

STUDIO POLICIES

REGISTRATION: A \$15 non-refundable fee is charged annually to each student. If MUST accompany the registration form to establish your account. Registration fee and Payment #1 are due at registration.

WITHDRAWAL: Students may withdraw within 30 days from date of registration without penalty. If canceling after the 30 day grace period, a cancellation of contract fee of \$25 is incurred. Students must give a 2 week written notice before canceling. This enables students on the waiting list to enroll.

COSTUME: A costume deposit of \$40 for each student in each class will be due the first week of September. The remaining costume fees will be split equally for the months of October and November. This enables us to order early so costumes will be delivered in plenty of time. Costume fees are *non-refundable* and *non-returable*. However, if done early enough, costumes can be exchanged for a different size with a \$20 exchange fee. We will do our best to measure and order the appropriate size for all children. Alterations may be required and are the student's responsibility. If total costume fees are not paid by the November 4th deadline, your costume order will be cancelled.

TUITION: Under no circumstances will I hand tuition, fees, etc. or any payments to teachers or anyone. All payments will be put in the Tuition Box or mailed. I am responsible for tuition until I formally withdraw in writing. There is a \$30.00 fee for all returned checks. Tuition is not pro-rated or refunded for reasons such as illness, other commitments, vacation, or weather. Make-up classes are available at a comparable class level. There is a billing fee of \$10 put on my account each month that tuition is not paid by the 10th. All accounts must be paid in full to participate in the year end recital.

RESPONSIBILITIES: The Back Stage Studio assumes students are in the recital unless notified in writing. Students will follow all dress codes required by the class and teacher. Students are responsible for check-in attendance. I am responsible for picking up newsletters, Coupon Tuition Booklets, and signing class and costume confirmation sheets.

No selling or advertising of merchandise or services at the studio unless authorized by the Director Julie DeBois.

ACCOUNT CREDIT: Any account credits can be applied to anything "Back Stage related" as in studio credit. (i.e. tuition, costumes, dance store merchandise) No cash back will be given.

PHOTO RELEASE: By signing the registration form, I give The Back Stage Studio permission to publish photographs of my family in advertising and marketing campaigns. I understand that pictures may be used indefinitely in newspapers, magazines, brochures, on the internet and other media associated with The Back Stage Studio. A written and signed note must be turned into the office for those parents and/or students who decline authorization of the photo release policy.

DANCE CLASS RULES

- BE PROMPT.** The early warm-up is vital for the safety of the dancers and the progression of the entire class.
- ATTEND REGULARLY.** The student's progress and understanding of the materials is hindered by absences. All classes MUST be paid for; we cannot prorate classes due to absenteeism.
- MAKE-UP CLASSES:** Classes can be made up in a comparable level class.
- SECURE HAIR.** Student's hair should be worn off the face and neck to see proper spinal alignment.
- NO JEWELRY.** Stud earrings allowed. Jewelry can be dangerous in the classroom.
- DRESS CODE REQUIRED. PLEASE SEE DRESS CODE SHEET.**
- ABSOLUTELY NO GUM, CANDY OR FOOD DURING CLASS OR IN THE CLASSROOM.** Water bottles allowed.
- STUDENT'S CELLULAR PHONES MUST BE TURNED OFF DURING CLASS TIME.**
- SNOW DAYS.** When Dover City Schools cancel, The Back Stage Studio cancels. When let out early for weather conditions, we cancel. When school is delayed in the morning, we will have classes. Please refer also to the website and voice mail for cancellations.
- CLOSED SESSIONS:** No one will stay in the classrooms during class times to ensure proper concentration of teachers and students. We will have Parent Observation Weeks each quarter for parents to observe their children's progress.
- QUESTIONS:** Because of the teacher's tight schedule in between classes and to ensure proper start times of following classes, please email Julie at the Back Stage Studio website with any "non-urgent" questions you have about the studio or your child. Julie will be checking email daily. Or leave a message on Back Stage Studio voice mail at 330-343-9229.

Understanding Dance Education

FOR MORE THAN 10 years our school has been a leader in dance education in our local area. We believe that our success comes as a result of providing solid training and quality service, along with an underlying belief in the strength of our organization.

As a parent, the financial support of your student is important, but of equal value is your emotional support. Encourage your child to be the best that he or she can be without regard to what others may achieve. Dance is an individual art form; each child needs to achieve at a pace that's comfortable for him or her. No two students will progress at the same rate, even if they experience the exact same training. It's important to encourage the children to focus on themselves, give their all, and be satisfied with their own accomplishments.

Dance education encompasses far more than technique or the steps your children will learn. We believe the discipline of dance training gives young people a better understanding of commitment by offering them the chance to learn, experience the spirit of teamwork, and understand what hard work can accomplish. Our goal is to educate the minds, bodies, and souls of our students, to teach them the skills needed for a successful life, whether or not they stay involved in dance.

If you have questions or concerns about your child's dance education, don't panic—and please don't talk only with other parents when questions arise. Make an appointment to speak directly to your child's teachers or the director Julie DeBois. Please, conduct all communication through the school office or email rather than approaching your child's teacher or the director between or during classes or calling them at home.

Class placement of students is highly individual and the factors that go into the decision are complex.

Class Dress Code Requirements

BALLET: "New" All classes & levels

Ballet 1, 2, 3: Any style. Pink, Light Blue or Lavender
Ballet 4-8: Any style. Pastel, Black, or Forest Green
All classes: Pink tights and canvas ballet slippers.

TAP: All classes & levels

Any color, leotard or lycra top. Any color Capris cut above the ankle, hip shorts or dance skirt. NO JEANS. Hair up.
Tap 1: Mary Jane tap shoe
Tap 2-5: Leather tie up tap shoe

JAZZ: All classes & levels

Any color, leotard or lycra top. Any color jazz pants. Black Leather split-sole slip-on. NO shoe strings. Hair pulled up.



Pam Rumer



Cindy Leonardt

Receptionists:

2007-2008 CALENDAR

Classes Begin.....	Tuesday, September 4
Observation Week.....	October 15-18
Halloween Parade-No Class.....	Wed., October 24
Christmas Parade.....	T.E.A. November 22
Thanksgiving Break-No Class.....	November 22
Parent Observation Week.....	December 10-13
Holiday Performance.....	T.R.A. December 10-13
Holiday Break - No Class.....	Dec. 21 - Jan. 6
Classes Resume.....	Monday, January 7
Classes IN Session - M.L. King Day.....	January 21
Observation Week.....	February 18-21
Classes IN Session - President's Day.....	February 18
Parent Participation Week.....	March 17-20
Spring Break - No Class.....	March 21-28
Classes Resume.....	Mon., March 31
Recital Pictures.....	April 5-6
Observation Week.....	May 12-15
Competition Team Tryouts.....	Friday, May 23
Canal Days Performance.....	Saturday, May 24
Memorial Break.....	Mon., May 26
Dress Rehearsal.....	Friday, June 6
Recital.....	Saturday, June 7
Summer Registration.....	Mon., June 16 5:30-8:30 pm
Summer Camps.....	T.B.A.

Other Performances T.E.A. during summer
Fall Registration '08-'09..... August 11, 12, 13 5:30-8:30 pm

2007-2008 Dance Season



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Monday - Thursday 4:00 - 8:00 p.m.

Store Hours:

Tuesday & Thursday 5:30 - 8:00 p.m.
Or by appointment only.
330-447-7159 Beth

