

STUDENT OPPORTUNITIES

It's about more than dance, it's about your child! We are excited to offer numerous opportunities for our students to grow not only as dancers, but as people. From performance opportunities to classroom events, each program is designed to build your child's self-confidence and love of dance!

RECITALS... Our annual recitals are held the first weekend of June and are open to all students. Although not mandatory, this is a very rewarding experience and a chance for students to display their accomplishments. Participants wear their appropriate dance shoes and are required to purchase a costume and tights. Students are divided between three recitals to assure each recital remains an enjoyable length.



THEME WEEKS... The curriculum for our early elementary classes is designed with Theme Weeks to provide children with a fun-filled way to explore the world of dance and inspire their imaginations. Check our studio calendar or our website for designated weeks.



SPIRIT WEEKS... Crazy Hair & Legs Week, Pajama Week, and Beach Bum Boogie Week are held throughout the season to allow students to creatively express themselves and celebrate the spirit of dance!

TREASURE CHEST PROGRAM... Every student has moments of accomplishments the instructors want to acknowledge. Therefore, each studio has a treasure chest filled with small prizes that every student will have an opportunity to receive throughout the year.

STUDENT-OF-THE-MONTH... Each month students are recognized through our Student-Of-The-Month Program. Teachers select students who continually show improvement in their class and meet a list of criteria such as, good attendance, consistent effort, and a positive attitude. The recipients receive a certificate and their names are displayed in the studio and in a studio email.

BRING-A-FRIEND WEEK... In September and again in January, students are invited to bring a friend to participate in their class. It's a great way to show their friends what dance is all about!

PARENT OBSERVATION... We invite parents to watch the last 10 minutes of class during the weeks listed on our annual calendar. To aid in practice at home, parents are welcome to record observations. We ask that you not post classes online or full pieces of choreography. Short sections of dances are fine. Please limit the observers to parents only and remember to silence all cell phones and pagers before entering the studio.



AVON FUND RAISER... An Avon representative from the area offers a fund raiser for our students and parents each fall. Participants earn a percentage of their sales to use for lessons or merchandise.

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DANCE ETC... Dance Etc. is a preparatory performance group created for those students desiring additional dance performance opportunities. DE is divided into two age groups; Dance Etc. II and Dance Etc. and is offered at a discount of 25%. Participation is open to all students ages 5½ and up who have completed at least one year of dance training and are currently enrolled at the studio. The annual season is separated into three sessions. Dancers learn a jazz or musical theater piece each session and participate in various community performances, the CADT annual performance and the studio's recitals. Dance Etc. provides a creative outlet and unique opportunities for our students that cannot be found anywhere else in the area.

CLASS ACT DANCE TROUPE... Class Act Dance Troupe, Inc (CADT) was formed in 1986 to provide students with additional opportunities to utilize their training by performing for various events, organizations and participating in competitions. CADT is a separate, non-profit corporation and consists of three troupes, ranging in age from eight to eighteen. The troupes have performed for Disney World, the Harlem Globetrotters, the Mad Ants and a variety of local organizations and schools. Selection for the troupe is based on a two-phase audition process. Members continue year-round ballet training and attend Chicago National Association of Dance Masters' workshops each season. The troupes rehearse five hours per week in addition to the student's weekly classes and hold an annual performance each spring. Details regarding CADT performances and competitions may be found on the studio's website.



TEACHING ASSISTANT PROGRAM... Our teaching assistant program was designed to provide the staff with the most capable and qualified assistants and also provide additional opportunities for students to gain experience about the teaching aspect of dance. Students ages 10 and older may enter the program as Class Demonstrators and may progress to become a Teaching Assistant. Students are selected by the staff and must meet specific criteria.

BALLET BOOST... Students currently enrolled in an enrichment level ballet class are eligible for Ballet Boost. This unique class was created to provide students with the opportunity to increase their training through an additional class focused on strengthening their technical skills. Ballet Boost is offered at a 30% discount.

MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIPS... This program was developed to offer opportunities to students ages 9 to 18 through financial assistance and also encourage students through the recognition of their efforts. Students applying for a scholarship are required to write a paper that falls within the selected dance topic and criteria. Each scholarship covers the tuition for one class for the annual season.

STUDENT PROGRESS REPORTS... Student progress reports are distributed to the parents twice a year during parent observation weeks to keep you informed of your child's progress, goals and achievements. Please feel free to ask questions - we're happy you're interested! If you have individual questions or wish to speak with the teacher at length, leave your name and number in the office in order for teachers to keep their other classes on schedule.

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CNADM WORKSHOPS... We encourage students to attend the Chicago National Association of Dance Masters workshops held in Chicago in the summer and fall. CNADM has been in existence since 1912. Our instructors are master dance educators through CNADM and are active in the organization. There are many opportunities available for the students at the summer session including Ballet Forum, Student Session, Dance and More, scholarships, and the Student Honors Program. Students ages 7 and up with one year of dance training are eligible to attend. Information is distributed to students who are age and level appropriate.



CNADM SCHOLARSHIPS... Scholarships are offered by CNADM to cover registration fees for summer workshops. The scholarship committee awards the scholarships based on a balance of factors including: serious commitment to the art of dance, a desire to learn, character, contributions of time and talent in the studio and community, potential and need. Many of our students have been recipients of these scholarships. Scholarships are awarded for each program listed above, including a separate scholarship for male students.

PRIVATE CLASSES... Private classes with our staff are available at a rate of \$35/half hour. Whether you are looking to focus on specific elements, accelerate your rate of learning, or begin a new discipline, our staff can tailor classes to meet your needs. Class times are based on teacher availability. Please contact the office for additional details.



GUEST TEACHERS... We also hold master classes in the studio with prominent dance instructors from across the country. Participation in these unique opportunities is strongly recommended. We have been honored to have guest instructors, such as, Diane Gudat, Jeremy Plummer, Josh Manculich and Sarah Mills work with our students. Visit our website for photos from these great opportunities!

SUMMER CLASSES AND DANCE CAMPS... Along with our standard classes, we offer a variety of classes, workshops, camps and master classes in our summer session. Our unique dance camps enable students to experience a variety of classes not usually offered throughout the year, such as princess and other exciting themed camps. Summer is a great time to try a new class or further your education for a class in which you're currently enrolled.

CONTINUOUS YEARS OF STUDY... Each year at our annual recital, eligible students receive continuous years of study awards beginning with their 5th year. A student must take five consecutive years of dance to be eligible for a 5th year award. For instance, if a student takes three years of dance, discontinues lessons and then returns, it is considered their first year of study again. This does not affect placement level in a class. When calculating a student's award, a year is considered from September through May.

BIRTHDAY PARTIES... We offer birthday parties designed for ages 4 through teens in six fun themes! Let us take care of the details to make a memorable birthday experience that will have your child "dancing for joy!" We do all the work - you have all the fun! Check with the office for additional information.