

## Dance Arts of Chelsea 2010-2011

Dear Dancers and Families,

Hello! I hope you're all having a good summer. The fall schedule is now ready and a copy is enclosed for you to look through. The highlighted classes are the ones that are appropriate for you to choose from – it doesn't necessarily mean you take ALL of the highlighted classes! If you want to try a different kind of class, you can read through the schedule to find the appropriate one. Once you have decided which class(es) to select, please fill out the registration card and mail it in promptly. You must also enclose a \$50.00 deposit (which goes toward the tuition-it's not an extra fee), plus the \$5.00 per family registration fee to hold your space in the class. I will email you to let you know I've received your registration. If your class is full, I'll let you know right away and will put your name on a waiting list. And if you're not sure about whether or not you'll like a class, sign up for it and give it a try, and if you decide not to take it, we'll issue a pro-rated refund. You can mail your registration to:

Dance Arts of Chelsea  
548 E. Washington  
Chelsea, Mi 48118

Classes will begin the week of September 13-18. The balance of your tuition will be due at that time and I'll also be passing out the complete schedule for the upcoming year. Recitals will be the weekend of May 21-22.

### **\*Partnering**

As many of you realize, spaces for partnering this year are limited due to fewer men. Pre-pro dancers will fill the first slots, and the remaining slots will be rotated weekly out of those dancers who enroll for the IV/V ballet and pointe that runs opposite the partnering. Dancers must still take class 4 days a week to be considered for the rotating partnering spaces, and must have instructor approval. It is still possible to sign up for the IV/V ballet and pointe class without choosing the partnering option.

### **Adult Ballet**

Wendi is looking forward to offering some adult ballet and performing opportunities this year. Please see the schedule for class options on Tuesdays or Thursdays. Other days and times could be available, including Saturdays, if that works better for interested dancers. Please let me know if you interested in other times.

### **Pre-Professional program**

Dance Arts of Chelsea will be offering a pre-professional program in conjunction with YDT. Interested dancers must fill out an application and audition on Sunday August 22 (as part of the YDT auditions). Dancers will be required to take 4 ballet classes a week in addition to some Saturday morning masterclass/workshops.

### **Jazz Ensemble**

Please indicate on your registration card if you're interested in being a member of the Jazz Ensemble. You must be in Jazz III/IV or higher and there will be a ballet requirement. Carrie will talk about the jazz ensemble and potential schedules and requirements during the first week of class. Rehearsals will be held on Fridays at 6:30 when needed, but will not start right away. The Jazz Ensemble is a separate program from DAC classes, so there will be a small separate fee to participate.

### **Youth Dance Theatre**

Auditions for membership in Youth Dance Theatre will be held on Sunday August 22, starting around 1pm. Please visit their website at [www.youthdancetheatre.org](http://www.youthdancetheatre.org) or email Brenda Stevens, the YDT manager, at [sqwrites@aol](mailto:sqwrites@aol) for more information. This year the Nutcracker performances will be the weekend of Dec. 3-5. There will also be guest auditions for YDT in September after classes start for younger dancers who are interested in a guest part as a way to become more familiar with YDT, or for older dancers who would like to be considered for a guest role. The date and time for that audition will be available during the first week of class.

**Dress Codes**

**BALLET** – Young ballet dancers (3 yr, 4 yr, 5 yr, First Barre) should wear pink leotards, pink tights and pink ballet shoes. A small attached skirt is fine – please do not wear a big puffy tutu sort of skirt since that would just get in the way! Older ballet dancers should wear black leotards, pink tights and pink ballet shoes. Skirts are not necessary, and are only occasionally allowed. Any dancer taking ballet classes twice a week or more can wear any solid-color leotard, pink tights and pink ballet or pointe shoes. Hair should be in a bun (or at least pulled neatly off the face). No jewelry.

**JAZZ** – Any solid color leotard, tank top or cami, and black jazz pants or dance shorts. A leotard and tights would be fine too. Street clothes are not acceptable! Black jazz shoes (not jazz boots) should be worn. Hair should be in a ponytail or otherwise pulled back off your face. No jewelry.

**TAP** – Black tap shoes. Beginning tap dancers can wear either the lace-up tap shoes or the ribbon-tied shoes. Dancers in 3<sup>rd</sup> year on up should have the lace-up shoes. Wear comfortable clothes.

**HIP-HOP** – any loose comfortable clothing. No jeans!

Dance attire is available at The Dancer’s Boutique in Ann Arbor on Stadium, or many dancers order online from Discount Dance. Young dancers can find pink leotards and tights at stores like Target and Kohls. There is also a stack of dance attire brochures available on my white table in the hall at the studio if you want to order from Curtain Call. Feel free to stop by and pick one up.

Signing up for classes promptly gives you the best chance of getting the class you want. We need a minimum of 6 people in a class to run it; the maximum for most is 16. If there is a big wait list for certain classes, I will try to add another one of that kind on the schedule.

**TUITION – PER 15 WEEK SESSION**

1/2 Hour Class.....	\$110.00
45 Minute Class.....	\$135.00
1 Hour Class.....	\$150.00
1 ¼ Hour Class.....	\$160.00
1 ½ Hour Class.....	\$170.00

**DISCOUNTS – per dancer**

Up to 4 hrs/wk.....	\$450.00 (\$7.50/hr)
Up to 5 hrs/wk.....	\$480.00 (\$6.40/hr)
Up to 6 hrs/wk.....	\$510.00 (\$5.66/hr)
Up to 7 hrs/wk.....	\$540.00 (\$5.14/hr)
Up to 8 hrs/wk.....	\$570.00 (\$4.75/hr)
Up to 9 hrs/wk.....	\$600.00 (\$4.44/hr)
Up to 10 hrs/wk.....	\$630.00 (\$4.20/hr)
Up to 11 hrs/wk.....	\$660.00 (\$4.00/hr)
Up to 12 hrs/wk.....	\$690.00 (\$3.83/hr)

  

First Class.....	Full Price
Second Class.....	10% Discount
Third Class.....	20% Discount
Fourth Class.....	20% Discount

There are 2 15-week sessions of class during the dance year. You can sign up for only one session of dance if you want, but it must be the first session. We don’t add new students in January when the second session starts because they would have already missed too much class time to get caught up. You may drop a class during the first month for a pro-rated refund.

Once again, to enroll for a class, please fill out the yellow registration card and mail it in with your \$55 deposit (\$50 toward your class and \$5 registration fee). I will email you to let you know I’ve received your registration and have added your dancer to the class list. If any changes become apparent as enrollment progresses, I’ll contact you right away.

CLASSES START THE WEEK OF SEPTEMBER 13-18!! Enjoy the rest of your summer and see you then!

Feel free to contact me with questions at 475-0399 or email me at nzyburt@aol.com.