

Holidays

September 2008

Wednesday 3rd Classes Begin

October 2008

Monday 13th Columbus Day (studio is OPEN)

Friday 31st Halloween (studio closed)

November 2008

Fall Newsletter Available

Wed 26th - Sun 29th Thanksgiving Holiday (studio closed)

December 2008

Monday 1st - Sat 13th Show Costumes in Class

Monday 15th Costume Deposit Due (\$45 per costume)

Monday 22nd - Saturday Jan 3rd Winter Break

January 2009

Monday 5th Classes Resume

Saturday 17th Costume Balances Due

Monday 19th Martin L. King Day (studio is OPEN)

February 2009- No Vacations in February

Winter Newsletter

Saturday 14th Valentines Day (studio is OPEN)

Monday 16th President's Day (studio is CLOSED)

March 2009 - No Holidays in March

April 2008 - No Spring Break

Dance-Out Season Begins

May 2009

Performance Volunteer Sign-Ups

Saturday 2nd- St Jude Fundraiser Dance Show

Sunday May 3rd Ticket Sales Begin

Saturday 23rd Prop Day

Saturday 23rd-Monday 25th Memorial Weekend (studio is CLOSED)

June 2009

Sunday 7th Photo Day at Pro Images Studio

Saturday/Sunday 13&14 Mandatory Non-Dress Rehearsal

Thursday 18th Volunteer Meeting, 7pm

Saturday 20th "ALL DAY" Full Dress Rehearsal and Show

July 2009 - Summer Dance Session & Dance Camps Begin

Important dates for you to note on your calendar ***NOW*** are highlighted in red.

The Dance Affair



2008/2009

Studio Information & Fall Schedule

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Welcome to the Dance Affair

The Dance Affair is a well-established dance school with over a 20-year history. We feel dance training is an important and valuable, as well as enjoyable, step in a student's life. Choosing a dance school is an important decision and we are confident in our program and all it has to offer.

In order to familiarize you with our services, we have prepared this information brochure. Please take the time to read it for a thorough understanding of our school. We are excited about our dance program and all it has to offer. We share our excitement through your interest and enrollment with us. If at anytime you have questions regarding the Dance Affair, please call me at (408) 243-4834.

*Sincerely,
Erica Fairfield
Director/Owner*



Our Mission

Our mission is to ensure that each student receives a positive experience through dance. We strive to provide each student with a strong foundation in dance by offering classes that are technical, exciting and fun, as well as enriching to a dancers training. We allow each student the opportunity to succeed as a dancer and to feel good about their progress. Each student is given the chance to express themselves through the art of dance and to make a difference in their lives for the better.

Studio and Performance Information

The Dance Affair is a performing studio. Our students dance for various organizations throughout the year. No one is expected to perform as this is an individual decision made by each student at the appropriate time during the year. The following are a few things to keep in mind when making your decision:

- The Annual Show is a commitment. This includes a commitment to be in class weekly and at ALL scheduled shows and rehearsals including non-dress rehearsal. ***Absences during May and June may result in you not being in the show.*** Please be mindful when planning vacations at this time. Take this into consideration before committing to the annual show. ***Purchasing a costume indicates you are planning to participate in the annual show. Each family is asked to purchase a minimum of 10 tickets.***
- There are costume expenses—an average of \$35-\$75 per class/routine.
- Costume deposits are due by December 15, 2008 at \$45 per costume. To insure that your costume is paid for on time, we suggest adding an extra \$5-\$10 (you decide) to your tuition each month (Sept-Dec). We will apply the extra money to your costume account if you wish. Please mark your check accordingly (i.e. \$5 costume payment). Late fees of \$10 per costume apply for deposits received after the due date.
- There are **MANDATORY** rehearsals that students are required to attend. These rehearsals are the non-dress rehearsal on Saturday June 21st & Sunday June 22nd and the full-dress rehearsal at 9:00am on Saturday, June 27th (the morning of the show).
- All families are required to purchase 10 tickets to the annual show. Or you can elect to “buy-out” of 2 or 4 tickets at a specific “buy-out” price. This price is determined by the number of students in the show.
- Keeping you informed is important to us. The Dance Affair has a “FAMILY FILE” set up for each family at the studio. Please make sure to check your files periodically for new and updated information regarding the studio. Files can be found near the entry to Studio A.
- Too often we receive LATE and/or BACK DATED checks and are expected to overlook tardiness of payments. Unfortunately, our creditors will NOT do the same for us. The studio has financial obligations of its own to meet so prompt payments are expected and appreciated.

Classes Offered

Acrobatics-Tumbling methods & tricks are taught while gaining overall muscle strength, flexibility, coordination and balance.

Ballet-Student will learn overall dance technique, basic barre and center floor exercises. French terminology is used in class. Student will gain insight to proper body posture and placement, along with development of grace and poise.

Hip-Hop-Hip-Hop integrates innovative choreography and helps develop musicality. Students learn current street moves to hip-hop style music.

