

The Dance Attic NEWSLETTER

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Just a Note...

Hello Dance Attic dancers and parents! We are off to a great start and everyone seems to be having a great time! Thank you for your patience during the first month.

Please continue to be patient as we work out the kinks in the schedule and start to settle into a routine in the next month. There may still be some changes in schedules due to class size and other factors. We will be making decisions and finalizing the schedule in the next couple of weeks. We will be keeping you informed regarding specific changes and updates so make sure that you read all emails in the coming weeks! Keep up the good work and we look forward to another great month!



Observation

We all want to watch our dancers to see what they are learning and how they are doing in class, however it can be very distracting. When we peek into the class, the dancers lose their focus and then the instructor has to spend time getting them back on track. With this in mind, we ask that you not enter the classroom unless you are invited in by the instructor.

Because we know that you are curious and want to know what's going on, the instructor will invite you in from time to time to see a special combination or demonstration. If the instructor raises the blinds, that is also an indication that you are welcome to observe at the window.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation regarding this policy. We want our dancers to have the best experience possible!

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Important Dates

- 10/1 Tuition due.
- 10/28- Fall Fun Party
- 10/30 Wear costumes
- 10/31 Dance Attic closed
Happy Halloween!
- 10/5 Master Class-
Ballet with
Kai Hinkey
- 10/19 Master Class-
Contemporary with
Emily Wayne
- 12/7 Wake Forest
Christmas Parade
- 3/6- Competition
- 3/8 Star Talent,
Louisburg
- 6/12- Recital Weekend
- 6/14

Class Changes

Thank you for your support and cooperation as we continue to work out the kinks in our schedule. We have a few changes to make you aware of and there may be a few more based on enrollment and other factors. We want to make sure that we are providing the best experience for all of our dancers.

-The Choreography class has been cancelled due to low enrollment. The Pointe class on Wednesday at 3:45 has been cancelled and those dancers have been moved to another class.

-We have shifted some classes around in the studio. The times are still the same, but you may be going into a different room. If you are not sure where to go ask at the front desk and we will get you to the right place.

We appreciate your patience! We should have it all worked out within this next month and the rest of the year will run more smoothly. [Click here](#) to see a revised schedule.

Policies

The year is off to a good start. To ensure that everything continues to run smoothly and your children stay safe, we wanted to make you aware of a few important policies.

It is important for all dancers to be on their best behavior and listen to the instructor, not only so that they can learn, but also for their safety and the safety of the other students. If a dancer is not cooperating we will follow this procedure. First, the student will get a warning. Secondly, if the behavior does not change, the student will be asked to sit out of class. Finally, if the behavior persists, we will call home.

It is important that you pick your dancer up promptly. Our classes continue one right after the other and the teachers need to be in their next class. We will not let children in combo classes or creative movement classes leave the lobby without an adult, so you must come in to get them. If you are late there will be a fee of \$5 after the first 15 minutes and \$1 for every minute after that.

All dancers who are waiting to be picked up should remain inside the studio. Older dancers may wait under the awning just outside the door. Please do not walk around the parking lot and building. It is not safe to walk around the back of the building and we do not want students just hanging out in the parking lot. You may pull up to the walkway and your dancer can walk out.

When you drive into the parking lot, please keep in mind that there are children all around. There are several businesses that cater to children and we want to make sure everyone is safe. Please drive slowly and carefully when entering and exiting the parking lot.

Please be sure to read all of our policies and procedures on our [website](#).

Class Placement

At the Dance Attic we do our best to make sure every dancer is receiving the proper level of instruction based on their skills and age. We want to make sure that our dancers are challenged, but not overwhelmed, and that they are enjoying their classes. With this in mind the staff at TDA has assigned each dancer to the class that they feel is best for them. Many of you have voiced concerns about the placement of your dancers. We want you to know that we hear your concerns and have not taken lightly the placement of your dancers. The staff sat down and discussed each student and placed them in the class that they feel will best suit their needs in each dance style. For older dancers who take separate classes for each style, this means that you could be in classes with different people for each style. Several factors are considered like skill level and how well the dancers work together. Please always remember the staff at TDA wants to see your child thrive and succeed just as much as you do!



