

Hershey School of Dance & Arts

NEWSLETTER

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at Hershey School of Dance & Arts,
we believe...

Dance is Joy.

Dance is Freedom.

Dance is Expression.

Dance is Community.

Dance is Life.

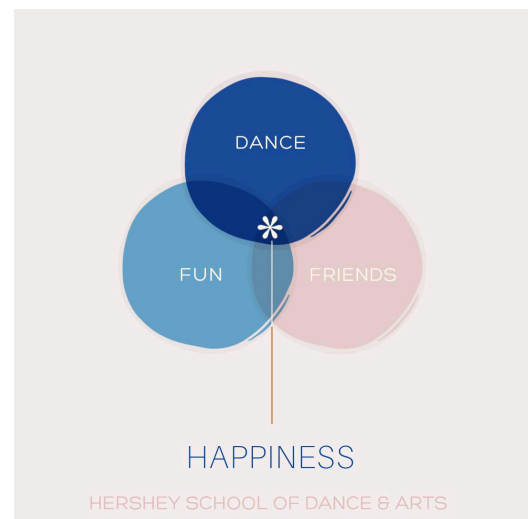


WELCOME!

We want to take this time to welcome all of our new dancers and their families to this community, we are so glad you are here! And we wish a warm welcome back to all our returning students and families, we can't wait to see your smiling faces at the dance studio! We hope your summer was full of happy memories and that everyone has had a good start to the new school year. We are eager to get back into the classroom ourselves and get dancing with you! There is lots of information in the newsletter to help you have a good start to the year and let you know about some exciting events coming up this fall.

Take a look and we will see you soon!

Hollis, Jenn, Jess, and Emily



GET READY!

Our fall dance season is just around the corner.

let's start off on the right foot!		
Before Class Use Bathroom Wash Hands Fill Waterbottle Warm Up Review Steps & Choreography	Dress Code Proper Attire Hair Shoes No smart watches/ accessories	Attendance Be Here- that's how we learn and during choreography time how we are a good team member. Sickness Injury Conflicts
In the Classroom How to: enter class ask a question wait your turn go across the floor use the bathroom get a water break exit class What we will learn	Practice In Class- these are your 55 minutes. At Home- or at the bus stop, or in your room, or in the kitchen...	Community Help each other Cheer each other on Support each other Have fun together!

Please arrive on time, ready to dance in proper dance attire and shoes, with hair pulled back securely away from face.

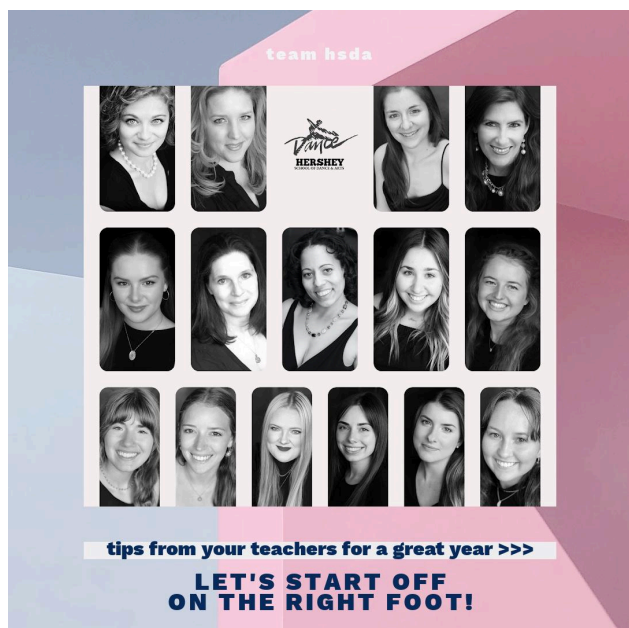
Please encourage dancers to use the bathroom and wash hands before entering class.

Please check out our Student and Parent Handbook for more detailed information about dance shoes, dress code, and student and parent expectations. [HANDBOOK](#)

Important reminders:

- Students should refrain from bringing cell phones and smart watches into class, as they are disruptive to focus and best learning. Cell phones must be stored and SILENCED.
- Do not reach out to teachers on their personal time by way of social media or their personal contact. All communication with teachers should be done through the Hershey School of Dance and Arts email address: hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net. We are happy to connect teachers and students/parents to facilitate communication as needed.
- Refrain from coming to dance classes if you are sick. Please rest and return to dance when you are feeling better. Help keep our dance community healthy!

Tips from the Teachers!



[PLAY](#)

CLASS PLACEMENT

The first few weeks of classes teachers spend time getting to know new dancers and evaluating class placement for all students. We will notify you directly if any adjustments need to be made. Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

We CELEBRATE these JOYS!

HUMMELSTOWN ARTS FEST

We continue a long standing tradition! Join us for Hummelstown Arts Fest on Saturday September 14 as HSDA will be dancing in the square at 1pm! Please come cheer on Miss Meg's Old Town Road and Miss Jess' Easter Parade. It will be a great day for dance and the arts in our community!

