

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.



Hershey School of Dance & Arts Recital 2026:

from page / *to stage*

Rehearsals at the Hershey Theatre Monday May 11 through
Thursday May 15.

Friday Show May 15 6pm*

Saturday Matinee May 16 10am*

Saturday Show May 16 5pm*

* Please NOTE these time changes from past performances!

As we prepare for our annual recital we are excited to share some information with you about show week. Things are different than in years past, please look closely and be sure to reserve the week of May 11-16. Please take note of what show(s) your child performs in. Please alert us of any conflicts ASAP. Recital Packets will be distributed later this month and will include rehearsal days/times, ticket information, and so much more.

So exciting as we prepare to tell our stories and dance from page to stage!

Hollis, Jenn, Jess, & Emily

In the Spotlight...

RECITAL INFORMATION

CLASSES PERFORMING FRIDAY MAY 15 6PM & SATURDAY MAY 16 5PM

Thu 8:15 Jazz 6	Wed 8:30 Con/Lyr 5	Tues 4:30 Street Jazz 2
Tues 5:30 Con/Lyr 1A	Family Dance	Tues 7:30 Theatre 4
Thu 5:30 Tap 6	Thu 5:30 Ballet 8	Thu 3:30 Ballet 7
Wed 4:30 Hip Hop 7	Thu 8:30 Theatre 3	Thu 5:30 Theatre 2
Tues 5:30 Ballet 6	Tues 7:30 Con/Lyr 2A	Wed 7:30 Adult Tap 3
Wed 6:30 Hip Hop 4	Fri 5:15 Jazz 2	Mon 7:15 Hip Hop 6
Wed 6:30 Adult Tap 1	Wed 8:30 Adult Ballet 1	Tues 8:30 Ballet 8
Thu 6:30 Pointe 2/3	Mon 6:30 Tap 9	Wed 7:30 Ballet Teen
Thu 4:30 Street Jazz 1	Wed 8:30 Tap Teen	Thu 7:30 Jazz 4
Tues 6:30 Ballet 4/5	Thu 4:30 Con/Lyr 1B	Thu 9:15 Jazz 7
Tues 6:30 Jazz 1/2	Senior Dance	Tues 6:30 Con/Lyr 4
Tues 5:30 Jazz 5	Thu 7:15 Ballet 5/6	Tues 3:30 Jazz 3A
Mon 4:30 Tap 7	Sat 9:45 Pointe 1/2	Mon 8:30 Hip Hop Teen A
Thu 8:30 Adult Ballet 2	Tues 8:30 Con/Lyr 3	Mon 8:15 Ballet 5
Wed 3:30 Tap 8	Mon 3:30 Hip Hop Teen B	Mon 9:15 Hip Hop 9
Tues 8:30 Theatre 1/2	Mon 8:15 Hip Hop 8	Wed 3:30 Hip Hop 5
Thu 6:30 Jazz 3B	Mon 7:30 Adult Tap 2	Wed 3:30 Jazz 2/Teen
Tues 7:30 Ballet 7	Thu 7:30 Tap 5	Mon 3:30 Tap 10
Tues 4:30 Theatre 1	Mon 6:15 Con/Lyr 2B	Finale

CLASSES PERFORMING SATURDAY MAY 16 10AM

Jess Thu 8:15 Jazz 6	Sat 10:00 Ballet 1	Mon 5:30 Tap 2/3
Wed 6:30 Ballet 3B	Wed 4:30 Tap 3	Mon 4:30 Hip Hop 3A
Fri 7:30 Hip Hop 3B	Mon 7:15 Ballet 4	Family Dance
Wed 5:30 Tap 1	Wed 5:30 Ballet 2	Finale-
Sat 11:00 Ballet 3A	Sat 11:00 Tap 1	Seniors &
Tues 4:30 Con/Lyr 1	Thu 4:30 Jazz 1	Advanced Classes TBD
Boys Dance	Fri 5:30 Hip Hop 1	
Sat 9:00 Tap Preteen	Thu 6:30 Tap 4	
Mon 4:30 Hip Hop 1	Wed 4:30 Ballet 1	
Fri 6:30 Hip Hop 2	Wed 5:30 Hip Hop 2	
Mon 5:30 Hip Hop Preteen	Sat 10:00 Tap 2	

COSTUME DISTRIBUTION CONTINUES

It is that time of year for our performance classes! As costumes arrive for the May recital, we will begin the process of distributing them by class. This process will happen over the next weeks and months as shipments arrive. Please make sure that your account is up to date and that your costume balance is paid in full.