Jazz & Lyrical-Our program is based on strong technique using different types of styles including traditional, Broadway, contemporary and lyrical. Classes focus on dynamics, style and intensity through combinations ranging from slow and graceful to fast-paced. Emotion and expression through dance is stressed. Student must be 7 years old or have instructor's permission to enroll in jazz. (Ballet is recommended prior to and while taking jazz classes.)

Kiddie Kombo I & II-A 40 minute class designed for the preschool age child, that introduces them to tap, ballet and tumbling and allows a young dance student's interest to expand. (KKI – 3-5 year olds KKII-5-6year olds)

Mommie & Me-A great first time dance experience for mommie and child age 1.5-2.5 years old. This class is held in a small group setting and was developed so parents have the opportunity to participate in their child's first dance experience. Kids learn basic dance movements, arm and foot positioning, stretching, creativity and musicality and develop social skills in an age appropriate environment using props and familiar songs.

Musical Theater-Emphasis is on singing and acting. The class also incorporates dance, theater auditions and theater performance.

Students must have at least one - two years basic jazz, tap, ballet.

Tap-Our tap program starts with basic footwork, turns, rhythm and musicality and expands into sophisticated rhythm combinations including acapella, timing and advanced turns and performance techniques. Students also develop timing, terminology, and coordination while strengthening legs and feet.

TBJ- 7-10 ys. A 1-hour tap, ballet and jazz combination class. This class is the progression up from our KKI-II class for 7yr olds.

Other Studio Information

The Dance Affair also offers:

- * **Preschool Morning Classes**
- * **Birthday Parties**
- * **Master Classes (cheer and dance team classes)**
- * **Dance Camps**
- * **Studio Rental**
- * **Adult Classes**
- * **Private Lessons**
- * **1st Wedding Dance for Couples**
- * **Classes Offered at Your School or Company Location**
- * **Year-Round Registration**
- * **Non-Performing Classes Available**
- * **Winter & Spring 8-Week Courses Available**

Interested? Call or visit our website for more information.

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Dance Affair Policies

- **Attendance**-Regular attendance in class is vital to a student's progress.
- **Tardiness**-Students are expected to arrive on time and not interrupt the class flow. Students should not enter late or leave early.
- **Dress Code**-Students must be prepared to follow the dress code. A student who continually refuses to follow the dress code may be asked to change clothes or sit out of class. No big or baggy clothing.
- **Label**-Be sure to label all shoes with first and last name.
- **No food, gum or drinks** are allowed in the lobby or class area. Water only in closable containers. Students here for multiple hours may eat in the lobby or outside area only. Please dispose of all food and garbage in the outside container only.
- **Observers**-There is limited viewing space in the lobby only. If you are observing class, please be courteous. Noisy visitors distract students in class. **No visitors allowed in the classroom area.**
- **Absences**-Call the studio if you are going to be absent. Make-up lessons are given for illness only.
- **Insurance**-The studio does not carry liability insurance on the students. Therefore, all students must be covered under a family policy. In case of an accident, the studio is not responsible for the medical coverage.
- **Holidays**-We are closed **ONLY** on the following holidays: Labor Day, Thanksgiving, Christmas break, New Year's Day & Memorial Day. See the dance calendar.
- **Tuition** is due the 1st of each month but no later than the 5th. A **\$25** fee will be charged for all returned checks.
- **Make-Up Classes** will be offered for illness only. Absences due to conflicting schedules do not qualify for a make-up class. Make-up classes must be taken in the same month of the absence.
- **Lost & Found**-The Dance Affair is not responsible for lost or stolen articles. Please do not bring valuables to dancing. Please do not wear or bring jewelry to class.
- **Hair**-All hair shoulder length or longer must be tied back and out of face. Ballet students should wear hair in a bun.
- **Parents** are responsible for picking up students promptly after class is over. Children must not be left to wait in the lobby for any unreasonably long period.
- **Questions**-We welcome any questions you might have. To ensure students receive their scheduled hour of instruction, please direct any questions you may have to the office, leave a message if necessary, or call and leave a message. A teacher will call back as soon as possible.
- **Teachers**-Each teacher may add or expand on the policies for his/her class. Teachers reserve the right to remove any student from class for failure to observe the policies.

Registration and Tuition

ALL TUITION IS DUE THE FIRST OF EACH MONTH

1 class per week \$60/mo* 4 classes/month
 2 classes per week \$105/mo* 8 classes/month
 3 classes per week \$140.0/mo* 12 classes/month
 4 classes per week \$172.0/mo* 16 classes/month
 5 classes per week \$196.0/mo* 20 classes/month
 6 classes and up \$24 per additional class

Kiddie Kombo Classes \$50*/month
 2 Kiddie Kombo Classes \$86*/month

**Set-up auto pay and qualify for the \$5 deduction per month from your monthly total. Your account will automatically be charged the 1st of each month.*

