



NEWSLETTER

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Welcome

Hello Dance Attic dancers and parents! We hope you had a great summer! We are very excited about the upcoming year. We have an amazing staff and lots of new dancers! We can't wait to get started.

You are reading the monthly newsletter. You will receive a newsletter in your email each month. Please be sure to read the entire newsletter because it will contain important information that you don't want to miss. The newsletter will also be posted in the lobby and on the TDA website www.thedanceattic.com.

We are beginning our fall classes very soon. We will have a mandatory parent meeting the first 15 minutes of class to go over important information. (Students in groups A-G can take notes for your parents.) If you have questions please send an email to info@thedanceattic.com.

Please remember that the start of a new year can be a little hectic. The first few weeks of classes we are all trying to get organized, so please be patient. Remember that parents are not allowed in the classrooms unless invited by the instructor to observe. If you have questions or concerns a staff member will be at the front desk to help you. You can also send an email to info@thedanceattic.com.

Fall Classes

Classes begin Tuesday, September 8th. (Monday classes will have their first class on the 14th.) [Click here](#) for a weekly studio schedule for 2015-2016. You should have received an email with your personal class schedule. Please note that this schedule may have to be modified at the end of September depending on enrollment.

The Dance Attic offers a variety of dance styles for all ages. We want you to try new things and see if you like other dance styles. For the month of September you may take any extra classes that you would like to try as long as there is space available in the class. You can choose from Hip Hop, Lyrical, Acro, Technique, and much more! You must email so they can be added to your class schedule and you will pay tuition for them in September. At the end of the month, decide which ones you would like to keep. We will adjust your schedule and tuition for any classes that you drop. You will receive a credit for September for any extra trial classes that you drop. (This credit does not apply to core classes.) You only pay for the classes you keep so try everything! You may discover a new favorite dance style! You can read the class descriptions on our website.

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| 9/14 | Monday classes begin. Parent meeting first 15 minutes. Tuition due. |
| 9/21-9/24 | Bring a Friend week |
| 3/11-3/13 | Competition Star Talent, Louisburg |
| 6/6-6/12 | Recital Week (tentative) |



Staff

The Dance Attic has a very talented and accomplished staff. They are excited about the upcoming year and are ready to get started. You can read more about them on our [website](#).



Rachel Teem



Alyssa Hogan



Caitlyn Winters



Jennifer Barton



Becky Yeager Cox



Danielle Lang



Kaitlyn O'Connor



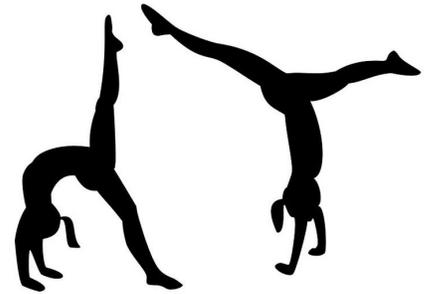
Samantha Tickle



Rachel Macholl

Acro

We are very excited about our Acro program this year. We have made some changes that we believe will make the program a great success for everyone! We have two new teachers, Kaitlyn O'Connor and Samantha Tickle. You can read more about their experience and accomplishments on our website. They are both excited to join the TDA team. We have changed the class to technique only. This means that the dancers will work on skills to help with their dance performance. There will not be a recital piece or costume for this class. This also gives us the flexibility to move dancers to different classes as they gain the needed skills for the next level. Thank you to all who came out this summer to be evaluated for placement. Your dancer was assessed on several skills and placed in the level that would best meet their needs. You should have gotten an email with your class schedule including your acro placement. If you did not receive an email or you have further questions, please send an email to info@thedanceattic.com.



Class Changes

We are busy working out the kinks in our weekly schedule for the fall. We have already made some changes due to enrollment. Some classes have been combined and others have been created. We have also shifted some times to accommodate teacher's schedules. Please [click here](#) to see the revised fall schedule. You should have received an email with your dancer's schedule. If you did not receive an email or you have questions, please send an email to info@thedanceattic.com. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we make adjustments to give our dancers the best learning experience possible!