Upon receiving your dancer's costume, please have them try it on and confirm it has all the pieces. Mark each piece with the dancer's name and hang the costume to allow it to fall from shipment. Steam may be used to release wrinkles-DO NOT IRON. We know you are so excited to receive them, but costumes SHOULD NOT be worn prior to dress rehearsal or our scheduled picture days. Please notify the office IMMEDIATELY if there are any problems via email. As previously stated, returns and/or exchanges are not possible. Consider making alterations for costumes if needed.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE EXTENDED FOR READING PHOTOS/VIDEOS

In preparation for our annual recital we will begin collecting photos/videos of you reading and dancing throughout the year. Send us photos or videos of you with your favorite book, your family/friends reading together, or even you dancing a story. Submissions will be included in a montage video to be played at our May recital!

Please upload submissions of photos/videos here before 3/15:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeODTAXZX-OzRugspnSdArF1WPJ9HBsItl0_iP9WY1kA9Kqyg/viewform?usp=sharing&oid=103737654726777173717

COLLABORATORS WANTED! CALL FOR ARTWORK

If you would like to help design the show logo, reach out ASAP!!

We know we have many talented artists in our dance family, so we would like to once again announce a call for submissions of original artwork related to the theme of **BOOKS** to be incorporated in our 2026 recital. All forms of art are welcome: graphic design, photography, painting, poetry, sculpture, textile arts, video, drawing, digital art, illustrations, writing, and of course stories of all kinds! Selected artwork will be displayed at the HERSHEY THEATRE and in the recital program.

Please submit to hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net

Subject: ART SUBMISSION

DEADLINE EXTENDED to March 15, 2026 for photo/video submissions and original art submissions is. Each submission should include your name, age, and description. Please reach out to Hollis with any questions. Happy creating!

DANCE PICTURES: SAVE THE DATE!

We are pleased to collaborate with SLICE OF LIME PHOTOGRAPHY again this year to capture our students and preserve your dance memories. Save the dates, **April 25 & 26**, and a schedule will be coming soon in your recital packet.



SUMMER PROGRAMS: SAVE THE DATE!

JUNE 15-16 Adult Intensive

JUNE 17-18 NEW! MINI Intensive & Jr. Intensive

JUNE 22-26 Dance Camp *NEW FORMAT*

JULY 6-AUGUST 1 Summer Session *Register for two styles, get a third style FREE*

AUGUST 10-14 Dance Camp, Intensive, & Jr. Intensive

Summer Dance is the BEST!

It is a time to try new styles, dive deeper into your study of dance, come together with friends, and enjoy dance without distraction. Our summer schedule has something for everyone: Camps for younger students, Intensives for dedicated older dancers, and returning this year, our Jr. Intensive for experienced dancers ages 9-11 to enhance their learning. AND we are very pleased to announce the return of our ADULT INTENSIVE!

EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT on all CAMPS & INTENSIVES

Register between 3/1-3/15 to save 20%. [CHECK IT OUT! REGISTER HERE](#)

Family Dance, Senior Dance, Boys Dance, & Finale Rehearsals

Rehearsals for these time honored traditions will begin soon. More information will be posted this month!

UPDATE! HSDA GRADUATING SENIORS

We have 19 graduating seniors this year~ Grace Anspach, Conner Moodie, Bridget Hallinan, Taylor Hoffman, Charlotte Caples, Parker Marshall , Mia Pegher, Addison Sheppard, Adeline Sullivan, Alyssa Adams, Julia Aluquin, Isabela Bryan, Avni Desai, Kara Dixon, Olivia Wolfe, Katelyn Yurick, Vincent Elliott, Rhyan Brown, and Faith Evans. Best wishes to you all as you navigate auditions, college applications, and future plans, we are cheering you on!

RECITAL SPONSORSHIP

We are delighted to return to the historic Hershey Theatre again this year! Our show celebrates the culmination of our year of learning, and the vibrant dance culture at our school! We are committed to promoting dance and the arts in our community. We are looking for individuals, local businesses and organizations that share our passion for supporting the arts within the community. Since 1977, Hershey School of Dance has prioritized making dance education accessible to those eager to learn. We continue that legacy today, and your sponsorship helps to support our dancers ages 4-84, by helping to offset the cost of the production for our dancers. [Find more information here.](#)

DANCER'S CORNER

Welcome to the Dancer's Corner, this is a spot just for you!

IT'S COSTUME TIME

It's costume time!! It's such an exciting time of the dance year, we are getting our costumes. When you get your costume it is very important to do these things. First, make sure you don't forget it at the studio. Second, try it on to make sure it fits. Third, take it out of the bag and hang it up so it doesn't get all wrinkly. If it is wrinkly make sure you steam it in time for dance pictures and the show. Lastly, keep them safe in one spot so you always know where they are! Costume time is always so much fun!

Make sure to tune to Dancer's Corner next time!! ✨✨

ALL THINGS COSTUMES!!

