

# *On Stage School of Dance, Inc.*

## **Welcome to the On Stage family!**

Enclosed is all of the information, including a calendar, you will need for the upcoming year. Please hold on to this booklet as a reference. Be sure to take a look at our website *OnStageSchoolofDance.com*. We have lots of information there, as well as a “Parents” page just for you!

### *Studio Philosophy*

*We strive to provide quality dance instruction and promote self confidence in all of our students. We believe building their self esteem will encourage our students to reach for their dreams and give them confidence, enabling them to excel in everyday life. For our parents, we strive to provide an affordable, organized, stress free program so you may completely enjoy the achievements of your children.*

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## **2 YEAR OLD PROGRAM**

This 30 minute Introduction to Dance program combines creative movement and tumbling concentrating on large motor skills while exposing each child to various dance movements with fun sing-a-long songs. It allows the child expression and movement in fun group oriented activities. We ask that a parent or guardian stay in class in case their child needs assistance.

## **3 & 4 YEAR OLD PROGRAM**

Our preschool, 3 & 4 year old, program is a 45 minute combination of pre-ballet, tap and tumbling incorporating fun sing-a-long songs with dance while focusing on gross motor development and group activities. It is our belief that a child's first experience with dance should be fun, positive and rewarding, fostering the basis for a lifetime love of dance.

## **5 & 6 YEAR OLD PROGRAM**

This 45 minute class is a combination of ballet and tap. Ballet is taught using the Checchetti method. Children are introduced to the barre and appropriate exercises as well as movements across the floor. Classical and pop music is used as accompaniment. Strict turn out is not advocated until the child's bones and muscles are more developed. Tap is taught using upbeat music. Correct terminology is used throughout class.

## **7 & 8 YEAR OLD DANCE PROGRAM**

This hour long combination of ballet, tap and jazz continues to strengthen ballet and tap technique while introducing students to basic jazz movements. We strive to provide a mix of popular hip hop moves with traditional classical jazz. All music and costumes are chosen carefully for age appropriateness.

## **9 YEARS & OVER**

Students age 9 and over are grouped by age and/or ability. Students have the options of ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, hip hop, and pointe. We are careful not to introduce Pointe until the student's age, development and level of proficiency are ready for this complex discipline. **Classical ballet** classes are offered for the more serious student.

## **TEAM & COMPANY**

We offer a team and company experience for students in the fifth grade or higher. These students meet twice a week to study tap and jazz. In addition, they are required to attend a classical ballet class each week. Students compete in at least two competitions per year in addition to several exhibition performances. In order to become a team member, teacher recommendation is required. Students must maintain appropriate conduct, class participation, and attendance. Auditions are required only for the elite team. Company students must audition for placement and compete in several regionals and a national competition each year.

In order to provide a variety of experiences for our dancers, **hip-hop, musical theater, acrobatics, lyrical, and liturgical** classes are offered. Liturgical classes feature movement and expression to contemporary Christian music. Prayer, praise, and devotion will be incorporated into each class.

**Private lessons** are offered in all areas of dance. Students are encouraged to participate in talent shows, pageants, and competitions. Private lessons require a separate enrollment agreement.

### **SUPPLIES NEEDED**

**3-8 year olds-** Pink Ballet Shoes (black ballet shoes for boys), Black Patent Leather Tap Shoes, leotard and tights or clothes they can move freely in.

**9 & up** - Pink split-sole Ballet shoes (black ballet shoes for boys), Black Jazz shoes, and Black “oxford” style tap shoes. (may not apply to all classes)

**\*Classical Ballet** students must wear a black leotard, pink tights, and split-sole ballet shoes to class with hair in a bun.

\*To order online visit <https://www.discountdance.com/search/teacherid:25559?tp=25559>

### **STUDIO RULES**

Please review the following with your children. They are for their safety and protection.

1. No running
2. No swinging or hanging from the barre
3. No chewing gum
4. Proper shoes and dancewear must be worn
5. No food or drinks in the danceroom
6. Disorderly conduct will not be tolerated

\*Please assist your child to and from class. We do our best to keep an eye on everyone outside of the dance room, but parents should always make sure their dancers are chaperoned when not in dance class.

