



WELCOME
BACK!



BACK 2 DANCE

We're so excited to welcome you back to the studio for another amazing season of dance! Whether you're a familiar face or new to our dance family, we can't wait to twirl, leap, and create new memories together. Our goals this season are to provide a warm, friendly atmosphere where students can express themselves, reach their full potential, and develop both amateur and professional skills. We're committed to offering performance opportunities, building team spirit, and nurturing poise, character, and a love of dance. Let's get ready for a season full of fun, creativity, and growth!



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IMPORTANT

To ensure you're kept up to date with important information like class updates, closures, and more, we need you to confirm your email address. Please send an email to Directordartmouthdance@gmail.com with the following information:



Your name & child's name



Which dance class(es) they are enrolled in



The best email(s) to reach you at



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YEAR AT A GLANCE

2024

September 23

- First Term begins. Welcome back dancers! Please review the Welcome/Policy Letter carefully.

October 23 – 30

- Halloween Costume Week – Wear your favourite costume!

October 31

- Halloween– No classes

November 24 – 30

- Holiday Dress Rehearsal Week – Come to class with hair and costumes ready to practice for the Holiday Recital. Younger dancers can bring their favourite stuffie to perform with!

December 1

- Holiday Recital – Spatz Theatre

December 2 – 8

- Holiday PJ Week – Come dressed in your favourite holiday pyjamas!

December 8

- Last Class before Christmas

December 9 – January 5

- Christmas Break – No classes



2025

January 6

- Classes resume

February 2

- First Term ends

February 3

- Second Term begins

February 8 – 14

- Love Week – Wear red and pink to celebrate Valentine's Day!

February 20

- Costume Money Due

March 10 – 16

- March Break – No classes

April 11 – 17

- Sock Hop Week – Celebrate Easter break with fun socks and bunny ears!

April 18 – 24

- Easter Break – No classes

May 10

- CHP Photography Day

May 25 – 31

- Year-End Dress Rehearsal Week – Come to class with hair and costumes ready to practice for the Year-End Recital. Younger dancers can bring their favorite stuffie to perform with!

June 1

- Year-End Dance Recital – Spatz Theatre

WELCOME TO THE DARTMOUTH DANCE ACADEMY!

Info & Policies

Please Read Carefully- Dancers and Parents will be responsible for all information found in this package.

GOALS:

Our goals are:

- To provide a warm, friendly atmosphere allowing students to create and express themselves.
- To encourage students to reach their full potential.
- To develop amateur and professional qualifications.
- To provide students with performance opportunities.
- To develop team spirit, exercise, poise, and character.
- To develop sound technique and a love of dance.



TERMS

Dance is offered for two terms of progressive training, September to May. The time will be consistent providing sufficient enrollment. We end our dance year with a recital in May and November this year a holiday recital that all students to take part in as part of our program.

ATTENDANCE

To fully participate in class and out of consideration of fellow students and teachers, we ask students to be prepared to dance at the time designated. We appreciate the effort that students and parents make to be on time. We ask that students use the washroom prior to class.

Parents/Guardians of young children must be available outside the studio to attend to any emergencies that may arise (e.g., washroom) during students' class times. We ask that children be picked up from class at the correct time, as exchanging of students between sessions does not allow for adequate supervision for baby-sitting. Teachers will discuss what we do to provide a systematic and safe method for pickup.

POLICY: ANY STUDENT MISSING 3 CLASSES IN ANY GIVEN TERM MAY RISK NOT BEING ABLE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE YEAR END RECITAL OR DANCE EXAMS- THIS IS LEFT UP TO THE TEACHER'S DISCRETION.

ATTIRE

Please ensure your child's hair is always tied up, no dangling earrings or necklaces should be worn for safety.

Little Stars - Level 1

- Pink tights
- Pink Leotard
- Pink Leather Ballet shoes
- Beige tap shoes (if applicable)
- Pink Skirt (optional)

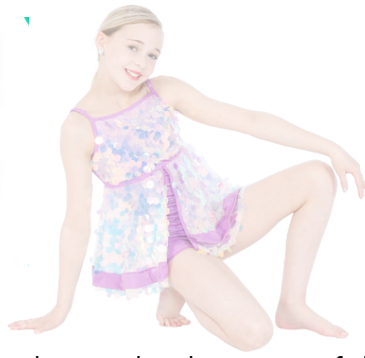
Acro

- Black leotard
- Black Jazz shorts
- Bare feet

Level 3+

- Black Leotard
- Pink tights
- Pink leather ballet shoes
- Beige tap shoes
- Beige jazz shoes

Note: If it is deemed that your child's attire may cause a safety issue, your child may be asked to remain seated for the duration of the class.