Dress Code

There are lots of different styles and fashions for our dancers, and while we encourage you to express your own style it is important that you dress appropriately for class. You must have the appropriate clothes and shoes by October 10th. Your dance instructors will begin enforcing the dress code after this date!

Leotards and tights must be worn for all ballet classes. We want to see your body lines clearly. Boys may wear shorts and a t-shirt, but not too loose-fitting. Ballet shoes must be worn with the strings tucked into the toe.

A leotard with booty shorts must be worn to acro classes. No loose fitting clothing is allowed. We want to see your lines as well as keep you safe.

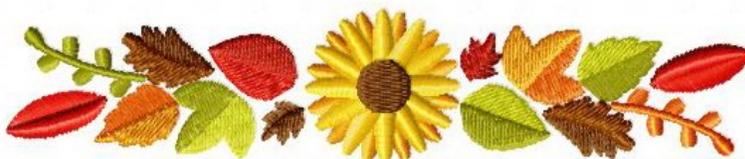
You may add shorts or pants and a tight fitting shirt for other styles of dance, just make sure that you can move freely. Appropriate shoes should be worn for each style. If you do not know what kind of shoes you need, ask your instructor. You may also [click here](#) to see a list of shoes for each class on our website. (If you have dance shoes that are the wrong color or style, it is fine to wear them until you outgrow them or they wear out. Just purchase the correct color/style when you buy new ones and for competition or recital.)

Your hair must be up and pulled back out of your face (pin back long bangs) for all classes! A bun is preferred for ballet and required for groups A-G. Your bun should be secured with bobby pins and a hair net. If your hair is short, make sure that it is pinned back out of your face.

Older dancers should remember that there are a lot of little dancers looking up to you. Make sure that you are being a good role model in your dress and your attitude!

Tuition Reminder

Please remember that tuition is due the first of the month and late after the 7th. Beginning in October, the \$25 late fee will be added if you have not paid by the 7th. (We added the late fee in September after the 15th since some of the classes started after the 7th of the month.) Also you should receive a statement at the beginning of the month. If you are not receiving statements please let us know so that we can update your account. You will also receive an updated statement in the middle of the month after tuition payments have been posted. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



Upcoming Events

•We will be having a fall celebration Monday, October 28th-Wednesday, October 30th. All Creative Movement and Combo classes are invited to wear your favorite costume to class this week and get ready to perform! Each group will perform a special dance for parents at the end of class. Bring your cameras and video recorders and get ready for some fun! (Please note that A-H classes should NOT wear costumes to class and will have their normal classes.) The Dance Attic will be closed Thursday, October 31st for Halloween. Enjoy the holiday.



Merry.
Christmas

•Our studio will be participating in the Wake Forest Christmas parade on Saturday, December 7th. We will be selling yellow bows for your hair beginning in mid-November. (Signs will be posted when the bows are available.) More information will be coming in the next newsletter with specific details on what to wear and where to meet. Go ahead and get the date on your calendars!

Combo Class Update

We have taken the month of September to observe our combo classes to make sure all of our dancers are in the right classes and are getting the instruction that they need. Now that we have it all worked out, we would like for you to know exactly where your dancers will be for class so you can know where to drop them off and where to pick them up. You should have received an email with your updated class schedule showing your combo number. (It was at the bottom of your October Statement. You must open the attachment and scroll down to see it.) Please read carefully for your dancer's combo class. The first column in the table shows the class number, the second column is where they will be dropped off for dance class and the last column is where you will go to pick them up. If they are in any extra classes you can see those class locations listed as well. If you have any questions, please see a staff person at the front desk for assistance.