### **BUS RULES**

1. All seat belts are buckled and remain buckled until the bus is turned off.
2. No loud voices
3. Remain seated at all times
4. Do not touch door handles, windows, or locks

### **SNOW POLICY**

In case of bad weather, please call the studio and the recorder will announce if classes are canceled. Classes missed may be made up at any class time of the same age group.

### **RECITAL AND AWARDS**

The recital, which is the highlight of our dance year, gives the students the opportunity to showcase their newly acquired skills. We strive to provide a professional setting that will allow dancers to feel special with costumes, lighting and backdrops equal to that of a professional show. It is our hope that students will gain confidence through the performance experience. All dancers will be purchasing a recital costume for each genre of dance that they participate in. There is also a recital fee which allows us to reserve the auditorium and produce the show without charging admission. The recital will be professionally videotaped. There is no video taping or flash photography allowed during the show.

### **COSTUME AND RECITAL FEES**

Costume and recital fees are added to accounts in October. Many families prefer to pay on these charges throughout the dance year. These fees are due in full by March 1st.

### **TUITION**

Tuition rates are based on a 9 month dance year plus rehearsals and recitals. For tuition rates see the Class Schedule attached or visit our website: <http://www.onstageschoolofdance.com/tuition.html>

Tuition may be paid by the following methods:

Monthly- Auto Draft tuition will run on the first of each month.

Yearly- Payment for the full year at the time of enrollment receives a **5% discount**

\*returned checks are subject to a \$30.00 fee

\*a \$15.00 late fee may be charged for payments after the 5th of the month

### **WITHDRAWAL**

If your child withdraws after October 31st, you will be responsible for paying their costume fees, as costumes are ordered specifically for each dancer.

### **CLASS MAKE UP POLICY**

Classes missed for any reason may be made up at any class time of the same age group. We do not adjust tuition based on classes missed.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR THE 2024-2025 DANCE YEAR**

### **FIRST DAY OF FALL CLASSES**

Tuesday, September 3

Wednesday, September 4

Thursday, September 5

Saturday, September 7

Monday, September 9

### **JAMESTOWN CHRISTMAS PARADE**

Sunday, December 7

### **DANCE HOLIDAYS**

Halloween: The studio is closed Thursday, October 31

Thanksgiving Weekend: The studio is closed Wednesday, November 27- Sat, November 30

Christmas Holiday: The studio is closed Friday, December 20- Thursday, January 2. Classes will resume Friday, January 3

Spring Break: The studio is closed Monday April 14- Sunday, April 20. Classes will resume Monday, April 21

*\*We always have class on teacher workdays.*

**COSTUME AND RECITAL FEES DUE MARCH 1ST, 2025-** Fees must be paid in full for dancers to receive their costumes.

### **DANCE RECITAL**

Our dance rehearsals and recitals are scheduled for May 14-19, 2024 at the Carolina Theatre in downtown Greensboro.

### **TROPHY WEEK**

Dancers who participate in our recital will receive a trophy during their regular class time the week after recital. Each year your child dances at On Stage the trophy grows bigger!

## **FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS**

Our website has lots of information for the upcoming dance season. Check out the "Parents" tab at [OnStageSchoolofDance.com](http://OnStageSchoolofDance.com)

### ***What should my dancer wear to class?***

-The only classes with a true dress code are our classical ballet classes (black leotard and pink tights, hair in bun) and team/company classes. For every other class, we ask that the dancers wear something they can move freely in and keep their hair secured out of their face.

### ***What shoes will my dancer need?***

-Ages 3-8 need pink ballet shoes and black patent leather tap shoes. Ages 9 and up need pink ballet shoes, black jazz shoes, and black tap shoes *unless specified otherwise by the teacher*. **Shoes are purchased by the parents.**

### ***Where do I purchase dance shoes?***

-If you need to try on shoes for sizing purposes, we suggest trying them on at Carolina Dancewear or Academy Sports. To order online visit <https://www.discountdance.com/search/teacherid:25559?tp=25559>

### ***How long does the dance season last?***

-Our fall season begins in September and ends in May.  
-Our summer session is 6 weeks long beginning in June. We also offer camps and intensives in the summer.