EXAMS

Exams are optional. They are taken at the discretion of the teacher in all three disciplines. Students are not required to take these exams but are encouraged. They prove to be a valuable assessment of progress for student and teacher. They are recognized across Canada and are high school credits in some provinces. Dance examinations are not usually taken until the second or third year of dance and are usually taken in the spring. Students are evaluated through the Canadian Dance Teachers' Association (CDTA), a national organization that provides the standards for dance school students and instructors.

Students may take graded (theory) and medal testing (performance) and they receive certificates and/or medals. These exams can lead to professional certification. You will be notified if your child qualifies for a dance exam. Parents should understand that dance exams are sometimes booked during regular school hours (during a weekday morning or afternoon) and are at times booked in another location than where your child normally takes their dance classes. Payments for exams will be required in February.

NOTICES

During the dance year, there will be several notices sent home regarding recital, and exams etc. Please check with your child as well as the bulletin board for important information. Information and notices will be available on the DDA website- visit anytime at dartmouthdanceacademy.com

RECITAL

Our annual recital takes place in May and November each year and is a wonderful experience for Parent and child alike. The costumes, dances and the ambience of the theatre is a rewarding experience for a dancer. If you cannot participate let the teacher know by the second term, if possible, as costumes and dances will be prepared by then. Recital costs are kept to a minimum. Rehearsals are held for the recital and are counted as a class during the second term. For safety reasons the rehearsals are mandatory to participate in the recital. Complete recital information will be distributed and posted on the bulletin board. Our recitals will be professionally filmed, and DVDs will be available for purchase. At no time may any individual film the recital or take photos of any kind.

COSTUMES

A costume is required for each discipline (Ballet, Jazz, Tap, etc.) that your child is enrolled in. Costumes are resold, revamped, re-used, loaned and/or wearable for everyday use if possible. The staff spend many hours trying to find the best prices for you that they can. Payment for costumes will be required in November for older dancers and January for younger classes. Costume costs are non-refundable once ordered. It is advisable to keep your costumes from year to year because Dartmouth Dance Academy may be able to sell, re-use or add to existing ones. Please pay your costume fee on time so that the instructor can proceed with purchasing costumes.

PHOTOGRAPHY

DDA school photos are done in May each year. These pictures are done by a professional photographer and are taken in full dance costume. All dances are photographed, and we ask that all students be present even if you do not wish to purchase photos, as group pictures are taken as well. Photo days are counted as a class during second term.



SHOE EXCHANGE

Shoes for sale should be tied together in a see-through bag with name, telephone number, and price listed on the shoe or on an index card that is attached. Shoes can be put in the 2nd hand box at either location. DDA cannot be responsible for lost or stolen shoes.

CANCELLED CLASSES

This facility rarely cancels classes. In emergencies there will be public announcements so check our social media pages, Facebook group or call the facility. In case of cancellation, a staff member will also try and reach you.

FUSION DANCE TEAMS

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CONTACT INFO

For further info, visit our website at dartmouthdanceacademy.com DDA Faculty each have work emails posted online. Questions pertaining to your class, inquiries, or attendance notes may be sent to your teacher's email. Staff are not available for contact by phone. For Information anytime email directordartmouthdance@gmail.com

We hope you enjoy the year with us.

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING DARTMOUTH DANCE ACADEMY.





DANCEWEAR ORDER FORM

Dancer's Name: _____ Telephone: _____

Class: _____ Email: _____

Parent / Guardian Name: _____

****All prices DO NOT include HST****

Bodysuit – Child	\$48	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Bodysuit – Adult	\$53	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Tights – Child	\$27	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Tights – Adult	\$30	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Ballet Skirt	\$27	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Nude Suit	\$60	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Tap Shoes	\$56	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Jazz Shoes	\$78	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Ballet Shoes	\$54	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
Boot Shorts	\$30	Size: _____	Qty: _____	=	_____
				Subtotal	= _____
				HST	= _____
				Total	= _____

PAYMENT

Cash ☐

Cheque ☐

Credit Card ☐

Credit Card #: _____ Expiry: _____ / _____