

Steppin' Out Dance Centre
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Welcome

We would like to welcome you to Steppin' Out Dance Centre in our 28th season.

Our goal is to provide a dance education that is both fun and challenging for all ages. We offer classes from beginner through professional levels including streetfunk, jazz, modern and clogging performance teams.

Our emphasis is on making the learning process an enjoyable experience as we work towards our performance goals.

In addition to our annual show, each year we choose a local charity to raise money for and put on an informal Christmas party/show with performances by selected groups of dancers. Our show will be held on Sun, Dec 16th at Thornton Academy. Guest appearances to include Rudolph, Frosty, Mrs. Claus and even a visit from Santa! We also have a food drive at this time for a local food pantry and raffles to benefit a worthy cause.

Registration

We are now registering for our 2018-2019 season on Tues evenings from 5-7 pm or check our answering machine or website for additional hours. We also have an open house on Sun, August 12th from 3-5:00pm. Class sizes are limited so register early!

Due upon registering is a \$15.00 registration fee, first month's tuition (both non-refundable), and a \$60.00 costume fee per class registering for. Fall classes begin on September and continue through May. Two weeks of in-studio rehearsals will follow.

Annual Performance

We are pleased to announce that our annual show will be held at The Biddeford Middle school Auditorium. Our Afternoon show dress rehearsal will be held Thursday, June 13th and our Evening show dress rehearsal will be Friday, June 14th. Our matinee show will be held on Saturday, June 15th at 1:00 pm followed by our evening show at 6:30 pm.. Generally, the evening show consists of dancers 10 & up and the afternoon show of dancers 9 & under as well as some specialty numbers. However, please check the schedule as it is indicated on the left hand

corner which show that class is performing in (A – Afternoon & E – Evening). Tickets will be \$15.00 for reserved seating. Absolutely no refunds on tickets. All balances must be current in order to purchase annual performance tickets. The show will feature performances by faculty and students. Five, ten, fifteen, twenty & twenty five year trophies will be awarded during both shows.

Dance costumes are ordered in December from professional companies for our show. A fee of \$60.00 per costume is required at time of registration and is non-refundable after November 10th. Unless you specify a size by November 10th, your child will be measured and costume size will be determined accordingly. A \$10 late fee will automatically be applied if not paid by November 10th. Costume pictures will be posted in our lobby in January. Accounts must be current to receive costumes.

Professional photography services will be made available to students and scheduled in April-May, as well as professional video services at recital time.

Dancewear

In order to assure ease of movement in class, we require that proper dance attire be worn. This includes leotards and tights, tank tops, dance shorts or dance pants for all jazz, streetfunk, Irish step, and pre-school classes. Dance pants or shorts and t-shirts can be worn for all clogging and adult classes. Black leotards, skirts and pink tights must be worn for all ballet classes. Proper footwear is also required for all classes, as follows:

Creative Movement – white ballet slippers

Pre-Hip Hop-

Pre-Ballet – White Ballet Slippers

Ballet – pink ballet slippers

Jazz – tan jazz shoes

Streetfunk – black jazz shoes or dance sneakers

Tap – white tap shoes

Clogging – Black Clogging shoes

Irish Step – black Irish step shoes or black ballet shoes. Our dancewear shop, at the studio, stocks everything from trinkets to logo items and dancewear to dance shoes. Hours will be posted.

Tuition

All tuition is payable on a monthly basis and must be paid by the first class of each month. If unable to attend we request either mailing a check or dropping it by. We have a drop slot in the entrance of our lobby when paying by check. When paying cash, please keep your receipt as your record of payment.

Tuition is as follows:

30 minute class \$30.00/month

45 minute class \$35.00/month

1 hour class \$40.00/month

1 ¼ hour class \$45.00/month

There is a **\$10 late fee** automatically applied when tuition is not paid by the tenth of the month. This will be strictly enforced. A 20% family discount will be applied to any student or immediate family member taking 3 or more classes per week, provided payment is made by the first week of the month. Please do not ask for exceptions.

Holidays & Cancellations

We will be closed for the following holidays and vacations:

Halloween	Oct 31
Thanksgiving Break	Nov 21-24
Christmas Break	Dec 19 - Jan 1
Winter Break	Feb 18-23
Spring Break	Apr 15-20

Tuition is due in full each month regardless of holidays, school, or family vacations and absence from class. Your slot is being held for you whether you are in attendance or not and payment is expected. Students may make up classes in alternative classes, although we strongly discourage absence from class.

Please check your local news station for class cancellations due to inclement weather. Cancellations are also on the machine at the dance studio. Also, classes cancelled due to inclement weather will be rescheduled only if there is a second cancellation for that class.

Performance Teams

Our Performance Teams attend workshops and competitions and bring home many awards and trophies which are displayed throughout our lobby. We will keep you updated on their current accomplishments.

Please Read Your Newsletters!

The schedule of these events, as well as other pertinent information, is compiled in our monthly newsletters which can be found on our web site and are also sent home with students during the first week of every month. Please watch for these as they contain very important information.

Check Out Our Web Site & Facebook!

Check the site weekly for studio updates. This website along with our Facebook page will help ease communication and make all our studio & class information readily available. Like us on Facebook! Follow us on Instagram!