Lost and Found

Dancers are always leaving things behind in the dressing room or lobby. If you lose something we would like for you to follow this procedure. First look in the lost and found in the dressing room. If you cannot find it there you may email the studio and ask if we can locate it. If we are unsuccessful, we will put a note on the bulletin board in the lobby for one week asking other dancers to look for the item.. Please do not ask us to send out an email to the entire studio to locate lost things. Too many things get lost daily for us to be able to do that. Thank you for your cooperation.

Tuition

Tuition is due on the 1st of each month and is late after the 7th. You will receive an email before classes start with a detailed class schedule and tuition total. You may pay your tuition with cash or check at the studio. If you pay with cash, put it in an envelope and write on the outside the dancer's name and the amount enclosed. If you pay with a check no envelope is needed, simply write the dancer's name in the memo line. Both of these should be placed in the locked drop box in the lobby. Another way to ensure that your tuition is paid in a timely manner is to set up a bill payment through your financial institution. Your bank would send the payment to TDA for you! We do accept PayPal as well, but please note that here is a 4% upcharge on all PayPal payments. (Please send an email before choosing this payment option so your account will be charged accurately.) If your tuition is not paid, we will be employing a collection agency to collect the payments. We regret that we have to do this, but we have had a high volume of unpaid and extremely late tuition payments in the past. We want everyone to be able to dance, but in the end this is a business with expenses of its own that rely on your tuition to be paid! Thanks for your understanding and attention to this matter!

Bring a Friend!

Our fall Bring-a-Friend week will be September 21st-24th. All dancers are encouraged to bring a friend with them to class. This is a great time to introduce your friends to dance and our studio. They get to come and try a class for free and we would love for them to register if we have space available in an appropriate class! If your friend registers for classes, you will receive \$15 off October's tuition! Friends must have a signed consent form to participate. You can get a copy of the form at the studio or download one from our website. Let's all go out and tell everyone how much we love the Dance Attic!



Dancewear

It's always exciting to start a new year and get new dance clothes and shoes! It's important to know what you need before heading out to the dance shop.

Please [click here](#) for the dress code and a list of the shoe styles needed for each class. Please note that you do not need shoes for jazz or lyrical at this time. We may ask you to purchase shoes at a later time, but for now we will dance in bare feet! (Saves a little money!)

Combo Tap classes need tan mary-jane style tap shoes. All other Tap classes should purchase black Bloch "Respect" tap shoes. Other similar styles with a hard sole are also acceptable. (We do not want the flexible split sole type.) If anyone is interested in the heavier professional tap shoes, please let Rachel Teem know. We may be able to order them if there is enough interest.

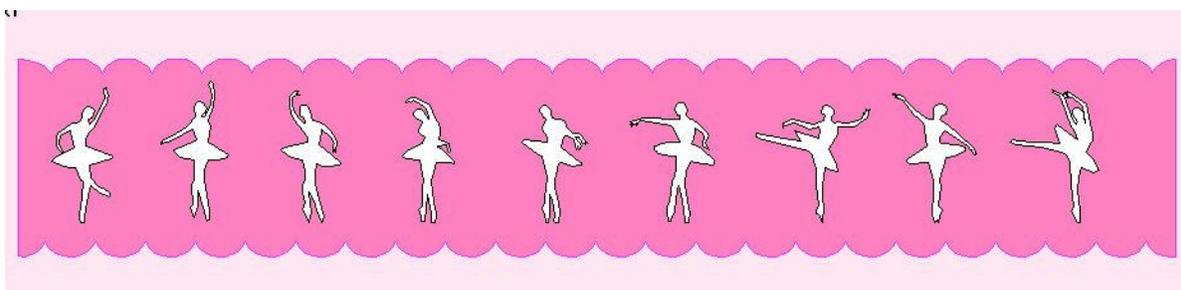
We are excited about our adult Tap class. This is a technique only class with no performance or recital piece. Any flat tap shoes would be fine (no heels). This way you can get inexpensive shoes and join the fun. The class meets on Mondays from 6:45-7:30pm. Email if you are interested!

