

NEWSLETTER

February 2023

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



The year is off to a wonderful start! It is a fun and exciting time around the dance studio. We had many fun dance and performance opportunities in January, be sure to check out the photos in the newsletter! 12-week workshop dancers are having fun making new friends and learning new things and recital classes are immersed in learning choreography for our May recital. Sprinkle in costumes arriving almost daily and it is positively electric!

Have a wonderful month everyone! Hollis, Jenn, Jess, & Emily

ELEMENTS: Call for Art Submissions

Our theme for recital this year is the four ELEMENTS of nature: fire, air, water, earth. 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 ELEMENTS to be incorporated in our 2023 recital. There are 4 categories for submissions:

1. Title/Program Cover
2. HSDA Logo Reimagined
3. Show Shirt Design
4. Open

The deadline for submissions is March 3, 2023. Each submission should include artist name and age, category submitted for, medium, and a brief description/artist statement. Please photograph your art piece or send digital submissions to hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net with ART in the subject line. Artists will be notified if their submission is selected. All forms of art are welcome for the OPEN category: photography, painting, poetry, sculpture, textile arts, video, drawing, digital art, illustrations, writing, et al. Please reach out to Hollis with any questions. Happy creating!



In the SPOTLIGHT...

STUDENT SHOWCASE

Our second annual student showcase will be held Saturday February 4. This performance highlights student choreography and is a wonderful opportunity for our dance community to come together. Break legs dancers!

Seating is limited and by invitation only.



12-WEEK WORKSHOPS

12-week workshops are in full swing and from the adults to the preschoolers, everyone is having a blast learning new things! Adult Combo class just finished up their jazz section with Miss Emily and they killed it! This week starts Street Jazz with Miss Caty 🔥. Thursdays 8:30pm. Drop in \$15. Ages 18+.

Here are some cute moments from some other 12-week workshops, Movement Magic and Discover Tap.



Open Dance Nights 🌟

OPEN STUDIO is a time and place for dancers to hone their skills while also having fun and doing whatever they want to do in a supportive environment. Mondays 9:30pm. Drop in \$5.

It's a space to really BE FREE!
Come out and train. Any style.
On your own or with a group.
Open to dancers in high school to adult.

Dance in the NEW YEAR...

Adult Combo Class

Ages 18+

12 Week Session divided into four styles; jazz, street jazz, contemporary/lyrical, and theatre. Explore each style for three weeks, while working on technique, and a combination for each style. Thursdays 8:30pm. Drop in \$15 or ask about prorated pricing for the rest of the session.

INTRO to BREAKING

Ages 13-Adult

12-week workshop: "In this class, you will learn about the original hip-hop dance, breaking (commonly known as breakdancing). You will learn the 4 components of breaking -- toprock, downrock/footwork, freezes, and power moves -- while also getting more comfortable with freestyling and creating your own sets. With this being an introductory class, no prior experience is necessary. Wearing long pants (not leggings) and sneakers are highly recommended." -Jason Wang

Fridays 7:30pm. Drop in \$15/class or ask about prorated pricing for the rest of the session.

ZUMBA with Kristen

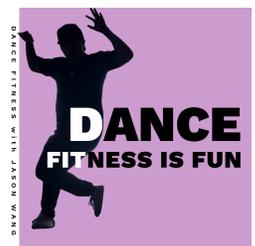
Zumba is available for drop-in classes! Zumba with Kristen meets every Monday at 8:30pm. Nothing but good energy in this class. \$5 drop-in fee.

Private Lessons

Private lessons are an excellent way to master skills or try a new style. Lesson times are limited and will be given on a first come, first served basis. Please email hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net ATTN: Hollis to schedule.

Dance Fitness: New Session forming

Please reach out by email if you are interested in this class.



We celebrate these JOYS!

Return to Excel In Motion

33 HSD dancers of all ages participated in a 2 day dance convention, Excel In Motion, in Lancaster on January 7-8. Dancers and teachers took 10 classes in a variety of styles over 2 days from acclaimed dancer/choreographers such as Tynee Goshow and Ellenore Scott. Several dancers were recognized in class and received award certificates and Hershey School of Dance & Arts was recognized as a High Honors Studio. One very talented parent won the dance battle on Saturday night! Congratulations dancers, we loved seeing you try new styles and step up to creative challenges. And a big thank you to all the parents that helped make the weekend a success!



Winter Fling

On January 27, 3 HSDA classes performed at the Hummelstown Winter Fling. Miss Mia's Hip Hop 2, Miss Jess' Jazz 6, and Miss Hollis' Jazz 5 danced in the square in front of record crowds! We are so proud of you dancers, you represent HSDA so well!



Important Dates & Calendar

Our Recital is set for the week of May 15-20 2023.

- **Costume Balances were due January 13. Payments can be made online through your parent portal or by check made payable to Hershey School of Dance. Checks can be placed in the box outside the office.**

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.

2023 Calendar

February 4 Student Showcase

April 7-9 Spring Break

April 10 Classes Resume

Picture Days schedule TBD

May 15-18 Rehearsals at the Hershey Theatre

May 19 Friday Evening Show 7pm

May 20 Saturday Matinee Show 1pm

May 20 Saturday Evening Show 7pm

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

Monday - Friday 4:15-7:30

Saturday 9-12

Inclement Weather

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

Virtual Option

A virtual option will be made available to students that are unable to attend class in person due to close contact, quarantine, or illness. 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.