MONDAY (Ari/Emily)

CLASS NAME	DROP-OFF		PICK-UP
Combo 1	Tap Studio 1 4:30-5:00	Jazz Studio 1 5:00-5:30	Ballet Studio 1 5:30-6:00
Combo 2	Tap Studio 2 4:30-5:00	Ballet Studio 2 5:00-5:30	Jazz Studio 3 5:30-6:00
Combo 3	Tap Studio 3 4:30-5:00	Jazz Studio 3 5:00-5:30	Ballet Studio 2 5:30-6:00
Combo Hip Hop 1-3			Studio 1 6:00-6:30
Combo Tech/Lyrical	Technique Studio 5 4:30-5:15		Lyrical Studio 4 5:15-6:00
Combo Lyrical/Tech	Lyrical Studio 4 4:30-5:15		Tech Studio 5 5:15-6:00

TUESDAY (Ari/Becky)

CLASS NAME	DROP-OFF		PICK-UP
Combo 5	Tap Studio 1 4:30-5:00	Jazz Studio 1 5:00-5:45	Ballet Studio 2 5:45-6:30
Combo 6	Tap Studio 2 4:30-5:00	Ballet Studio 2 5:00-5:45	Jazz Studio 1 5:45-6:30
Combo Hip Hop 5-6			Studio 2 6:30-7:15

WEDNESDAY (Ari/Elisa)

CLASS NAME	DROP-OFF		PICK-UP
Combo 7	Tap Studio 1 4:30-5:00	Ballet Studio 1 5:00-5:45	Jazz Studio 2 5:45-6:30
Combo 8	Tap Studio 2 4:30-5:00	Jazz Studio 2 5:00-5:45	Ballet Studio 1 5:45-6:30
Combo Hip Hop 7-8			Studio 2 6:30-7:15



Dancer of the Month

The Dance Attic is excited to continue our Dancer of the Month award program this year! Each month we will be choosing four dancers from all age groups to be the Dancers of the Month. These dancers are chosen based on their attitude and effort. These students have shown their instructors that they are hard workers with a good positive attitude.

Each Dancer of the Month will get a sign to display in their front yard stating that they are the Dance Attic's dancer of the month. You will be able to keep the sign for one month so that all of your neighbors can see it! This is great recognition for our dancers as well as getting the word out about our studio!

You will receive your sign the first week of the month and return it the last week of the month. When you return your sign you will receive \$10 off your next month's tuition!

Congratulations to our September recipients! We are so proud of you!

Lillian Artis

Kendall Cobb

Sydney Goodwin

Sage Backstrom

Communication

Please note the following regarding communication at the studio:

-Please send an email when you are going to be absent. When sending the email be sure to include your dancer's name, the day and time of the class that they will be missing, and the instructor's name. This way it is easy for us to get the information to the correct instructor.

-We do not send out emails to our mailing list for individuals. This includes emails for advertisements, missing items, announcements, etc. Our mailing list is reserved for Dance Attic business only.

-Please do NOT send text messages to the staff. If you have questions or want to let us know that you are going to be absent please send an email to info@thedanceattic.com. This email is checked several times a day so you don't have to worry that your message will not be received in a timely manner. This will help us to keep a record of your requests and absences as well as giving our staff their much deserved off time. Our staff have been receiving a lot of text messages and should not have to deal with these during their personal time. Please be respectful of this.

-Everyone will get a second statement in the middle of each month. Late fees will be posted on this statement. If your balance is less than \$40, you will not be charged a late fee. This statement just serves as a reminder for those who have not paid their tuition and as a receipt for those who have paid. There will be a reminder message on every statement that tuition is past due. This is just a generic message and does not apply to you if you have paid your tuition.

TDA Merchandise

The Dance Attic hoodies will be available to order this year! There will also be other fun items like visors and backpacks all with TDA's logo! When you see the items displayed in the lobby, that means it's time to order. To order you will need to stop by the front desk and put your name on the sign up sheet. We will add the charge to your account and you will pay with your next invoice. Prices are to be determined and will be displayed with the merchandise in the lobby. We also have yellow t-shirts for sale for \$10. Come to the front desk to purchase. T-shirts can be taken immediately. All other purchases will be available for pickup no later than December 15th. (Everything must be paid in full to pick up.) These make great Christmas gifts! We only do this every other year so go ahead and order!



Best of the Best!

Every year the Wake Weekly sponsors a contest to find all of the best things in our area. The winners are chosen through an online voting process. Thank you to everyone who took the time to vote. Because of your votes The Dance Attic is one of the top three finalists! There are many dance studios in the area competing for this title and we are thrilled to be a finalist! We will find out the winner at the Best of the Best Banquet on October 3rd. Thank you for your support and keep your fingers crossed!

