



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 will receive a newsletter like this 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.

Fall classes will begin very soon. We will have a mandatory parent meeting the first 15 minutes of class to go over important information. **All combo students should come at 4:30 the first day even if you don't take tap.** (Students in groups A-H 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 3rd. (Monday classes will have their first class on the 9th.) [Click here](#) for a weekly studio schedule for 2019-2020. 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, Pom 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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Important Dates

9/3 Classes begin.
Parent meeting first
15 minutes. Tuition
due

9/9 Monday classes
begin. Parent
meeting first 15
minutes. Tuition
due.

9/16- Bring a Friend
9/19 week

3/6- Competition
3/8 Star Talent,
Louisburg

6/15- Recital Weekend
6/14 (tentative)

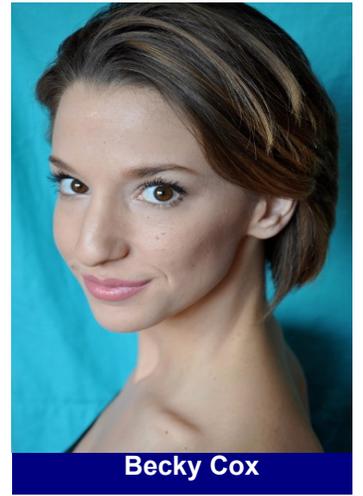


Staff

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](#).



Hallie Hoy



Becky Cox



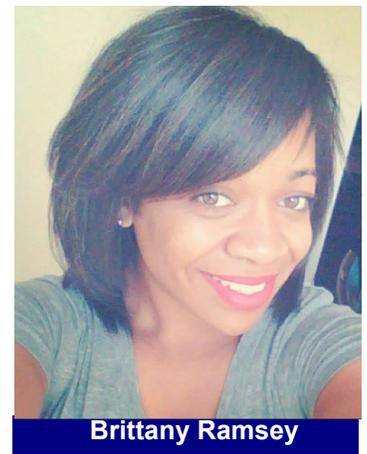
Jessica Navarrette



Ariana Cruz



Heather Hoy



Brittany Ramsey



Ryan McMullen



Rachel Macholl



Emily Wayne

Fall Schedule

You will be receiving an email with your dancer's fall schedule very soon. It is very important that you carefully review the schedule and email with any corrections. There have been some changes to the weekly schedule due to enrollment and teacher schedules, so make sure you note the days and times of each class. If everything looks good you do not need to do anything. If you would like to make changes, send an email and let us know what changes you would like to make. Please email changes by Thursday, August 15th. We will then process all of the requests and send out tuition statements. Please send in changes before the tuition is added as it becomes more difficult to change once the tuition has been calculated.

Understanding Your Monthly Statement

Each month you will receive a statement of your account at The Dance Attic. Your statement will provide detailed information about charges and payments that have been posted to your account. You will get an email that gives an overview and a balance on your account and the detailed statement will be attached. You will need to open the attachment to view the full statement. The statement has three columns. The first column titled Tuition, will show regular monthly tuition charges and payments. The second column titled Company, shows charges and payments for company members. The third column titled Other, is for other charges and payments such as master classes, extra costume pieces, competition fees, etc. The Total Due is the total of all three columns. If the total is inside of parentheses, it is a credit balance. Please see the examples below. The images become sharper if you zoom in.

The image shows three examples of monthly statements with callouts explaining different components:

- Posted Payment:** Points to a payment of 125.00 in the Tuition column.
- Amount Owed:** Points to a total due of 187.50.
- Company Charges:** Points to a registration fee of 40.00 in the Other column.
- Credit Balance:** Points to a total due of (12.50) in parentheses.
- Current Account:** Points to a total due of 0.00.

Example 1: Amount Owed

	Tuition	Company	Other
Balance at 08-01-16	0.00	0.00	0.00
08-01-16 Chrg Registration Fee			40.00
08-02-16 Pmt 1234			(40.00)
08-03-16 Chrg September Tuition	125.00		
08-03-16 Chrg 1/2 June Tuition	62.50		
Balances at 08-18-16	187.50	0.00	0.00
Total Due:			187.50

Example 2: Credit Balance

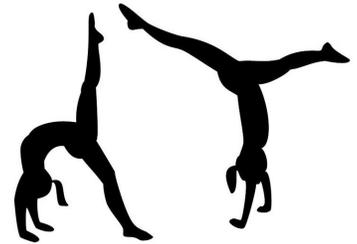
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08-01-16 Chrg Registration Fee			40.00
08-02-16 Pmt 1234			(40.00)
08-03-16 Chrg September Tuition	125.00		
08-03-16 Chrg 1/2 June Tuition	62.50		
08-05-16 Pmt CASH Tuition	(200.00)		
08-06-16 Chrg Company Invite Fee		100.00	
08-18-16 Pmt 1235 Company Invite Fee		(100.00)	
Balances at 08-18-16	(12.50)	0.00	0.00
Total Due:			(12.50)

