistic and social media fields. His popular arts blog, “Interview En L’air,” has become widely known in the international dance scene and earned him a place at “Dance For You Magazine” as a permanent correspondent and his media company, “Creative Promotional Media” has earned him opportunities to work with clients such as Fondation Beyeler, Basellandschaftliche Kantonal Bank and Theater Basel in Switzerland.

Lisa Braswell

Lisa Braswell is a former dancer from New York City. After graduating from LaGuardia High School for Music & Art and the Performing Arts, Lisa furthered her dance education at SUNY Purchase University and Hunter College in New York. She carried her love of dance to her position as Office Manager of one of the most successful instructional dance video companies in the United States before relocating to Munich, Germany in 2006. Lisa has administrative experience on an international scale, working for companies in New York, Germany and Switzerland and in 2015, she successfully completed the Business Course for Female Founders at the Crescenda Founding Center located in Basel, Switzerland.

THE SPACE



What is the Braswell Arts Center?

Since 2017, we are proud to offer dance classes and other artistic experiences for all ages, levels, and body types. Our plans to continuously expand and increase the reach and range of what we offer to the community has always been at the forefront of our minds, and with the help of the community and sponsors, we provide a large and fully-equipped space. A home for the programs of the Braswell Arts Association, as well as a nurturing and creative place to grow for the Basel community. Look out for our new, larger location opening in August 2022!

Where is the BAC located?

After a direct 15-minute trip via the #50 bus from the Basel Airport to the SBB main train station, we are one additional stop away via the #30 Bus or a short 10-minute walk. Austrasse 19 is just up the street from the transportation hub “Heuwaage” tram stop. The “Holbeinstrasse” stop on the tram #6 also stops directly in front of the BAC.

What does the BAC have to offer?

Our spacious and bright studio and performance space is 235m² with 16 meters of big beautiful windows. With modern and flexible LED lighting, the space is well-lit and our sound system is of theater-quality. The BAC offers a flatscreen TV for rehearsals, a sprung dance floor, 12 meters of moveable, glass-less mirrors, and a grand piano.

The New Braswell Arts Center

In August 2022, we are moving to a larger, fully-equipped space. This space will provide a new home for the programs of the Braswell Arts Association, as well as a nurturing and creative place to grow for the Basel community. The new space is located in the heart of Basel, a few steps away from Bankverein and Aeschenplatz, and is spread out over two floors and 550 square meters. Inside, there are 2 fully-equipped modern dance studios, a Pilates-based fitness room, new dressing rooms, showers, and secure lockers.

BRING YOUR STUDENTS

Together, we can create a schedule that is in line with the level and specific interests of your group. Dancers in all stages of technical development are invited to apply.



Please send us an email with any questions you may have and we will gladly help you plan your trip.

SUPPORT A SCHOOL

We hope to give all schools an opportunity to come to Basel, no matter their budget. How can you help us? We need support for flights and hotels. By supporting our mission, you will become an active member of our growing arts community. Please consider making a donation to the Braswell Arts Association.



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