### ***My dancer had to miss class, can we make it up?***

-Yes, any class can be made up any time, for any reason by coming to any class of the same age group.

### ***Will there be a show at the end?***

-Yes! We hold an end of the year recital in May at the Carolina Theater in downtown Greensboro to celebrate the dancers' hard work in the fall session. We strive to put on an amazing show that makes your dancer feel like a star!

### ***Will my child receive a trophy?***

-Yes! Every dancer that performs in our recital will receive a trophy during their regular class time, the week after recital. Each year that your child dances the trophy grows bigger! We have some graduating seniors with some seriously large trophies!

### ***How will the costumes work for the recital?***

-The teachers and staff will measure and order the costumes for each child. Your dancer will receive a costume for each genre of dance they participate in. Costumes will be handed out after Spring Break.

### ***How do I pay for the costumes?***

-Costume fees are added to accounts in October so you can pay towards them throughout the dance season. Costume and recital fees must be fully paid by March 1st.

### ***What is the recital fee?***

-We charge a one time recital fee of \$75 for each student to cover the costs of the show. This way, you do not have to buy or sell tickets.

### ***Who can come to the recital?***

-Everyone! Invite as many people as you like without having to buy or sell tickets.

***How many dances will my child do in the recital?***

-Each class will perform a routine for each style of dance they learn in class. For example, if your child takes a ballet, jazz, and tap combination class, they will perform three dances- one ballet dance, one jazz dance, and one tap dance in the recital.

***When is my child's recital?***

-You can find your dancer's recital time by visiting the page titled "Recital Schedule" under the Parents tab on the website.

***Will the acrobatics class perform in the recital?***

-No, this class does not perform in the recital

***Are tights required for the recital?***

- Yes, we ask that all dancers wear dance tights in the recital. Speak with your dancer's teacher about which tights will be needed for each costume. Common types are pink, skin tone, and black tights. Please make sure undergarments are not visible. **Parents purchase the tights for each dancer.**

***Where do I purchase tights?***

- Order them online here: <https://www.discountdance.com/search/teacherid:25559?tp=25559>.  
Or in store at Carolina Dancewear in Greensboro.

***How should my child's hair be styled in the recital?***

- Unless your child's teacher says otherwise, your dancer's hair should be styled out of their face in a style of your choosing. Many dancers love wearing special styles for their big day at recital!

***Will my child wear makeup in the recital?***

- We leave that up to the parent's discretion. The only students asked to wear makeup are the competitive students.

***My child is interested in more than one class, how much would my tuition be?***

- Students are always welcome to try any class for free! If you decide to register for more than one class, our tuition is charged based on how much instruction time your dancer receives. This means your child can take another class for only a few more dollars a month! To view our tuition visit the "TUITION" page under the Studio tab :  
<http://www.onstageschoolofdance.com/tuition.html>

***What is the difference between ballet and classical ballet?***

- Classical ballet is considered a more serious ballet. These students must wear a black leotard and pink tights and keep their hair in a bun for each class. Younger students interested in classical ballet should sign up for the Thursday 5:00 classical ballet class. For higher level classes our staff will level and place each dancer accordingly. **These classical ballet classes are required to perform in our ballet production in ALL 6 recitals in May.**

***Are there any performance opportunities that aren't competitions?***

- Yes! We put together an awesome show each winter that is open to all students age 5 and up. Participation in this show requires an audition as well as attending separate rehearsals beginning in the summer. Past performances include "Mixed Nuts" and "Grinchmas". Other opportunities for performances include dancing in the Jamestown Christmas Parade and joining our Liturgical dance class that performs throughout the year. Do you have a performance opportunity for us? We are always excited to dance for our community!

***How do I access my account?***

- Register your dancer with us by making a free account through Dance Studio Pro here: [https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/index.php?account\\_id=5037](https://dancestudio-pro.com/online/index.php?account_id=5037) . This is your Parent Portal. Once you have created your log in, you will have access to view and sign up for our available classes as well as make payments. There is also a free app to make accessing your account even easier.

