

NEWSLETTER

March 2024

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

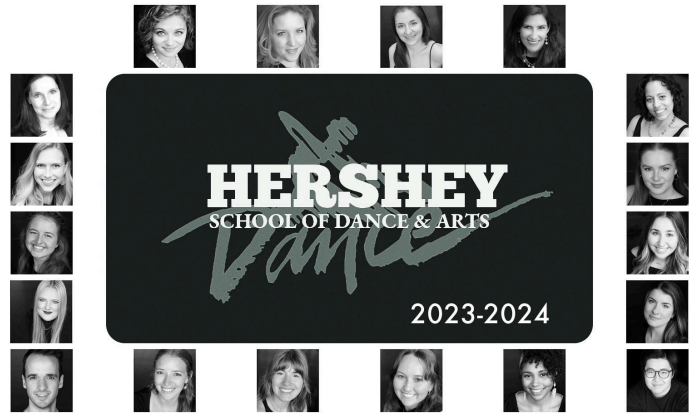
Dance is Joy.

Dance is Freedom.

Dance is Expression.

Dance is Community.

Dance is Life.



Happy March!

Spring is calling and that means that our discover dancers are halfway through their session! It also means recital planning is in full swing for our performing classes, please look over the newsletter for important information and updates for recital. And **SAVE THE DATE**, summer dance registration coming soon!

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

Hershey School of Dance & Arts Recital 2024: **Dancing in the Streets**

Rehearsals at the Hershey Theatre Monday May 13 through Thursday May 16

Evening Show Friday May 17, **7pm***

Matinee Show Saturday Matinee May 18, **11am***

Evening Show Saturday May 18, **6pm***

*** Please NOTE these time changes from past performances!**

Please be sure to reserve this week for spacing and dress rehearsals at the Hershey Theatre. Recital Packets will be made available this month with show order, rehearsal times, and ticketing information.

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 2024 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 with ART in the subject line. Please reach out to Hollis with any questions. Happy creating!

Family Dance, Senior Dance, Boy's Dance, and Finale Rehearsal Schedules

We look forward to carrying on these treasured traditions! Family dance is open to all enrolled family members in the dance school ages 4+. Senior dance is for all enrolled graduating seniors. Boy's dance is for all enrolled boy dancers in the dance school. Finale is for all graduating seniors and all dancers enrolled in the advanced level classes. Participation in these extra dances is optional. Schedules have been emailed to eligible dancers and/or posted at the dance studio.

Classes Performing in the Saturday May 18 11am Matinee (classes in bold appear in all shows)

Thursday 8:00 Jazz 6	Thursday 9:00 Jazz 7	Wednesday 6:30 Ballet 3
Wednesday 5:30 Ballet 2	Monday 5:30 Tap 3	Thursday 6:15 Pointe
Wednesday 5:30 Hip Hop 2	Wednesday 4:30 Ballet 1	Wednesday 6:30 Tap 2
Wednesday 5:30 Tap 1	Saturday 10:00 Tap 2	Thursday 5:15 Tap 4
Monday 8:30 Con/Lyr Fusion 5	Friday 6:30 Hip Hop 2	Boy's Dance
Saturday 10:00 Ballet 1	Tuesday 7:30 Theatre 4	Monday 6:30 Hip Hop 8
Saturday 9:00 Pre Teen Tap	Family Dance	Monday 4:30 Ballet 3
Friday 5:30 Hip Hop 1	Thursday 5:15 Ballet 8	Monday 6:30 Ballet 4
Tuesday 4:15 Street Jazz 2	Wednesday 4:30 Hip Hop 3/PT	Monday 4:30 Tap 10
Friday 4:15 Jazz 1	Saturday 11:00 Ballet 2	Finale
Tuesday 5:30 Hip Hop 1	Saturday 11:00 Tap 1	

Classes Performing in the Friday May 17 7pm & Saturday May 18 6pm Evening shows

Thursday 8:00 Jazz 6	Family Dance	Monday 6:30 Hip Hop 8
Thursday 7:30 Tap 5	Monday 8:30 Tap 7	Tuesday 4:15 Street Jazz 2
Thursday 8:30 Jazz 4	Tuesday 4:30 Jazz 2A	Thursday 6:30 Street Jazz 1
Thursday 4:30 Jazz 3A	Tuesday 5:15 Ballet 8	Tuesday 4:30 Jazz 3B
Friday 5:15 Con/Lyr Fusion 1A	Monday 5:30 Ballet 5	Monday 6:30 Tap 8
Monday 8:30 Con/Lyr Fusion 5	Wednesday 8:30 Con/Lyr Fusion 3B	Tuesday 7:30 Teen Ballet
Thursday 7:30 Theatre 3	Wednesday 8:30 Ballet 6	Tuesday 8:30 Ballet 7
Tuesday 6:30 Jazz 2B	Thursday 6:15 Pointe	Thursday 9:00 Jazz 7
Wednesday 4:30 Tap 9	Tuesday 5:30 Theatre 1B	Monday 4:30 Con/Lyr Fusion 2
Tuesday 7:00 Ballet 5/6	Thursday 4:15 Ballet 7	Tuesday 8:30 Jazz 5
Wednesday 6:30 Hip Hop 4	Senior Dance	Tuesday 6:30 Con/Lyr Fusion 3A
Thursday 5:15 Ballet 8	Wednesday 3:30 Teen Tap	Wednesday 7:30 Adult Tap 2
Wednesday 7:30 Hip Hop 5/6	Thursday 4:15 Tap 6	Monday 7:30 Hip Hop 6
Wednesday 8:30 Teen Hip Hop	Monday 5:30 Hip Hop 7	Monday 7:30 Con/Lyr Fusion 4
Monday 7:30 Adult Tap 1	Tuesday 8:30 Adult Ballet	Thursday 5:30 Theatre 2
Thursday 6:30 Theatre 1A	Tuesday 3:30 Con/Lyr Fusion 1B	Monday 4:30 Tap 10
Tuesday 7:30 Theatre 4		Finale