Notes from the Staff

-During the month of October groups a-e (3-5 year olds) and Combo 1-6 (Mon and Tues) will have fun themes. October 14-17 is spooky sock week. Wear fun spooky socks to class. October 23-26 is Boo Bun week. Wear a bun to class and we will do the rest! October 28-30 is costume week. Wear a fun costume to class. October 31 TDA will be closed!

-Thursday's Pointe class lasts until 9:15pm. Please mark in your calendars.

-Hip Hop- All dancers should wear sneakers to Hip Hop. Any type is fine for now. We will let you know a specific style for performances at a later time.

-From Ms. Hallie – Please dress for dance success!!! Wear appropriate dance attire with no jewelry and hair secure! Thanks!

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-Kai Hinkey-10/5

The Dance Attic is pleased to welcome Kai Hinkey to teach a Ballet master class on Saturday, October 5th. Originally from Philadelphia, Kai is a Magna Cum Laude graduate from Rowan University with a BA in Speech/Theater/Dance. Kai was an adjunct professor of dance education at Rowan University, implemented dance programs for the public school systems with New Jersey School of the Arts and Rowan University, and taught ballet at the Gloucester County Ballet School. In 1998, Kai moved to Denver where she danced for the Hannah Kahn Dance Company and the Off-Center Dance Collective. She continued to teach for state arts programs in Colorado and for several dance/theater studios. For the past ten years, Kai has continued to teach and to perform in San Jose and Raleigh winning numerous awards for her choreography as well as high scores at regional and national dance competitions. 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 7-10
10:00am-11:00am Groups A-D
11:00am-12:00pm Groups E-H



Kai Hinkey

Master Class-Emily Wayne-10/19

The Dance Attic is pleased to welcome Emily Wayne to teach a Contemporary master class on Saturday, October 19. Emily started dancing at the age of 2 wanting to follow in the footsteps of her own mother. Growing up in North Myrtle Beach, SC she was able to train with many dancers who came through town. Her main training came from her mother's studio. Emily has also trained with the Joffrey ballet as well as SC's Governor School. In 2012 Emily became a national title holder, America's Miss Dance which expanded her interests into the pageant world. Emily is trained in all 3 ballet methods Balanchine, Cecchetti, and Vaganova. She grew up in the competition world winning a lot of first place awards as well as choreography awards. The cost is \$10 in advance and \$15 at the door if space is available. The class schedule is as follows:

12:00pm-1:00pm Combo 7-10
1:00pm-2:00pm Groups A-D
2:00pm-3:00pm Groups E-H



Emily Wayne

Mickey's Fight

Book signing and concert at Page 158

Saturday, October 5th 3 p.m.

Page 158 Books (415 Brooks Street Unit B Wake Forest)

With a performance by: Jason Michael Carroll

Mark & Rachel Macholl will be signing their newly released, # 1 trending Balboa Press book, Mickey's Fight.