***How do I pay for tuition?***

- You can pay through your parent portal or by visiting us in the office. Automatic draft is an option as well.

***Do you offer any discounts?***

- Yes, we offer a sibling discount as well as a full year discount for paying the full year up front. We also offer a discount for registering early for our Summer classes.

***What are the competition teams?***

- For dancers in 5th grade and higher, we offer an amazing team experience. These dancers rehearse twice a week and are required to take a classical ballet class. Teams are broken up by age and attend two dance competitions each year. Teacher recommendation is required to join our competition teams and team members must take at least one summer class. **Team dancers will perform in ALL 6 of our recitals in May.**

***What is Elite team?***

- Elite team is considered our highest level of team and dancers must audition and have a teacher recommendation to be considered.

***What is Company at On Stage?***

- For the team dancer who wants to be involved even more! Company dancers must be on our competition teams and are required to take extra technique classes. Company dancers are committed to attending all classes and showing exemplary behavior. Company dancers are required to attend four competitions each season as well as nationals over the summer. **Company dancers perform in ALL 6 of our recitals in May.** Audition required over the summer.

***What is the Production?***

- At the beginning of each recital, our teams perform a routine all together that is a bit longer than the typical dance. This is always a fun routine that kicks off our show and brings the recital to life! Team members always enjoy being a part of our production.

## SCHEDULE OF CLASSES 2024-25

	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thur	Fri	Sat
2 yr old Program (30 min)				6:15 PM		
3 & 4 yr olds Ballet, Tap, Tumbling (45 min)	6:00 PM	5:00pm, 6:00pm	5:45pm, 6:30 pm	5:30 PM		10:00 AM
5 & 6 yr olds Ballet & Tap (45 min)	4:15pm, 6:00pm	4:15pm, 6:00pm	5:45pm, 6:30pm	4:00pm		10:45 AM
7 & 8 yr olds Ballet, Jazz, Tap (1 hr)	5:00 PM	4:00pm, 5:00pm, 6:00pm	5:45pm, 6:30pm	4:00 PM		11:30 AM
9-11 yr olds Ballet, Jazz, & Tap (1.5 hr)	4:30 PM	4:30 PM	4:15pm, 6:00pm	6:30 PM		
Intermediates	6:45pm (l) 7:15pm (j) 7:45pm (t)					
Leaps and Turns		6:30 PM ages 10 +				
Liturgical				4:45pm ages 10 +		
Musical Theater				5:00pm ages 5-8 5:45pm ages 8-12		
Hip Hop	6:15pm ages 9-12 8:15pm ages 13+	6:45pm ages 5-6 7:15pm ages 7-9	4:45pm ages 5-8 7:30pm ages 9-12			
Acrobatics/ Tumbling & Flexibility	4:45pm 5:30pm (5-9)		4:45pm (5-9) 7:15pm level II			
Adults		6:45pm(l) 7:15pm(j) 7:45pm(t)	6:45pm(l) 7:15pm(j) 7:45pm(t)			
Classical Ballet	3:00pm II 4:00pm PBT 4:45pm III 5:45pm II/III 6:45 beg pointe* 7:15pm III 8:15 Pointe III*			4:30 PBT 5:00pm I 5:15pm IV 6:15pm Pointe* 7:00pm IV 8:00pm IV		
Teams*	5:00pm* 5:45pm* 6:30pm* 7:15pm* 8:15pm*			5:00pm* 5:45pm* 6:30pm* 7:15pm* 8:00pm*		
Shining Stars For differently abled children		5:00 PM				
Ballet and Creative Movement Sensory Friendly		4:30 pm				

\*Prerequisite required

Tuition Rates=						
30 min = \$49/mo 3.5hrs = \$100/mo	45 min = \$54/mo 4hrs = \$125/mo	1hr = \$60/mo	1.5hrs = \$68/mo	2hrs = \$72/mo	2.5 hrs = \$80/mo	3hrs = \$90/mo

Additional \$10/month for van service. Please call for additional rates and sibling discount information. Registration fee is non-refundable. Schedule is tentative and subject to change



