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# Welcome to **Studio 55 Dance!**

We are a family friendly dance studio offering quality dance education for Rockford and the surrounding communities. At Studio 55 Dance, we believe that FUN is the most important element in any successful dance program! In each class our students have a great time in a non-competitive atmosphere, while learning proper technique and terminology. The dance skills your child will learn while being involved at Studio 55 Dance are just a small part of their education. It is our mission to instill the highest level of dance training in an atmosphere that will encourage self esteem, confidence, and teamwork while building friendships that will last a lifetime. Our passionate staff strives to give each student the necessary tools to develop into a successful dancer.

We offer an array of classes for two educational levels; the recreational dancer who wishes to keep it simple or the competitive dancer looking for a higher level of training. Our recreational program is based on the fundamentals of Ballet, Tap, and Jazz. Dancers will also have the opportunity to learn additional styles such as; Lyrical, Hip Hop, Contemporary, and Pointe. Our talented instructors provide classes in a safe and professional environment for ages 18 months to 18 years.

Inside this booklet you will find our recreational class descriptions, tuition rates, class schedules, and a registration form. Please visit our website, <u>www.studio55dance.com</u>, to learn more about what our great studio and amazing staff has to offer. If you would like to be a part of the Studio 55 Dance family, please contact us. We would love to have you!

Thank you for considering us! The Staff of **Studio 55 Dance** 

## 2016-2017 Recreational Class Descriptions

#### **Creative Movement**

This class is designed to enhance gross motor development, listening skills, musicality, and nurture the creative spirit. 30 minute class, once a week, with one routine performed in the recital: Ballet

#### Preschool

Dancers will learn proper terminology to basic skills in Ballet and Tap. They will also participate in activities to teach coordination, direction following, and social skills.

45 minute class, once a week, with two routines performed in the recital: Ballet and Tap.

#### Kindergarten

This class will continue learning basic technique for ballet. Rhythm and coordination will be stressed to aid in the development of tap skills. Basic Jazz movements will also be introduced in this class. 1 hour class, once a week, with three routines performed in recital: Ballet, Tap and Jazz.

#### 1st-2nd Grade

Ballet, Tap, and Jazz technique will continue to be worked on. Proper body placement and terminology is taught in each style to help build confidence and poise.

1 hour class, once a week, with three routines performed in the recital: Ballet, Tap and Jazz.

#### 3rd-5th Grade

A higher level of difficulty in Ballet, Tap, and Jazz will continue to be worked on to benefit proper technique. Across the floor combinations and faster tempos will be introduced. Basic Lyrical and Hip Hop skills may be introduced into more advanced classes. 1 hour class, once a week, with three routines performed in the recital: Ballet/Lyrical, Tap and Jazz/Hip Hop.

#### 6th-8th Grade

Technique in the three basic styles is continued with expanding difficulty. Lyrical movements will be perfected to help with the dancers performance level. Dancers will also work on hip hop skills to build strength and endurance. 1 hour and 15 minute class, once a week, with three routines performed in the recital: Lyrical, Tap and Jazz/Hip Hop.

#### 9th-12th Grade

Dancers will master the fundamentals of Tap with increased emphasis on clarity and speed. Flexibility, strength, and endurance will be utilized to further their jazz technique. The style of contemporary will be introduced along with more difficult leaps and turns. 1 hour and 30 minute class, once a week, with three routines performed in the recital: Contemporary Lyrical, Tap, and Jazz.

#### **Boys Only**

Boys will learn skills in two forms of dance; jazz/hip hop and tap. Emphasis will be placed on coordination and rhythm. Boys will increase their flexibility, speed, and agility in a positive and energetic way. 45 minute class, once a week, with two routines performed in the recital: Tap and Jazz/Hip Hop.

#### 8 Week Session

8 week sessions are designed for students unable to commit to a full season at Studio 55 Dance. All classes are a combination of styles, which will consist of Ballet, Tap, and Jazz. Dancers can register at anytime between September 14, 2015 and March 1, 2016. Classes will begin the following week after registration. Please contact us for more information.

#### Pointe

Available to dancers at least 11 years of age and have had previous dance experience. Dancers will learn proper technique along with correct terminology and body placement used in Pointe training. Teacher approval is required. Please contact us for more information.

#### **Competition Teams**

Studio 55 Dance Competition Teams are available for dancers ages 5 and older, who wish to make a commitment to a competitive team in order to accept new challenges, try new things and more quickly progress in their skill sets. If you or your child is interested in a competitive team, please contact us for more information.

Instruction time per week	Discipline	Monthly Tuition Rate	Costume Fee
30 minutes	Creative Movement	\$38	\$50 (1 costume)
45 minutes	Ballet/Tap	\$41	\$100 (2 costumes)
1 hour	Ballet/Tap/Jazz	\$44	\$175 (3 costumes)
1 hour 15 minutes	Ballet/Tap/Jazz	\$47	\$175 (3 costumes)
1 hour 30 minutes	Ballet/Tap/Jazz	\$50	\$175 (3 costumes)

## **Registration Fee**

A non-refundable \$15 registration fee is due at the time of student registration. The second registered student within the same family will have a registration fee of \$10, and all additional students within the same family will have their registration fee waived.

