

STUDIO

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Dear Student/Parent:

Studio dance classes will commence the week of Monday, September 11. Enclosed please find our 2023-24 schedule, fall enrollment and Studio registration. We have included our recommendations/options for your child's dance year. Please fill out and return as soon as possible as classes fill up quickly. Feel free to text, call or email me personally with any questions: (716) 640-7044 or libbynord@hotmail.com

Ballet levels II-IV and Contemporary II have a minimum requirement of classes per week in order to progress safely, especially for our students dancing en pointe. Ballet II students meet two times a week, Ballet III students meet three times a week, and so on. If your child does not want to dance two or more times a week, please consider a class that only meets once a week. We offer options to fit everyone's dance needs.

Studio is bringing back our Pre-Pro class for our Ballet IV students. This class will meet on Friday from 5:30-6:30 pm and is optional. The focus will be on pointe work and learning classical ballet variations, as well as prepping our students for dance auditions.

Studio welcomes on staff this year (see attached schedule for their days and times):

- Jennie (Cross) Caruso: Ballet IV; Musical Theater Dance; Pre-Pro Ballet Sub
- Grace (Anderson) Gibbons: Creative Movement; Beginner Ballet-Ballet IV; Pre-Pro; Contemporary I-II
- Libby Nord: Ballet I-IV; Contemporary II; Yoga/Pilates; Pre-Pro Consultant
- Kristin Saunders: Yoga/Pilates
- Diego Ermida: Latin Rhythms
- Alyzza Zuech: Hip Hop

Ermida and Zuech are new instructors to our staff. Ermida has been teaching Latin Rhythms in the area and aboard for over a decade and Zuech is a dance alumna of CRYB and Studio. Welcome to our teaching staff, Diego and Alyzza!

Daman Holland (Contemporary II) can not teach this year due to his work schedule. Studio thanks him for his many years of dedicated instruction and wishes him the best in his future endeavors. We hope he'll return in the near future.

Our Colors 2024 dance recital will feature *Copellia*, a classical ballet production that we will be setting on our entire student body. The Chautauqua Amphitheater will be our performance venue. Everyone in the recital will be cast in *Copellia*, incorporating their core dance discipline. Each dance discipline (except Ballet) will have a separate dance piece apart from *Copellia* in *Colors 2024*. Participation is not required but encouraged. Production week rehearsals are mandatory for anyone participating in our recital-no exceptions. *Students will not perform if they can not make all daily rehearsals for production week June 3-8.*

Semester payments and monthly payments are due the first week of each semester. Please be advised: 5% late fee will be added for each payment more than one week late.

Studio will be closed for the following holidays and school breaks:

- Thanksgiving 11/20/23-11/25/23
- Christmas/New Year 12/25/23-01/06/24
- Winter Break 02/19/24-02/24/24
- Spring Break 04/01/24-04/06/24
- Memorial Day 05/27/24*

*Studio is open for all Monday holidays except Memorial Day

Important dates for your Studio calendar:

- Saturday, February 3, 2024 *Works-in-Progress (WIP) Location TBA*
- Monday, March 25-Saturday, March 30 *Colors 2023 Picture Days*
- Monday, June 3-Saturday, June 8 *Colors 2024 production week (daily rehearsals) – Mandatory*
- Saturday, June 8, 2024 *Colors 2024 recital at Chautauqua Amphitheater*

Studio will continue employing the following health safety measures:

- Air filtration system that cleans the air every 15 minutes
- Regular sanitizing of Studio space and equipment
- Healthy student drop off only; Parents/guardians not allowed to observe class

Please do not enter Studio if you or anyone you live with:

- Has been exposed to Covid-19 in the past 5 days
- Has a fever, loss of smell/taste in the past 5 days
- Any students coughing or with runny noses should stay home, unless it's allergies. When suffering from allergies, please wear a mask-just in case

All students: Please arrive 5-15 minutes early so your class can start right on time-do not hang out in the dressing rooms once the previous class has finished. Use that time on the dance floor to stretch and warm up. Thank you for your cooperation.

Ballet students: Must adhere to proper ballet dress codes. Leotard and tights (or leggings) must be worn with technique shoes. Sweaters and leg warmers are encouraged in cold weather as long as they are formfitting and our instructors can see body placement. Dance skirts can be worn at teacher's discretion. *No baggy attire that hides the body will be allowed in class.* Hair needs to be securely pulled back and in a bun if hair is long enough. Please use hair nets and hair pins to secure the bun so it stays in place while spotting in turns-*no loose buns!*

Studio encourages all of our students to audition for Chautauqua Regional Youth Ballet's annual production of *The Nutcracker* Sunday, August 27 at 2:00 PM in CRYB studios-21 E Third St, Jamestown. It is an open audition for dancers (age 5 and up) of all levels and dance disciplines from our community. This wonderful production will be staged at the Reg Lenna Civic Center. They are looking for all kinds of dancers, so you don't have to be a ballet dancer to audition. CRYB usually find parts for everyone. Please let's all take part in this amazing Christmas tradition together!

Studio 2024 summer semester will run June 24-August 3 and our dance intensive is set for August 5-9. More information will be available in our spring semester. Pre-pro ballet summer intensive audition information (outside our area) will be made available as dates become available.

Colors 2023 dvd/links are available. If you have not received your order or would like to order, please contact me. Barry Meyer's videographer, Don Hill, did a wonderful job capturing our best *Colors* yet!

Our annual billboard will be on display starting August 7, 2023 on Fairmount Avenue at MacDaniel Avenue. Thank you to professional photographer David Anderson for letting Studio use the amazing photograph he took of his daughter, *Studio alumna and instructor, Grace (Anderson) Gibbons.* Let your friends and family know this billboard is for the studio where you love to dance!

Thank you for choosing Studio Dance Conservatory, offering excellence in dance training and performance opportunities for over 16 years. We are excited to welcome everyone back, and for everyone to welcome our new students and staff into the Studio family. It will be wonderful to see what our Studio dancers will accomplish in 2023-24!

Sincerely,

Libby Nord
Artistic Director

STUDIO CLASS RECOMMENDATIONS (for returning students): _____