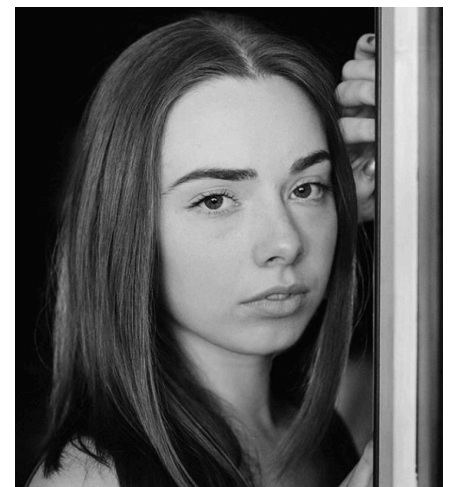


WELCOME NEW STAFF!

Join us in welcoming Teegan Howie to Team HSDA! You may recognize Teegan as a long time guest instructor at Hershey School of Dance and Arts. This season Teegan will be joining us to teach 2 adult Hip Hop workshops on Fridays starting in September. We are thrilled for her to bring her energy, positive attitude and professional dance experience to our dancers and the dance community!

A word from Teegan~

For as long as I can remember, dance has been the thing that lights me up the most. Growing up I did every style under the sun, but what caught my eye the most was hip hop. I was on a competitive dance team throughout high-school and college as well as a pre-professional group that performed behind Cupid from the Cupid shuffle, Macy Gray and Aloe Blacc. Out of all of my experiences with dance, my favorite has always been teaching. There is no greater joy than realizing the movement your body is capable of. When you understand your potential, you unlock a lifetime of confidence. My biggest hope for class is to create an environment where every dancer feels energized and supported!



In the SPOTLIGHT...

ADULT CLASSES

Dance isn't just for children. Whether you never took a dance class or you used to dance when you were a child, we have a class for you! We have a vibrant adult dance community- JOIN US! Currently we offer Tap, Ballet, Zumba, Hip Hop, and Adult Combo classes. There are daytime, evening, and weekend classes- CHECK IT OUT >>>

CLASSES DESIGNED FOR ADULTS

MONDAY: Adult Tap 2* 7:30pm *waitlist only

TUESDAY: Absolute Beginner Adult Tap Workshop 11am
Adult Ballet 1 8:15pm

WEDNESDAY: Beginner Adult Ballet Workshop 10am
Int/Adv Adult Tap Workshop 11am
Adult Tap 1 7:30pm
Adult Tap 3 8:30pm

THURSDAY: Adult Ballet 2 8:15pm

FRIDAY: 6-week Line Dancing Workshop 7:30pm **NEW!**
Int/Adv Adult Hip Hop Workshop 7:30pm
Beginner Adult Hip Hop Workshop 8:30pm

SATURDAY: Adult Combo Class 11am

ZUMBA tba

dance is waiting for you.

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WORKSHOPS

We are offering a variety of workshops this year. These shorter sessions, 6-12 weeks, are a great way to try dance for the first time or work dance into an already busy life. These are non-performing classes with a focus on learning, fun, and community. They are offered for beginners and more experienced dancers. There are daytime, evening, and weekend classes for children and adults! We will meet you where you're at!

Registration Now Open for...

ADULT 12 Week WORKSHOPS & NON PERFORMING CLASSES

Offered in Fall and Spring.

ADULT COMBO CLASS Ages 18+

This class offers a variety of different styles changing each month. Explore each style for 4 weeks, while working on technique, and a combination for each style. Saturdays 11am. \$165/ 12-week session or as part of your monthly tuition schedule. Drop in available, get on the list! Email for details.

INTERMEDIATE/ADVANCED ADULT HIP HOP WORKSHOP Ages 18+

This 12-week non-performing workshop is designed for adults with experience in hip hop. Fridays 7:30pm. \$165/12-week session. Drop in available, get on the list! Email for details.

BEGINNER ADULT HIP HOP WORKSHOP Ages 18+

This 12-week non-performing workshop is designed for adults with little to no experience in hip hop. Fridays 8:30pm. \$165/12-week session. Drop in available, get on the list! Email for details.

BEGINNER/ADV BEGINNER ADULT BALLET WORKSHOP Ages 18+

This 12-week non-performing workshop is designed for adults with little to no experience in ballet. Wednesdays 10am. \$165/12-week session. Drop in available, get on the list! Email for details.

ABSOLUTE BEGINNER ADULT TAP WORKSHOP Ages 18+

This 12-week non-performing workshop is designed for adults who want to dip their toes into the wide world of tap dance. We will take a starting-from-scratch approach to mastering the basics of tap and exploring the fun of this rhythmic dance style. It is never too late to try something new!

Tuesdays 11am \$165/12-week session.

INT/ADV ADULT TAP WORKSHOP Ages 18

This 12-week non-performing workshop is designed for adults with a background in tap dance. We will learn some classic tap combinations, and create some of our own.

Wednesday 11am \$165/12-week session.

CHILDRENS 12 Week WORKSHOPS & NON PERFORMING CLASSES

Offered in Fall and Spring.

