

# NEWSLETTER

February 2024

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

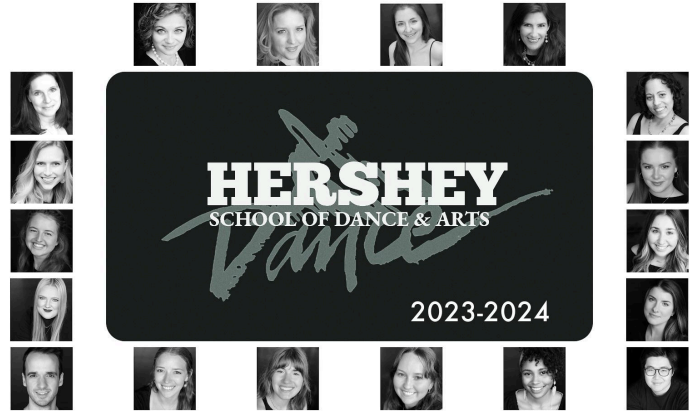
Dance is Joy.

Dance is Freedom.

Dance is Expression.

Dance is Community.

Dance is Life.



## It is an exciting time around the dance studio!

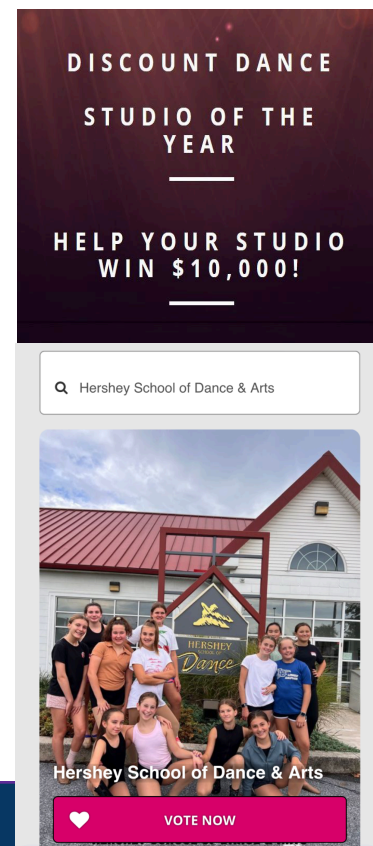
12-week workshop dancers are learning new dance styles and having fun making dance friends. Recital classes are immersed in learning choreography and anticipating the arrival of costumes in the coming months for our May Recital. We had a very busy January with many fun dance and performance opportunities, be sure to check out the photos in this newsletter! And, there are many fun opportunities coming up, including a Call for Art, a Day of Ballet with Ashley and Cole, a Creative Writing Workshop, and we even have our sights on SUMMER. Check out what we have lined up! Last but not least, we are entered into “The Studio of the Year” Contest through Discount Dance. Calling on our HSDA dance fam...time to VOTE!

Hollis, Jenn, Jess, & Emily

## DISCOUNT DANCE STUDIO OF THE YEAR CONTEST HELP US WIN! [VOTE HSDA!](#)

### Voting Guide:

1. Follow the above link
2. Type in Hershey School of Dance & Arts in the Search field.
3. Click Vote AND Confirm your Vote by Email.
4. Set a Reminder: You can vote once every 24 hours!
5. Share with friends and family!
6. Help us get to Round 2! If we are named Studio of the Year, the prize will be used as a scholarship fund to make dance more accessible to our community!



## Dancing in the Streets: Call for Submissions

**Our theme for recital this year is Dancing in the Streets and we are accepting 2 types of submissions this year!**



1. We are accepting photo and/or short video submissions of HSDA dancers posed or dancing next to a street sign with your name on it. Get creative and get out there and find a street sign with your name on it. We will also accept submissions of you posed or dancing in the streets around town or in other towns and cities you visit while traveling. Selected submissions will be compiled into a montage video to play during the recital.
2. In addition, 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 Dancing in the Streets to be incorporated in our 2023 recital. All forms of art are welcome: photography, painting, poetry, sculpture, textile arts, video, drawing, digital art, illustrations, writing, et al. Selected artwork will be displayed at the Hershey Theatre and in the recital program.

**The deadline for photo/video submissions and original art submissions is March 15, 2024.**

Each submission should include your name and age. Please send digital submissions to [hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net](mailto:hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net) with ART in the subject line. Please reach out to Hollis with any questions. Happy creating!

## BALLET DAY: February 24

Open Ballet and Partnering Master Classes available for ballet students in levels 5-8 or equivalent.\* Register in your portal or at [hersheydance.com](http://hersheydance.com).

Faculty: Ashley Layng and Cole Nissley

1:00-2:15 Level 7/8 Ballet with Ashley  
Level 5/6 Partnering with Cole

2:15-3:30 Level 5/6 Ballet with Ashley  
Level 7/8 Partnering with Cole

\*Classes are OPEN- if not a current HSDA student, email for placement.

A graphic for Ballet Day featuring a blue silhouette of a ballerina in a dynamic pose against a background of pink and orange brushstrokes. The text is overlaid on the graphic.

OPEN MASTER CLASSES

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REGISTER AT [HERSHEYDANCE.COM](http://HERSHEYDANCE.COM)

## We celebrate these JOYS!

### Return to Excel In Motion

38 HSDA dancers of all ages participated in a 2 day dance convention, Excel In Motion, in Lancaster on January 6-7. Dancers and teachers took classes in a variety of styles over 2 days from acclaimed dancer/choreographers such as Tynee Goshow and Alex Wong. 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

On January 20, 41 student choreographers and dancers presented their original works in our third annual Student Showcase. It was an inspiring night full of creativity, talent and community. Thank you dancers for sharing your passion with us and thank you to all that came out to show your support! A special thank you to everyone behind the scenes that made this event a success!