**Pay by the 5th of the month by check and deduct \$5 per month from your total*

** Pay your tuition in full by Sept 30th & receive a 5% discount.*

Private Lessons \$30/30 minutes or \$60/1 hour

Semi-Private Lesson \$20 ea/30 minutes or \$40 ea/1 hour

Drop in Rates

60 min class \$16 75 min class \$18 90 min class \$22.00

Payment Policies: All students pay for classes on a monthly basis. All tuition is due on the 1st of each month and is considered late if not received by the 5th of the month. Your tuition reserves your place in the class. Tuition rates are based on a 4-week average of classes per month. Some months have 5 weeks, some have 3 weeks. Our goal is to provide 38-40 weeks of instruction/rehearsal times Sept – June. **You always pay the same amount per month September through June.** You must give the studio written notice if you are dropping a class. Otherwise, you will be continued to be billed. **There are no credits or refunds for missed lessons and no partial month payments.**

Auto Pay: Set-up auto pay and your account will automatically be charged the 1st of each month. Or you may leave your tuition in the PAYMENT BOX located in the lobby or in Studio B. You may also mail your payment to the studio or drop it in the mail slot located on Park Avenue. If you need a receipt, please request one from the office. **To ensure payments are recorded properly, please include the student's full name and month you are paying for on your check.** Cash payments should be placed in an envelope with the name and month printed on the front. Checks should be made payable to The Dance Affair. Visa, MasterCard, Discover & American Express cards are also accepted.

Annual Registration Fee: \$50per family. Registration fees are non-refundable. An additional re-registration fee of \$25 will be charged for those families who wish to take a "month off". This includes the month of December.

Class Schedule

Monday

3:15	KKII 5-6yr	10am	Adult stretch/Jazz
4:00	KKI 3-5yr	4:00	Musical Theater 7-10
4:45	KKII 5-6yr	5:00	Jazz II/III
5:30	KKII 5-6yrs	6:30	Hi p Hop I teen
6:30	Tap Teen I	7:30	Hip Hop II/III teen
7:30	Tap II/III Adults	8:30	Ballroom 8wks/Hip

Hop 8wks

Tuesday

12:30	KK I		
3:15	KKII		
4:00	TapI/II	4:00	Musical Thea 11 +yrs
5:00	Jazz I 8-10yrs	5:00	Jazz III
6:00	Jazz Teen I	6:30	Adult Jazz
7:00	Ballet Tech	7:30	Adult Ballet

Wednesday

9:15	Baby & Me 18-36mo		
10:00	KKI 3-5yrs		
4:15	TBJ 7-10	4:00	Jazz II
5:15	Tap I	5:30	Tap III/IV
6:15	Ballet A	6:30	Tap III
7:15	Ballet B	7:30	Ballet C
8:30		9:00	

Thursday

4:30	K Ballet 5-7yrs	3:45	Jazz I/II Kids
5:15	Jr Ballet 7-10yrs	5:00	Tap II
6:15	Tap II/III	6:00	Jazz III/ IV
7:15	Adult Tap I/II	7:30	Acro II/III

Friday

4:00	H/H Kids 10-12yrs	3:15	Boys Class 6-9yrs
5:00	H/H 7-10 yrs	4:00	Acro I
6:00	Lyrical	5:00	Acro I/II
7:30		6:00	

Saturday

9:00	KKI 3-5 yrs	9:00	Ballet Tech
9:45	KKI 3-5yrs	10:30	
10:30	KKII 5-6 yrs	11:15	Jazz I 10+
11:15	TBJ 7-10		

Dress Code

Dress code for all tap, jazz, musical theatre and hip-hop classes: Black leotard, black bike shorts or black dance pants, tan tights or low white socks. **NO BAGGY SHIRTS!** All hair must be pulled back and held back away from face with clips or bobbie pins.

Dress code for all ballet classes: black leotard, pink tights, ballet shorts or skirt (optional), hair pulled back in bun

Dress code for all kiddie kombo classes: any style/color leotard with tights

Dress code for boys/men: fitted white t-shirt with bike short, sweat or dance pants

Dress code for acro students: Black leotard & black bike shorts or black unitard. **NO BAGGY SHIRTS!** All hair must be pulled back and held back away from face with clips or bobbie pins.

Students must come dressed properly and ready for class. Teachers reserve the right to have unprepared students change or sit and watch. Dancewear is available for sale in the office or at local dance stores such as Dancers Emporium, Dance Attire, or Victoria's.

Dance Shoe Requirements

***Kiddie Kombo & TBJ-black tap shoes with elastic sewn straps or buckles, pink ballet shoes (Sold at the studio)**

Tap I-black tap shoes with sewn elastic straps or buckles – NO BOW TIES

Tap II, III, IV-jazz tap oxford (check with teacher for color)

Jazz Students-black split sole jazz oxfords

Ballet Students-pink split sole ballet shoes

Hip-Hop- black dance sneakers;

Acrobatics-black acro/gymnastic shoes;

Musical Theater-black jazz shoes

***Ms Erica prefers that all KK and TBJ students use the black buckle taps and Pink string-less ballet shoes that are available at the studio for all KK and TBJ classes. No Target Ballet Shoes Please!**