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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, Jazz, and Creative Movement. Dancers will also have the opportunity to learn additional styles such as; Lyrical, Hip Hop, Contemporary, Pointe, Acro, and Musical Theatre. Our talented instructors provide classes in a safe and professional environment for ages 18 months to Adult.

Inside this booklet you will find our class descriptions, tuition rates, costume fees and a much more. Please visit our website, www.studio55dance.com, 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**



2019-2020 Class Descriptions

Creative Movement—18 to 36 months

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—3 to 5 years of age

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—5 to 6 years of age

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—6 to 8 years of age

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—8 to 11 years of age

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 and 15 minute class, once a week, with three routines performed in the recital: Ballet/Lyrical, Tap and Jazz/Hip Hop.

6th-8th Grade—11 to 14 years of age

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 30 minute class, once a week, with three routines performed in the recital: Lyrical, Tap and Jazz/Hip Hop.

9th-12th Grade—14 to 18 years of age

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 Hip Hop.

Adult Tap/Jazz

This class is designed for adults looking to step out of their comfort zone to learn a new ability and have fun while doing it! The basic technique of tap and jazz will be emphasized in this class. to 45 minute class, once a week, with 1-2 routines performed in the recital.

Elite Competition Team

Studio 55 Dance Competition Teams are available for dancers ages 4 and older, who wish to make a commitment to a competitive team and accept new challenges to develop a stronger skill set at a more advanced pace. If you or your child is interested in a competitive team, please contact us for more information.

2019-2020 Elective Class Descriptions

Pointe and Pre-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.

45 minute class, once a week, with one routine performed in the recital: Pointe/Ballet
Teacher approval is required. Please contact us for more information.

AcroDance*

AcroDance is a fusion of the artistic motion of dance and the athleticism of acrobatics.

Certified with Acrobatic Arts, this is a progression based syllabus program designed to promote excellence in flexibility, strength, balance, limbering, tumbling, basic contortion, and partner/group stunting for dancers.

45 minute or 1 hour class, once a week, with one routine performed in competition and recital.

Hip Hop*

A high-energy class that infuses the latest styles of street dancing, breaking, popping, and locking. This class will encourage students to step outside of the box by bringing their own individual style and personality to the movements.

45 minute class, once a week, with one routine performed in competition and recital.

Production*

A large group routine performed by dancers of varying ages. This routine can be performed in any style of dance and will be announced at a later date.

1 hour class, once a week, with one routine performed in competition and recital.

Flexibility and Skills

This class will focus on strengthening the dancers core strength, endurance, and flexibility both in the studio and at home. Added concentration on areas such as, gaining more height in jumps and more rotations in a turn will develop a stronger dancer. Ideal for dancers age 10 and above.

45 minute class, one a week, with no routine performed.

Dancer's must be registered in the appropriate grade level class before registering for an elective class. Elective classes are an additional class and not a core class that can be registered for by itself. Please contact the studio for appropriate level when registering.

*** Classes will perform in competitions and recital. Please contact the studio for more information.**

Instruction time per week	Class	Monthly Tuition Rate	Costume Fee
30 minutes	Creative Movement	\$40	\$60 (1 costume)
45 minutes	Preschool / Boys Only	\$43	\$125 (2 costumes)
1 hour	Kindergarten - 2nd Grade	\$46	\$200 (3 costumes)
1 hour 15 minutes	3rd-5th Grade	\$49	\$200 (3 costumes)
1 hour 30 minutes	6th-8th Grade / 9th-12th Grade	\$52	\$225 (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.

Tuition

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 all classes for the 2019-2020 season as of September 9, 2019 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 21, 2019 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.**

***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.**

***Absolutely NO REFUNDS at anytime.**

Recreational Class General Information

Attire

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 tank tops - movable clothing.

- Boys Only class dancers will need black tap shoes and clean sneakers for class. Hip Hop shoes will be provided with the costume.
- Preschool aged dancers will need black tap and black jazz shoes or black ballet shoes.
- Creative Movement dancers will need black ballet shoes or 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 2019-2020 dance season will start the week of Monday, September 9th with recitals tentatively scheduled for June 2020. Attendance is very important, not only to each individual, but to the entire group. Please call the studio if your child will 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.

DanceStudio-Pro / Newsletters

All families will be required to register a DanceStudio-Pro account. Invoicing, account balances, class registration, and online payments plus much more will be available through the Parent Portal. All Monthly Newsletters will be sent via email, so make sure we have your current e-mail address to receive these announcements.

Recital

All dancers will participate in a fully costumed and lighted production showcasing the year's accomplishments. The annual Recital will be held at a local auditorium and an exact date will be given at a later time (tentatively scheduled for June 2020). Dancers will also need to attend a full dress rehearsal to prepare for recital. All students are required to attend the rehearsal in order to perform in the recital. Students must have all account fees paid in full in order to participate in the recital.

Professional Pictures

Professional pictures will be taken of your child during April/May. 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.

Class Parties

Students will celebrate Halloween with a party during their regular class time. They may dress up in a costume and bring treats to share with their class. We will also have a Christmas party during your child's regular class time. Dancers are asked to bring a wrapped gift of \$5 or under to play a game with. You may also bring a treat to share with the entire class. Please consult your monthly newsletters for more information about these parties. These will be the only Holiday's celebrated with a party at the studio.

Dancers are welcome to bring a treat to class to celebrate their birthday with their classmates.

Winter Weather Cancellations

Studio 55 Dance will cancel classes if the Rockford Area School District is canceled, dismissed early, or evening activities cancelled due to poor weather. All class cancellations will be announced on our Facebook page, website, sent via email, as well as the outgoing message on our voice mail will be changed.

Fundraising

Several fundraising options will be available to all dancers. The purpose of fundraising is to help defray costs such as tuition and costume fees. Participation in all fundraising opportunities is completely optional. Profits earned will be credited towards each dancer's individual account. All profits earned have a no cash value and cannot be withdrawn from a dancer's account. Profits can be used towards a dancer's monthly tuition, costume fees, competition fees, studio apparel, recital tickets, summer class fees, or carried over to the 2020-2021 dance season.

Calendar

First day of classes- September 9th

MEA- October 17th-20th -CLOSED

Thanksgiving- November 28th-December 1st -CLOSED

Christmas/New Years- December 21st-January 5th -CLOSED

Spring Break- March 21st-March 29th -CLOSED

Memorial Day- May 25th -CLOSED

Recital- TBD (June 2020)

REGISTER

Mail in the registration form, or stop by the studio!! All registrations are on a first come - first serve basis! September 2019 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 the registration fee must be included with the registration form.

Make checks payable and mail to: **Studio 55 Dance**

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Registration may also be completed online at www.studio55dance.com