### Hummelstown Winter Fling

On January 26, HSDANCERS performed at the Hummelstown Winter Fling. Miss Hollis' Theatre 3 & 4 and Miss Hollis' Theatre 1B classes were dancing in the streets for a huge crowd! Thank you to everyone that came out to support us. DANCERS, we are so proud of you, you represent HSDA so beautifully!



## IN THE SPOTLIGHT: SUMMER DANCE at HSDA

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 NEW this year we are announcing our Jr. Intensive for experienced dancers ages 9-11 to enhance their learning. All of this in conjunction with our 4 week Summer Session running July 8-August 1, 2024. Check it out...



### Summer Dance

#### 4 week Summer Session July 8- August 1

Ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, contemporary, technique enhancement, and theatre dance. Leveled 1 hour evening classes meet 1x/week. Ages 4-adult.

#### Dance Intensive

June 10-14 & August 5-9

For the dedicated dancer. Up to 4 hours of instruction/day in various styles for 5 consecutive days. Evening Monday-Friday. HSDA Faculty and Guest Instructors teach classes in various styles including- ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, contemporary, theatre dance, and more. Students placed by age and level. Open to dancers entering grade 5+, up to age 22.

#### Summer Camp

June 10-14 & August 5-9

Available in Ballet, Tap, Hip Hop, Discover Dance & Bitty Beatz.

1 hour class/day,

meets for 5 consecutive days.

Daytime Monday-Friday.

Age-based instruction for ages 4-11.

**EXCITING THEMES**

**+ DANCE FRIENDS**

**FUN!**

#### NEW! Jr. Intensive

June 10-14 & August 5-9

For the dancer with some experience that wants to further their study of dance. 2 hours of instruction/day in various styles for 5 consecutive days. Daytime Monday-Friday. Classes in various styles including- ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, and more. Open to dancers ages 9-11 with 3 years experience.

## CREATIVE WRITING WORKSHOP

We welcome Courtney McKinney-Whitaker to HSDA on Saturday February 10 for a creative writing workshop. Click [HERE](#) for more information.

## ADULT CLASSES

We have the best community of adults that dance at HSDA, come see what it is all about! Please reach out if you are interested in joining any of these classes geared toward adults, dance is waiting for you. Register or drop in classes available! Email for details.

Currently we offer **Tap, Ballet, Zumba, and Adult Combo classes for ages 18+**.

- ZUMBA Mondays 8:30pm, drop in \$5.
- Adult All Levels Ballet Tuesday 10am or 8:30pm register or drop in.
- Adult Combo class Thursdays 8:30pm. This fun class offers a rotation of different styles that changes each month. Jazz, Hip Hop, Street Jazz to name a few! **Hip Hop with Kristen starting next week!** Register or drop in.
- Adult Beginner Hip Hop with Jason select Saturdays at 11am. Register or drop in! Prorated fee applicable.
- Weekday Tap Workshops Tuesdays 11am and Wednesdays 11am. Email for details.

## BUT WAIT, THERE'S MORE...

### JASON IS BACK!

Jason will be teaching Adult Beginner Hip Hop select Saturdays at 11am. Jason creates a welcoming environment and meets everyone where they are at. Make sure to sign up or register as a drop in. Head to your portal or our website to get on the list. Class meets 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/16, 3/30, 4/13. Prorated fee available or drop in at the rate of \$15 per class, 18+.

### HEY, DANCE DADS!

Jason loved the small group instruction with Dance Dads last year and welcomes all Dance Dads to join his Adult Beginner Hip Hop Class this year. We wanted to make sure that you knew about this opportunity- Adult Beginner Hip Hop, which meets at 11:00am at the studio on select Saturdays. **AND, any dad who participates in at least 4 of the class sessions is welcome to be a part of family dance!** Adult Beginner Hip Hop will meet on the following 6 Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. 1/27, 2/10, 2/24, 3/16, 3/30, 4/13. Prorated fee available or drop in at the rate of \$15 per class. Hope to see you at the studio!

## WINTER/SPRING WORKSHOPS FOR ADULTS

### ADULT COMBO CLASS: New Session starting: HIP HOP with Kristen

Ages 18+

NEW this year, this class will be offered year round and 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. Prorated fee available or drop in \$15/class.

Thursdays 8:30pm. 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! \$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.

Wednesday 11am.

## 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.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- Our Recital is set for the week of May 13-18, 2024 at the Hershey Theatre
- Costume Balances were DUE on January 12.

Payments can be made online through your parent portal or by check made payable to Hershey School of Dance & Arts. Checks can be placed in the box outside the office.

## 2023-2024 Calendar


**February 10** Creative Writing Workshop

**February 24** Ballet Day at HSDA

**March 15** Photo/Video/Art

Submissions DUE

**March 30-31:** Spring Break

 **April 13-14** Picture Days with Slice of Lime, times TBA

**May 13-18:** Show Week: rehearsal and performances at the HERSHEY THEATRE

## **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.

## **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.

## **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](mailto: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.

## **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.

## **FRONT DESK HOURS**

Find Miss Kim and the front desk team available to help and answer questions...

Monday 5:30-6:30, 7:30-8:30

Tuesday 4:30-7:30

Wednesday 4:30-7:30

Thursday 4:30-8:30

Friday 4:30-6:45

Saturday 9-11:15am

## HSDA SWAG

There are a few HSDA Beanies and DIY Water Bottles left, grab one before they are gone!



**HAVE A GREAT MONTH EVERYONE & DON'T FORGET TO  
VOTE!**