#### <u>Tuition</u>

Tuition payments are due by the first of the month for that month's tuition. Payments not received by the first day of the month will incur a \$20.00 late fee. Additional late fees will be assessed to your account for every 30 days past due. Tuition paid in full for the 2016-2017 season as of September 12, 2016 will receive a 5% discount. No Refunds.

## Costume Fees

Students perform in recitals and/or competitions in costumes tailored to their dance and music. All costume fees include complete costume, tights and accessories. Costume fees are due no later than November 17, 2015 and payments received after that date shall incur a \$20.00 late fee. Additional late fees will be assessed to your account for every 30 days past due. Students must have all costume fees paid in full before they will receive their costumes.

## \*Refunds are not available for missed classes once the student has been registered.

#### \*Absolutely NO REUNDS at anytime.

\*Tuition payments are due by the first of the month for that month's tuition.

\*A \$30.00 returned check fee will be charged for each check that is returned by the bank for non-payment.

\*All boys in the recreational program are given a discount of 50% off the standard tuition rates.

## **Recreational Class General Information**

#### <u>Attire</u>

Students should be dressed BEFORE coming to class.

Girls – Leotards worn with tights are preferred. Tank top, t-shirts, shorts and skirts are also acceptable, NO baggy clothing. Hair must be pulled up and away from the face.

-Kindergarten and above will need pink ballet, tan tap and tan jazz shoes. Classes performing a lyrical routine in the recital will need the appropriate shoes.

-Preschool aged dancers are required to wear pink ballet and tan tap.

-Creative Movement dancers are required to wear pink ballet shoes.

Boys – Sweat pants, shorts, T-shirts, and tanks movable clothing.

-Boys will need black tap and black jazz shoes.

Please ensure that your dancer has the correct shoes for all styles of dance they will perform. All shoes can be ordered through Studio 55 Dance.

## Missed Classes/Attendance

The 2016-2017 dance season will start the week of Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> with recitals tentatively scheduled for June 2017. Attendance is very important, not only to each individual, but to the entire group. Please call the studio if your child be absent from class. Missed lessons can and should be made up in a class of the same age. Make-up classes are most beneficial to the student if completed the week immediately following the absence. Please call the studio to schedule a make-up time.

## Important Notes

All students will have a folder located in the lobby where you will find all information needed throughout the season such as; reminders, handbooks, and payment envelopes. PARENTS please check these weekly. All Monthly Newsletters will be sent via email, so make sure we have your current e-mail address to receive these announcements.

## <u>Recital</u>

Our annual recital will be held at Rockford High School in June. An exact date and time will be given at a later date. Dancers will also need to attend a full dress rehearsal to prepare for the Recital. All students are required to attend the rehearsal in order to perform in the recital.

## **Professional Pictures**

Professional pictures will be taken of your child during March or April. It is mandatory for all dancers to attend this event, as the pictures will be used in the recital program. You are not required to purchase any pictures however, they are a great memento of your child's dance season. More details will be available at a later date.

#### Practice Music

Dancers are strongly encouraged to practice their recital routines at home weekly to ensure that no one is falling behind. Music is a great practice tool for your child to use at home. If you would like to purchase a CD with your dancers edited music please fill out and return the form along with \$5.00.

## <u>Class Parties</u>

The students will have a Halloween party during their regular class time. Students may dress up in Halloween costumes and bring treats to share. We will also have a Christmas party during their regular class time and are also allowed to bring treats to share. Please consult your monthly newsletters for more information.

## Winter Weather Cancellations

We will cancel classes if school is canceled or dismissed early in the Rockford Area Schools due to poor weather. All class cancelations will be announced on our Facebook page, website, sent via e-mail, as well as the outgoing message on our voicemail will be changed.

## <u>Calendar</u>

First day of classes- September 12<sup>th</sup> MEA- October 20<sup>th</sup>-23<sup>rd</sup>-CLOSED Thanksgiving- November 24<sup>th</sup>-27<sup>th</sup>-CLOSED Christmas/New Years- December 21<sup>st</sup>-January 1<sup>st</sup>-CLOSED Spring Break- March 25<sup>th</sup>-April 2<sup>nd</sup>- TBD Recital- TBD (June 2017)

## **Studio Rules**

 All students and parents are to be respectful of others.
 Studio 55 Dance has a Zero tolerance policy for inappropriate or unacceptable behavior. Consequences could result in being removed from class.

 Class attendance and punctuality are a must!!

 All shoes and clothes should be marked with the dancer's name. Students are to bring their dance shoes into the class room. Each student is responsible for their personal belongings. Studio 55 Dance is not responsible for lost or stolen items.
 Students are to be dressed in dance wear before coming to class.

 Students should use the bathroom before class.
 No parents allowed in the studios during class time.
 Please throw away your trash and keep waiting area clean.
 Please do not leave children unattended in the waiting area. 10. Gum is not allowed in the studio!

## \*REGISTER\*

Mail in the registration form, or stop by the studio!! All registrations are on a first come - first serve basis! September 2016 lesson fees and the registration fee are due upon registration. These are non-refundable or transferable. When mailing in registration, please fill out form completely. You must fill in two class choices. A check for September lessons and registration fee must be included with the registration.

Make checks payable and mail to: Studio 55 Dance

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