Dancers in pointe and pre-pointe should have already been to a fitting for your pointe shoes. Please email the studio if you do not have shoes and need help. Dancers need to bring a needle, thread, and scissors to class the first night to learn how to sew the ribbons properly..

All Hip Hop dancers need sneakers for class. Any style will be fine for class. Your instructor will let you know later in the year what type you will need for performance at competition and recital.

All Acro students should wear leotards and booty shorts to class. No t-shirts or baggy shorts please. The instructors need to be able to see your form and keep you safe.

There are several dance shops in the area that carry the dance shoes. Dance Etc. is located in north Raleigh on Old Wake Forest Road. The Dancer's Closet (formerly the Dance Exchange) is a dance consignment shop in Wendell. There are also some good websites that we can recommend. If you would like to wait until after the first meeting to get shoes that will be fine.



Master Class Sign-up

We are excited to be able to offer several different types of master classes throughout the year. It is very important that you sign up in advance for these classes.

Dancers who sign up and pay for classes by the posted deadline will receive a discounted rate for the class. The rate will go up for those who wait until the day of the class. Also, you will not be guaranteed a spot in the class if you wait. These classes fill up and we want to limit class size to make sure that everyone is getting quality instruction.

The procedure for all master classes will be as follows: Sign up on the sign up sheet in the lobby by the posted deadline. Place a check in the lock box with "master class" in the memo line for the posted discounted rate for the class. (All dancers who sign up will be expected to pay for the class even if you do not attend. Any who sign up and don't pay will receive a charge on your next statement.) If you wait until after the deadline the rate will go up and you will not be guaranteed a spot in the class.

Master Class-Alissa Heroux-9/11

The Dance Attic is pleased to welcome Alissa Heroux to teach a contemporary master class on Friday, September 11th. Alissa is from Raleigh, NC and is a Dance Performance major at East Carolina University. She has danced since the age of 5 and has danced competitively for 10 years. She performed in ECU's main stage show Dance 2014 and showcased two pieces for Dance 2015. Last summer she trained with Inaside Dance Chicago on scholarship. She hopes to join a contemporary dance company after graduation. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door if space is available. The class schedule is as follows:

4:30-5:30 Groups D-G
5:30-6:30 Groups A-C
6:30-7:30 Combo 7-10
7:30-8:15 Combo 1-6



Alissa Heroux



Jeremy Schmitt

Master Class-Jeremy Schmitt-9/25

The Dance Attic is pleased to welcome Jeremy Schmitt to teach an acro master class on Friday, September 25th. Coach Jeremy was born and raised in the gymnastics world. When he stopped competing gymnastics, he began his gymnastics coaching career. He has coached at The Tumble Gym, Raleigh School of Gymnastics, and Nick's Flippin Kids. He has also been an annual working coach at FlipFest Gymnastics Summer Camp. Jeremy and his wife Mariah are the owners/operators of Tri-County Gymnastics in Youngsville, NC. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door if space is available. The class schedule is as follows:

4:30-5:30 Acro 3 & 6
5:30-6:30 Acro 4 & 5
6:30-7:30 Acro 1 & 2

Important Info and Reminders

- The 2015-2016 calendar will be sent to you as soon as it is available. It will also be posted in the lobby and on the website. Please note important dates.
- Always check the bulletin board and the website for important information including the monthly newsletter. Announcements are posted on the door as well.
- Write your dancer's name on all dance gear (shoes, bag, jacket, etc.). If something is lost the "lost and found" is located in dressing room 1. All items will be donated to Goodwill in January and June.
- We still have a few spots available for little dancers ages 3-5 (preschool age). If you know anyone that would be interested, send them to the Dance Attic!
- The Dance Attic website is a very helpful resource for knowing what is happening at the studio! We are also on Facebook! Check both often for upcoming events, pictures, and much more!
- Just a reminder that cell phones are not permitted in class. Please leave them zipped up in your dance bags.
- Please do not chew gum at the studio. If you have gum, please make sure you dispose of it properly in the trash can.
- T-shirts will be distributed the 1st or 2nd week of class. Please put your child's name inside their shirt when you get it.

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