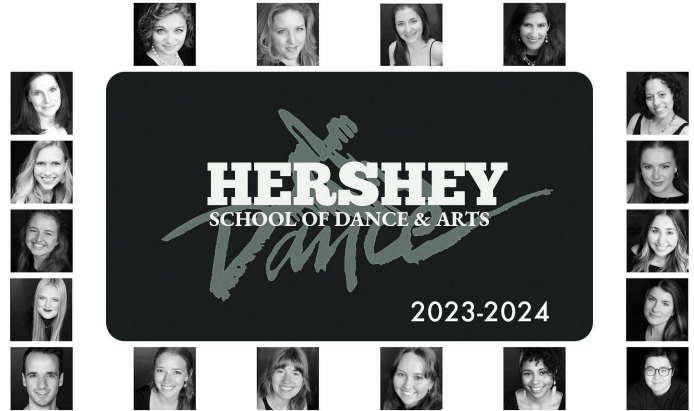


NEWSLETTER

APRIL 2024

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 PROUDLY PRESENTS

Dancing IN THE STREETS

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 & dress rehearsals
at the Hershey Theatre.**

SNEAK-A-PEEK WEEK 4/1-4/6

Families are invited to sneak a peek of classes this week. Join us for the last 15 minutes of your child's class to see what we have learned, get a preview of our recital dance, and ask any questions.

RECITAL PACKETS

On Monday 3/25, Recital Packets were emailed out and posted on the HSDA website. Next week you can pick up a hard copy from the front desk - 1 per family. Recital Packets have Show Week Schedule, Ticketing Information, Picture Day Schedule, and more. Please be sure to review it thoroughly and keep it for your reference over the upcoming weeks. [RECITAL PACKET 2024](#)

TICKETS FOR DANCING IN THE STREETS 2024

- Tickets will go on sale April 10 at 10am to the public, online only through [Ticketmaster.com](#). Tickets are \$18.85 in advance.
- The in person box office sales begin on April 11 at the Hershey Theatre and the Giant Center. Check online for box office hours of operation.
- All seating is reserved. Everyone, regardless of age, must purchase a ticket – this includes infants and toddlers.
- Any tickets purchased the *day of* any performance will be at a cost of \$20.85.

HSDA MERCH

PREORDERS are now being accepted for HSDA recital merch through our online store front! Get your custom HSDA track jackets and new DANCE sweatpants, and, of course, your commemorative recital shirts! This is a PREORDER SALE. All orders must be placed by Sunday 4/7 and will arrive in May. There will be a very limited number of sizes and colors available for sale show week, and the online store will not reopen after 4/7. To avoid disappointment, place your orders now. [PLACE ORDER](#)



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/1FAIpQLSc1vdWkY9FEmTsarPaSpNukD9oyPGuk5XkPK5q19jzmznnq_uvg/viewform?usp=sf_link

DANCER SHOUT OUTS & BUSINESS ADVERTISEMENTS

Here is your chance to give a shout out to your favorite dancer, celebrate your graduating senior, and advertise your local business. Ad space is available in our 2024 recital program. Shoutouts & Ads can be purchased through your parent portal in the SHOP. Please email completed artwork to hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net with PROGRAM AD in the subject by Monday 4/29/24. Businesses can email advertisements to hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net. Checks may be mailed or dropped in the payment box outside of the office. If paying by check, please make payable to: HERSHEY SCHOOL OF DANCE & ARTS , 1176 Mae St., Hummelstown, PA 17036.

DANCEWEAR & TIGHTS AVAILABLE

We have tights in stock for purchase in time for Picture Days and Show Week. Tights are available in pink and tan, \$16 for adult sizes and \$14 for children sizes. There is a selection of base layer dancewear for use under recital costumes and we continue to have an assortment of leotards, shorts, and skirts, all reasonably priced and right at the studio ready for you. Check them out in the lobby or through our online store in DSP. We highly recommend The Dancer's Pointe in Hummelstown as a local resource for new dance shoes and dancewear.

We celebrate these JOYS!

HSDA INTERNS

Congratulations to our second round of HSDA Interns! It is wonderful seeing you explore and share your art in a new way!

This pilot program ran this year with interns at both the adult and high school level. Interns shadowed instructors in the classroom to gain valuable teaching experience. Em Suda paired up with Jenn Owsley for a tap internship and Morgan Owsley paired up with Jaden Schorr-Kline for a Movement Magic internship.

If you are interested in our internship program in the future please reach out by email to hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net and include INTERN in the subject line.

Movement Magic and Discover Dance Classes wrap up!

We had so much fun this winter and spring in our 12 week workshops. Exploring dance and meeting new friends made for lots of smiles, take a look!



SPRINGY THINGS...

ADULT MIXER

Calling all of our awesome adult dancers - We are excited to invite you to our 2nd Annual Adult Mixer! This is a great way to bring together our amazing community of adult dancers for a chance to meet, mingle, and get to know each other better. Here are the details for this year's event.

-Saturday, April 6, 7:30-9:30 PM at the studio

-open to HSDA adult dancers or regular drop-in students in any 2023/2024 class, PLUS one guest

-simple pot-luck style - bring an appetizer, dessert, or beverage to share

-dress is casual

-mixing and mingling, games, a dance hall, and lots of great dance friends

-no cover charge

This party will be more fun with YOU, so mark your calendar!

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF DANCE FUNDRAISER FOR WORLD CENTRAL KITCHEN

For this year's International Dance Day we are throwing a **DANCE PARTY!**

Our celebration will be held on the eve of International Dance Day, Sunday April 28 from 4:15-6:30pm at Hershey School of Dance & Arts. Our DANCE PARTY will offer different opportunities to celebrate dance throughout the dance studio.

MINI POP UP CLASSES

HAIR & MAKEUP TUTORIALS

CRAFT & CREATIVE MOVEMENT STATION

ZUMBA & MORE!

Donations will be accepted in person on the day of the event or you can donate anytime online. Last year we raised over \$1000 for World Central Kitchen doing what we love the most- DANCE.

We hope that you will consider celebrating this year's International Day of Dance by dancing and donating to this worthy cause. We are still seeking activities, if you are interested in donating your time or talent to the event, email hersheyschoolofdance@verizon.net.

[DONATE HERE](#)



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!

SUMMER DANCE REGISTRATION NOW OPEN

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. [REGISTER](#)



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.

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.**

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**

2023-2024 Calendar

April 1 Summer Registration OPEN

 **April 13-14** Picture Days with Slice of Lime: [SCHEDULE](#)

April 28 International Day of Dance
FUNDRAISER & DANCE PARTY!

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

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 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