Example 3: Current Account

	Tuition	Company	Other
Balance at 08-01-16	0.00	0.00	0.00
08-01-16 Chrg Registration Fee			40.00
08-02-16 Pmt 1234			(40.00)
08-03-16 Chrg September Tuition	125.00		
08-03-16 Chrg 1/2 June Tuition	62.50		
08-04-16 Pmt CASH Tuition	(187.50)		
Balances at 08-18-16	0.00	0.00	0.00
Total Due:			0.00

Acro and Choreography

We are very excited about our Acro and Choreography classes this year. Acro will be 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. There will also be only intermediate/advanced levels offered. We are super excited about our new Choreography class for middle & high school students. Students will gain insight on what it takes to choreograph, teach, and make a career out of dance. Students will make dance resumes, choreograph different styles, make dance films and much more. We are so excited to be offering a class like this and hope dancers take advantage of the opportunity to gain this perspective! If you would like to add either of these classes to your schedule please email.



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. Here are some changes to note. Pom has been cancelled due to enrollment, Groups A and B have been combined for Ballet and Jazz. Times remain the same. Group E will join Group C for Lyrical and Technique. Those classes will be Thursdays from 6:30-8:30. Group C Ballet and Jazz will now meet on Tuesday from 6:30-8:30. The Choreography class will be for Middle and High School only and will meet on Tuesday from 4:30-5:30. A new age 4/5 class (group e) has been added on Tuesday 6:30-7:30p. Please check your class schedule carefully. 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. This is not something that we do for you, you would have to set it up yourself. Your bank would send the payment to TDA for you! Just use your dancer's full name as the account number and the address: The Dance Attic, 1241 South Main St. Suite 10, Wake Forest, NC 27587. If your tuition is not paid by the 7th there will be a \$25 late fee applied. If it is still 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 16th-19th. 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 [click here](#) to 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!)

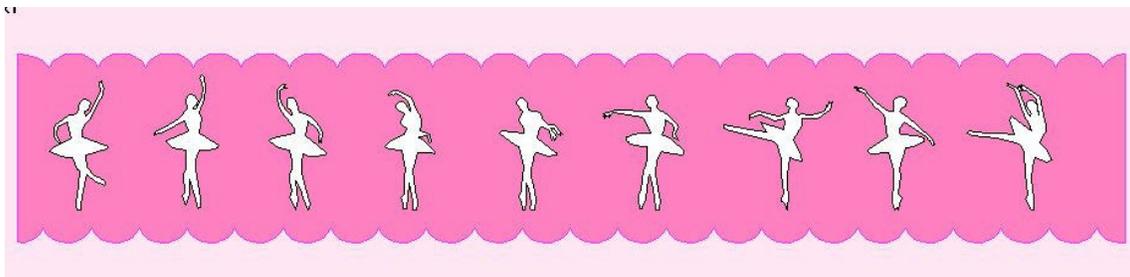
Combo Tap classes need tan mary-jane style tap shoes. All other Tap classes should purchase black Bloch "Respect" tap shoes. Other similar styles with a hard sole are also acceptable. (We do not want the flexible split sole type.) If anyone is interested in the heavier professional tap shoes, please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

Dancers in pointe and pre-pointe should attend pointe class the first week of class with their ballet shoes. We have scheduled a pointe shoe fitting just for Dance Attic dancers at Dance Etc. on Friday, September 13th. Please sign up with your ballet teacher for a time slot if you need to be fitted for pointe shoes. More details will be sent out in a later email.

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 on 401 in Raleigh. 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.



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 pay \$10 for the class. The rate will be \$15 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 for \$10 in the lock box with "master class" in the memo line (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 \$15 charge on your next statement.) If you wait until after the deadline the rate will be \$15 and you will not be guaranteed a spot in the class.

Master Class-Kennedy Hill-9/7

The Dance Attic is pleased to welcome Kennedy Hill to teach a Hip Hop master class on Saturday, September 7th. Kennedy began her training at Katura Dance Academy in Greenville, North Carolina. She is a recent graduate of East Carolina University's School of Theatre and Dance where she received her BFA in Dance Education. Kennedy has trained in ballet, jazz, and modern & enjoys teaching hip-hop, contemporary and conditioning. Kennedy has completed summer training at Debbie Allen Dance Academy in Los Angeles, California and the Alvin Ailey Summer Intensive in New York City. She has had the opportunity to perform in major cities such as Atlanta and Chicago but most importantly enjoys working and serving her community to create learning experiences through the art of dance.

The cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door if space is available. The class schedule is as follows:

9:00am-10:00am Combo 7-11
10:00am-11:00am Groups A-D
11:00am-12:00pm Groups E-H



Master Class-Ryan McMullen 9/21

The Dance Attic is pleased to welcome Ryan McMullen to teach a Hip Hop master class on Saturday, September 21st. Ryan is the Director of Dance at Louisburg College, and the Artistic Director of Louisburg Dance Company. He received his B.A. in Dance from Slippery Rock University where he was awarded: *The Excellence in Performance Award* and *The Excellence in Choreography Award*. Ryan received his Master of Fine Arts degree in Performance and Choreography from Florida State University, where he was a three-time recipient of *the Provost Men's Performance Scholarship*. Ryan's work has been presented at Koresh Dance Company's *Come Together Festival*, Slippery Rock University, and many others

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A Sad Farewell

This note is to announce that we (myself, my staff, families and students) will surely miss the Bohannon family as they will be starting a new adventure in Wisconsin.

The Bohannon family has been a part of our Dance Attic family for 17 years, that is more than half of the years I have been in business! So to say they will be missed is an understatement. Their oldest daughter, Rachel started dancing with us when she was 3 and is now 21. Their daughter Rebecca (Becca) started dancing with us when she was just 18 months old.

Rachel-She is majoring in dance at Appalachian and will hopefully be joining the TDA staff in December 2019. Also, she will be getting married in April, 2020 when Ms. Wanda will be her wedding director. *Thank you Rachel* for your years of commitment to our studio as a student, assistant, choreographer and hopeful staff member in the near future. Best of luck to you

Becca-She will hopefully find a wonderful theater program in Wisconsin, as she is quite a talented performer on stage. *Thank you Becca* for so many years performing at our studio and sharing your love for performing with us. We look forward to hearing about your new adventures in Wisconsin.

Mark-Mark is taking on a new job which is a blessing in disguise as this is a dream job for him. Mark has been my computer guy and website coordinator and I will truly miss his expertise. *Thank you Mark* for not only being so willing to help with my technical side of the business but for truly giving your guidance, striving to make our studio better. We wish you luck in your new job and will miss your positive presence.

Jennifer-The community in Wisconsin really has no idea how blessed they are to have her. I know how blessed I am and honestly we really don't know how we're going to do it without her. She has helped me with The Dance Attic for 15 wonderful years! In the past 5 years she's been a truly instrumental part of our studio's success as she has helped me with the newsletter, logging in new students, entered tuition checks, helped me order online, helped with the recital program & recital, rosters for teachers, answer questions at the desk...honestly the list goes on and on. *Thank you Jennifer* for all your help and most of all for you



Staff Transition

We are happy to welcome Melissa Austin to our staff for the new year. Melissa has been a part of the Dance Attic family for quite a while as her daughter Merritt is a dancer, but we are excited to bring her on as part of our staff. Melissa will be working at the front desk and answering questions. She will be doing many of the things that Jennifer did at the studio. In addition, Jennifer will be working remotely to enter data for all of the student accounts. There will definitely be a learning curve in this transition as we figure out the best way to do things. Please be patient and understanding as we learn together and make this transition as smooth as possible. We will try to answer all of your question and concerns in a timely manner, but just remember that we are all learning a new normal! Welcome Melissa and encourage her in her new role.



Vote

Each year the Wake Weekly gives the community the opportunity to vote for their favorite restaurants, shops, activities, and much more. The winners are honored at a banquet and given the title the Best of the Best. We are asking everyone to vote! Use the link to go to the ballot and submit your votes for your favorite restaurants, shops, and most importantly dance studio! [Click here](#) to get started and scroll down to put the Dance Attic as the best dance studio. Voting ends August 19th so don't wait! Make sure to get your vote in soon!

Important Info and Reminders

- Combo classes 1-8 (the combo classes that meet Monday-Wednesday) will begin in studio 3 the first month of classes and the instructors will divide them for class. You will receive their room assignment by October 1st so you will know where they begin class for the rest of the year. Their combo number may change at that time as well, but they will still be on the same day at the same time. Thanks for your patience!
- The 2019-2020 calendar is 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 electronic devices (cell phones, apple watches, ipads, etc.) 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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