VOLUNTEERS

It takes a village to make our recital week run smoothly and be full of happy memories. If you would like to share your time and energy helping to make our recital a success, be on the lookout for an email coming soon with details about how you can get involved. We have the best dance family and we are so grateful you share your time and talents with the community! Thank you! Below is a link to sign up!
https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc1vdWkY9FEmTsarPaSpNukD9oyPGuk5XkPK5ql9jmnnguvq/viewform?usp=sf_link

DRESS CODE

It is important that students of all ages and abilities follow the dress code for their dance classes. Arriving for class in the proper dress code sets the intention for learning. You would not send your child to soccer practice without their shin guards or to their violin lesson without their violin. Parents, please help them have the most positive outcome from their class time by having them in dress code, which includes their hair pulled away from the face. Older dancers, please take ownership of this aspect of your study and set a good example for our younger students. Specific details for each style of dance can be found [HERE](#) on our website in the Student and Parent Handbook.

HELP KEEP THE LOBBY TIDY

Our lobby area is a shared space and we love that. It serves as a place to prep for class, eat dinner, and do homework. Please treat it with respect, as if it is your home. **We kindly ask dancers to clean up after yourself and parents to clean up after your young children. Please dispose of trash in provided receptacles. Clean up all crumbs and spills. If you need assistance, please ask.**

We celebrate these JOYS!

GRADUATING SENIORS

We have 12 graduating seniors dancing with us this year. We hope this year is extra special! If your name should be on this list, please let us know!

Katie Bortel

Khirna Desai

Grace Flickinger

Jessica Gearhart

Hayley Goodwin

Emily Graham

Andrea Gusherowski

Alex Koegler

Elena Kreitzer

Isabella Longenecker

Jazmyne Noland

Janelle Schaeffer

Ballet Day

Ballet Day Highlights 🎭

Thank you to Ashley Layng for bringing her detail oriented, technical approach to the classroom. Dancers and teachers were challenged and came away thinking about things in a new way.

And partnering class with Cole Nissley was so fun and a great introduction to new things!



Dancers in Ballet 5/6 and Ballet 7/8 came away smiling and sweating! Maybe every Saturday should be Ballet Day!

Master Tap Class with Maud Arnold

Miss Katy and several HSDA Tappers had the opportunity to learn from and dance with Maud Arnold! With a big focus on precision, accents, and fun, Maud gave dancers an improvisation exercise, and then taught a super fun combination that challenged dancers of all levels. The Q&A after the dancing portion covered all kinds of topics like taking care of your body, lifting up your dance community, and what it's like to tap dance in water. Thank you Maud!

And thank you to our wonderful hosts at The Studio for inviting us to this unique opportunity! It was great dancing with dancers from The Studio.



It's Musical Season!

Congratulations to our many dancers that have been cast in community productions and in their school musicals! We love seeing you use your training to light up the stage! Congratulations 🌟

Exciting things coming up this SPRING...

- Adult Mixer TBA
- International Day of Dance Fundraiser
- Picture Days with Slice of Lime April 13 & 14
- Summer Registration

SAVE THE DATE:

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. Levelled 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.



ZUMBA

ZUMBA with Kristen meets Mondays at 8:30pm, drop in \$5. Come dance and sweat and start the week off on the right foot!

JASON IS BACK!

Jason is 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 3/9, 3/16, 3/30. Prorated fee available, email for details 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. You have 3 more opportunities to join this class to meet the requirement to participate in family dance. Adult Beginner Hip Hop will meet on the following Saturdays at 11:00 a.m. 3/9, 3/16, 3/30. Prorated fee available, email for details or drop in at the rate of \$15 per class. Hope to see you at the studio!

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. Costumes will NOT be handed out until costume balances are up to date.**

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

March 15 Photo/Video/Art
Submissions DUE

March 30-31: Spring Break

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

April International Day of Dance Event 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 dress appropriately after class when leaving the studio during the colder 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. 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 4:30-5:45

Saturday 9-11:15am