MOVEMENT MAGIC Ages 3-4

12-week workshop, 45 minute weekly, daytime class.

Creative movement class designed for our youngest movers and shakers. Students use props, music, and imaginative play to help build rhythm, balance, body awareness, and coordination.

Options: Tuesdays 10am, Wednesdays 10am, and Saturdays 9:15am. \$150 per session.

DISCOVER TAP AND BALLET Ages 4-5

12-week workshop. This class will start with 6 weeks of tap followed by 6 weeks of ballet. Students will be introduced to the basics of each style in a fun atmosphere. Fridays. \$165 per session.

DISCOVER TAP and BALLET Ages 6-8

12-week workshop. This class will start with 6 weeks of tap followed by 6 weeks of ballet. Students will be introduced to the basics of each style in a fun atmosphere. Fridays. \$165 per session.

DISCOVER HIP HOP Ages 6-8

12-week workshop. This is a fun, high-energy introduction to Hip Hop. Fridays. \$165 per session.

FALL REGISTRATION

We will continue to accept registration as space allows for our year long performing classes up until October 1. Registration received after July 29 will be placed first come, first served or on a waitlist as needed. 10% discount applied for annual tuition* when paid in full in September. Opt in at registration!



Accepting registration for 2024-2025.

Offering classes in

Ballet | Pointe | Tap | Hip Hop | Jazz | Theatre Dance
Contemporary/Lyrical | Leaps & Turns | Street Jazz
Technique Enhancement | Adult Classes | Movement Magic
Workshops & More!



Register at hersheydance.com
For questions, contact hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net

Private Lessons

- One on one instruction.
- 30 minute session \$45.
- Style and focus of student's choice.
- Day/Time to be determined by student & teacher.

Small Group Sessions

- 45 minute Small Group instruction.
- 2-4 Students- style and focus of students' choice.
- 2 Students: \$70, 3 Students: \$95, 4 Students: \$120.
- Day/Time TBD by student & teacher

Please email hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net attn: Hollis to schedule private or small group instruction.

DAYTIME CLASSES

We are looking to expand our daytime offerings. If you have an idea for a daytime class that would pair well at Hershey School of Dance and Arts, we want to hear from you! Arts, Fitness, Yoga, Music, Crafts...

TIGHTS, DANCEWEAR, & SHOE SWAP

Tights are in stock and available for purchase online or from the front desk. Tights are \$16 for adult sizes and \$14 for children sizes, available in pink and tan. We continue to have an assortment of sizes and colors of leotards, shorts, and skirts, all discounted and right at the studio ready for you. Check them out in the lobby or through our online store in DSP. The shoe swap is available in the lobby, it has a selection of gently used shoes, free to good homes! If you have dance shoes to donate to the shoe swap, please drop them off at the front desk, thank you! If you are looking for new dance shoes, we highly recommend The Dancer's Pointe in Hummelstown!

SHOE SWAP DROP IN 9/4 5:30-6:30pm

Wednesday September 4 drop by the studio to check out the shoe swap. We will also accept gently used shoe donations.

SNACKS

Have a break between classes, and you want a little something to tame that hunger before your next class? We have individual snacks available for purchase at the front desk. Please check out the selection and if you have suggestions for future snacks to have for sale, please be sure to let us know.

PARKING LOT SAFETY

Parents: Please walk your children to and from the building. Please do not have them cross the parking lot alone.

Dancers: Please wear street clothes or cover-ups to and from the building. Please wait inside the building to be picked up. NO dance shoes in the parking lot or worn outside the building. The dirt and oils from the ground outside is harmful to our dance floors.

VIRTUAL OPTION

A virtual option will be made available to students that are unable to attend class in person. Please email any requests for Zoom in advance- up to 10am on the day of class. Please notify us at hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net. Once you have notified us of the need- you will find the Zoom camera icon in your portal, in the calendar, under the class.

TUITION

Tuition is posted by the first Monday of the month. Tuition is due on the 15th*. If you enrolled in auto-pay, it will post just before the 15th. A \$5.00 fee will be assessed for late payments.

*Please NOTE May tuition is due on the 1st.

NEED TO REACH US?

EMAIL US! Email is the most efficient and quickest way to get a hold of us. If you prefer to talk on the phone, no worries, we are always happy to respond with a phone call.

FRONT DESK HOURS

The Front Desk will be open Monday-Saturday during class time. Exact hours will vary. New schedule coming soon!

2024-2025 Calendar

September 9: First Day of New Season

September 16- December 14: Movement Magic & Discover Dance Session (excluding Nov 25-30)

Sept 14: Hummelstown Arts Fest

October 31: No classes after 6pm

November 1: Costume Deposits & Recital Fee DUE

November 27-30: Fall Break

December 9-21: Class Visitation

December 22- January 5: Winter Break

January 4-5: Excel in Motion

January 6: Classes Resume

January 13: Movement Magic & Discover Dance Session

January 15: Costume Balances DUE

Student Showcase TBA

April 14-20: Spring Break

Dance Pictures TBA

May 18-25: Show Week: rehearsal and performances at the WHITAKER CENTER