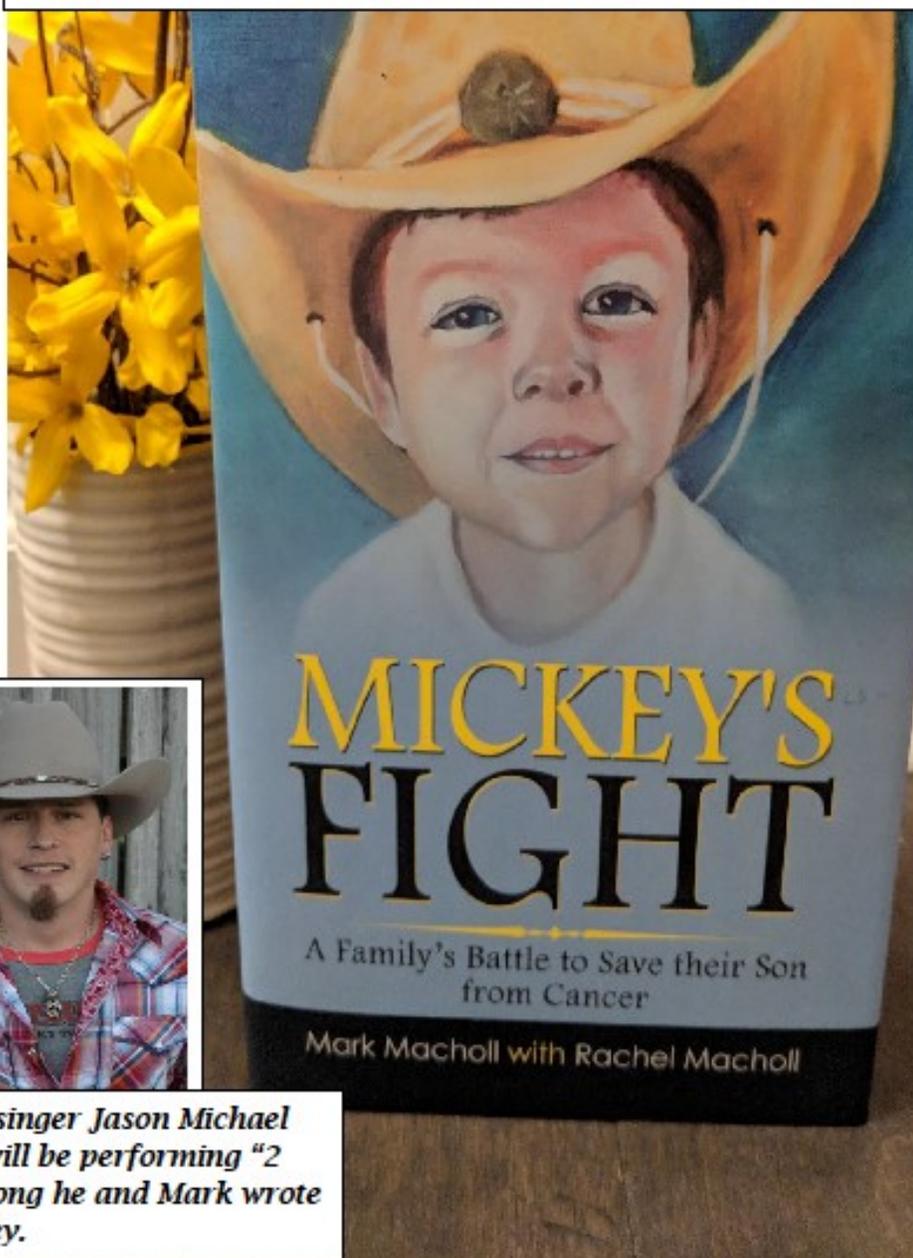
(Bring your own copy or purchase one right at Page 158 or TDA (in October))

<https://www.balboapress.com/en/bookstore/bookdetails/789702-mickeys-fight>

Meet the Authors



Mark and Rachel Macholl are both CT natives. Together since 17 years old, they moved to Wake Forest after getting married, built a house, and began their family-making that house a home. Mark is a US Air Force veteran and field service engineer and Rachel began teaching at The Dance Attic in 2005, opened her own studio when she became a mom which closed when Mick got sick. She is a currently a kindergarten teacher and is so excited to be returning to her roots and teaching at The Dance Attic this season. The Macholls love going to the drive-in movies, trips to the beach, & dancing. They're so grateful to The Dance Attic, Jason Michael Carroll, & all of their NC friends that supported them through Mickey's Fight



Country singer Jason Michael Carroll will be performing "2 a.m." a song he and Mark wrote for Mickey.

Important Info and Reminders

- 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 the dressing room. All items will be donated to Goodwill in January and June.
- 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!
- The Dance Attic has free WiFi! The password is posted on the bulletin board in the lobby.
- Anytime you have an issue or are dissatisfied with something, PLEASE send an email. We need to hear your concerns, but it is awkward to discuss them in the crowded lobby. Also, please do not discuss problems with other parents.
- No class on Thursday, October 31st. Happy Halloween!
- The recital will be at Wakefield High School June 12-14, 2020. Go ahead and put the dates on your calendars. Information about specific shows and days will be in a future newsletter.

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