WHEN YOU GET YOUR COSTUME:

- MAKE SURE YOU HAVE IT BEFORE YOU LEAVE THE STUDIO
- TRY IT ON TO MAKE SURE IT FITS PROPERLY
- AT HOME TAKE IT OUT OF THE BAG AND HANG IT UP
- PUT YOUR NAME IN IT
- STEAM IT TO GET RID OF WRINKLES
- KEEP THEM IN A SAFE PLACE



HSDA DANCER'S CORNER

We CELEBRATE these JOYS

IT IS MUSICAL SEASON!

Wishing all of our dancers an amazing musical season! Whether in the pit, on crew, or on the stage, we love seeing you share your talent with the community! Congratulations on amazing performances, we love seeing you shine! A big shout out to Miss Meg who joined the HHS team to choreograph Frozen! Absolutely magical, congratulations!

DISCOVER DANCE FUN

Dancers in our DISCOVER DANCE WORKSHOPS just finished up the first half of the session! Hip Hoppers are loving learning new skills and dancing to fun combos. And Discover Tappers had fun learning new things and making rhythms with their feet! DISCOVER BALLET is next!

MASTER CLASSES with CASIE “Tynee” GOSHOW & SARAH BUSCAINO

We are all smiles after our amazing master classes with Casie “Tynee”Goshow and Sarah Buscaino. What an absolute gift to have these two incredible dance educators come to the studio to share their talent, experience, and joy of dance with us!

Dancers, we are so proud of you! So many of you taking your first master class ever! Beginner to advanced dancer, younger to older, you all danced with technique, an open mind and heart, and a smile on your face! We loved seeing you give it your all, dance your hearts out, and cheer each other on!

Miss Jess, Miss Emily, Miss Caty, Miss Mia, Miss Sara, and Miss Teegan- you are rockstars! Loved seeing you dance alongside your students and the pure joy on your faces!

We were so inspired and grateful for a wonderful day of dance!



ADULT OFFERINGS: Drop In Classes & Workshops

BALLET BARRE & STRETCH CLASS 18+

Let's meet at the BARRE! And we will meet you where you are, all abilities welcome! This 12-week non-performing workshop is designed for adults who want the best of ballet class~barre and a stretch! What a great way to find some joy and move. Tuesdays 10-10:45am
Prorated fee available. Drop In available. Email to get on the list!

BEGINNER ADULT TAP WORKSHOP 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. Prorated fee available. Drop In available. Email to get on the list!

INT/ADV ADULT TAP WORKSHOP 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. Prorated fee available. Drop In available. Email to get on the list!

ADULT HIP HOP Ages 18+

This hip hop class is designed for adults. We will learn hip hop technique from a variety of genres and explore choreography through fun combos. Mondays 6:30-7:15pm. Prorated fee available OR as part of your monthly tuition schedule. Drop in available. Email for details to get on the list!

ADULT COMBO CLASS Ages 18+

This class offers a variety of different styles changing each month. Jazz, Theatre, Contemporary, & more. Explore each style while working on technique, and a combination for each style. Saturdays 11:15am. Prorated fee available OR as part of your monthly tuition schedule. Drop in available. Email for details to get on the list!

ZUMBA is BACK!

Zumba with Kristen is BACK! Drop in Sundays at 6pm for the perfect way to kick off your week and the new year. Drop In \$10/class.

****PLEASE NOTE: all other adult classes are NOT set up as drop in classes**

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.

Please email
hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net

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
attn: Hollis to schedule

DID YOU KNOW?

INCLEMENT WEATHER

You will be notified through your parent portal and social media of any schedule changes or closures due to inclement weather.

MAKE UP CLASS DUE TO WEATHER

Winter has been making a real impact! Cancellations due to weather have caused us to miss some classes but missed classes can be made up! Please ask your teacher for a class recommendation or email the office

WHAT IF I AM SICK?

We would like to remind all dancers and their families that you should 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! You are able to mark your child absent through your parent portal.

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.

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.

With the change in outside temperatures it's important to have warm clothes to enter and leave the building in. Even if you're warm after class, you need to be dressed for the colder elements to prevent injuries.

NO wearing 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.

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.

FRONT DESK HOURS

The Front Desk will be open during regular class hours during the fall dance season.

Monday 1-8:15pm

Tuesday 4:30-7:45pm

Wednesday 4-7:45pm

Thursday 4:30-7:45pm

Friday 4-7:45pm

Saturday 9-11:45am

Please email with any questions or concerns. Hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net

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.

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

2025-2026 Calendar

- **March 1 Early Bird Discount
Opens for Summer Registration**
- **March 23-28 Workshop Visitation**
- **March 30 - April 5: Spring Break**
- **April 6: Classes resume**
- **Dance Pictures April 25 & 26**
- **May 11-16: Show Week: rehearsal
and performances at the Hershey
Theatre**
- **June 15-16 Adult Intensive**
- **June 17-18 2 Day Mini
Intensive/Jr. Intensive**
- **June 22-26 Summer Camp**
- **July 6 - August 1 Summer
Session**
- **August 10-14 Summer Camp**
- **August 10-14 Dance Intensive**