

NEWSLETTER

February 2025

at Hershey School of Dance & Arts,
we believe...
Dance is Joy.
Dance is Freedom.
Dance is Expression.
Dance is Community.
Dance is Life.



Happy February!

We LOVE dancing with you! This month brings lots of exciting things; workshops and pop up classes and for our performance classes- costumes and continuing recital prep! We love seeing each dancer's progress as we continue to grow and learn together.

Hollis, Jenn, Jess, & Emily

COSTUME DISTRIBUTION

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 child's costume, please have the child try it on and make sure it has all the pieces. Mark each piece with the child'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 get them but costumes SHOULD NOT be worn prior to dress rehearsal or our picture day. Please notify the office IMMEDIATELY if there are any problems via email.

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

CALL FOR CELEBRATION PHOTOS/VIDEOS

In preparation for our annual recital we will begin collecting photos/videos of you celebrating and dancing throughout the year. Send us photos or videos of your special events to be included in a montage video to be played at our May recital.

Please submit photos/videos to hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net

Subject: CELEBRATION SUBMISSION

CALL FOR ARTWORK

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 **CELEBRATION** to be incorporated in our 2025 recital. All forms of art are welcome: graphic design, photography, painting, poetry, sculpture, textile arts, video, drawing, digital art, illustrations, writing, et al. Selected artwork will be displayed at the Whitaker Center and in the recital program.

Please submit original artwork to hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net

Subject: ART SUBMISSION

The deadline for photo/video submissions and original art submissions is April 1, 2025. Each submission should include your name and age and description. Please reach out to Hollis with any questions. Happy creating!

POP UP FUNDRAISER Save the date!

Saturday March 8 we will hold pop up classes to raise funds for wildfire relief. This will be a great way to dance and do good for communities devastated by the wildfires. More info coming soon!

WINTER/SPRING WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

Prorated Registration available- most classes still have SPACE AVAILABLE! Drop Ins available!

ADULT COMBO CLASS: Join in the NEW YEAR!

Ages 18+

NEW this year, this class will be offered as a non-performing year round or as a 12 Week workshop. 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. \$165 per session or as part of your monthly tuition schedule. Drop in available, email for details. Saturdays 11am.

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

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! \$165/12-week session. Wednesdays 11am.

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.



ADULT WORKSHOPS
New 12 week session starting January 2025!
REGISTER at HERSHEYDANCE.COM

TUESDAY: Beginner Adult Tap Workshop 11am

WEDNESDAY: Beginner Adult Ballet Workshop 10am
Int/Adv Adult Tap Workshop 11am

FRIDAY: Beginner Adult Contemporary 7:30pm with Meg O
Int/Adv Adult Hip Hop 7:30pm with Teegan
Beginner Adult Hip Hop 8:30pm with Teegan

SATURDAY: Adult Combo Class 11am

dance is waiting for you.
Hershey School of Dance & Arts

ADULT WORKSHOPS CONTINUED...

BEGINNER ADULT CONTEMPORARY WORKSHOP

Ages 18+

This 12-week non-performing workshop is designed for adults. Discover the joy of movement in this fun and welcoming beginner-friendly contemporary dance class! Perfect for adults with little to no prior dance experience, this class blends elements of technique, creative expression, and fluid choreography. You'll learn the fundamentals of contemporary dance, improve flexibility and strength, and connect with a supportive community. Whether you're looking to try something new or reignite your passion for dance, this class is a great way to move, create, and grow. Come as you are—no experience required! Fridays 7:30pm. \$165/12-week session. 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.

WINTER/SPRING WORKSHOPS FOR KIDS

Prorated Registration available- most classes still have SPACE AVAILABLE!

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. \$150 per session.

Class options: Tuesday 10am, Wednesday 10am, Saturday 9:00am WAITLIST ONLY.



**FRIDAY
NIGHT
LINE UP**

7:30 BEG ADULT CONTEMPORARY with MEG O
INT/ADV ADULT HIP HOP with TEEGAN

8:30 BEG ADULT HIP HOP with TEEGAN

REGISTER at HERSHEYDANCE.COM or DROP IN \$15

The poster features two black and white portraits of women, Meg O and Teegan, against a dark blue background with bokeh light effects.



REGISTRATION OPEN

movement magic 

dance for preschoolers

Movement Magic is a 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. Ages 3-4

REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!

TUESDAYS 10am
WEDNESDAYS 10am
SATURDAYS 9am

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The poster features silhouettes of children dancing in the background and a vertical stack of the words 'MOVEMENT MAGIC' on the left side.

Workshops for kids continued...

DISCOVER TAP & BALLET

Ages 4-5 **WAITLIST ONLY**

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. \$165 per session.

Fridays 5:30pm.

DISCOVER TAP & 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. \$165 per session.

Fridays 6:30pm.

DISCOVER HIP HOP

Ages 6-8

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

Fridays 4:30pm.



PRIVATE LESSONS

Private lessons are a great way to introduce a new style, focus on mastering skills, and enhance the learning experience. Many of our teachers offer one-on-one instruction throughout the year. We are happy to match you up with the right instructor in the style you are looking for.

Private Lessons

- One on one instruction.
- 30 minute session \$45
- 60 minute session \$90.
- 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.

We celebrate these JOYS!

Excel In Motion Dance Convention

34 HSDA dancers of all ages participated in a 2 day dance convention, Excel In Motion, in Lancaster on January 4-5. Dancers and teachers took classes in a variety of styles over 2 days from acclaimed dancer/choreographers such as Casie Tynee Goshow and Ellenore Scott. Several dancers were awarded certificates and were invited to perform in the showcase on Saturday night. Hershey School of Dance & Arts was once again recognized as a High Honors Studio this year. Congratulations dancers, we loved seeing you try new styles, apply your technique in new ways, and step up to creative challenges all while cheering each other on. You make us very proud!



★ STUDENT SHOWCASE ★

We could have danced all night!

Congratulations dancers on an AMAZING night of dance. Your creativity was inspiring. Watching you perform dances that you created was beautiful and seeing you be brave and confident doing so was incredible- we are so proud of you!

Thank you to everyone that came out to cheer on the dancers, you were a great audience and we thank you for your generous donations. Your support allows us to give the dancers this profound experience.

Coming together as a dance community to support student work fills our hearts! 💖



Hummelstown Winter Fling

On January 24 at 8pm in the Hummelstown Square, HSDANCERS performed 3 pieces at the Winter Fling. Congratulations dancers in Miss Kim's Kingdom Dance, Miss Jenn's Adult Tappers, and Miss Hollis' Jazz 5 class. You represent us so well, thank you for sharing your talent and love of dance with the community!



HSDA GRADUATING SENIORS

We have 9 graduating seniors this year~ Afia, Jordan, Ada, Ashley, Morgan, Rory, Jasmine, Genevieve, and Arielle. Best wishes to you all as you navigate auditions, college applications, and future plans, we are cheering you on! (PS: If your name should be on this list please let us know!)

PERFORMANCES

Congratulations to our many dancers that have had performances this winter and have been cast in community productions and in their school musicals, we love seeing you put your training to work!

2024-2025 Calendar

February 22: Adult Mixer

March 8: POP UP FUNDRAISER

April 14-20: Spring Break

April 26-27: Dance Pictures with Slice of Lime

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

June 16-20: SUMMER CAMPS| INTENSIVE| Jr. INTENSIVE

July 7-August 1: SUMMER SESSION

August 4-8: SUMMER CAMPS| INTENSIVE| Jr. INTENSIVE

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.

INCLEMENT WEATHER

Whenever the Derry Township School District closes early or cancels classes due to inclement weather, HSDA will also be closed. You will be notified through your parent portal and social media.

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 or notify us through email.

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.

NO dance shoes in the parking lot or worn outside the building.

Even though you might be feeling warm from your class, it's really important that you bundle up after class when leaving the studio during the cold weather months to help prevent injury.

SNACKS and other goodies

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.

HAIR TIES: Forgot your hair tie....again ?!

Now available for purchase from the front desk- Packs of Hair Ties \$1.

Buy a pack & put them in your dance bag so you are prepared for class 😊

Brrrr...HSDA Beanies are available for purchase along with car magnets, water bottles, stickers, key chains, shoe bags, clothing, and more. Be sure to check out the selection in the lobby and online.

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, let us know in the email you prefer a return call. We are always happy to respond with a phone call.