



Holly Hughes Dance Academy Inc.

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OUR MISSION STATEMENT

The Mission Statement is reflected in Martha Graham's quote;

"Dancing teaches you a sense of accomplishment. The Discipline of Dance teaches you self-discipline. You know you can achieve what you set out to do, not just with Dance, but with anything you choose.

Dancing is the loftiest, the most moving, the most beautiful of the arts, because it is no mere translation or abstraction from life, it is life itself."

When a child decides to enroll in dance, it is not only a fun recreational activity, it is also a means of learning self-discipline, poise, posture and self-confidence that will carry with them for the rest of their lives. Young Dancers anticipate their weekly lessons however, for many of them, it becomes a way of life. They eat, sleep and breathe the art of Dance.

As the music starts, the Dance begins...

REGISTRATION DATES & TIMES

Please note the dates and times of registration at the dance studio

June 2018

Tuesday June 19 6:00pm-8:00pm
Wednesday June 20 6:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday June 21 6:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday June 23 10:00am-12:00pm

August 2018

Tuesday August 14 6:00pm-8:00pm
Saturday August 18 10:00am-12:00pm
Wednesday August 22 6:00pm-8:00pm
Thursday August 23 6:00pm-8:00pm
Tuesday August 28 6:00pm-8:00pm

VISIT US ON THE WEB

www.hollyhughes.ca

Classes commence Tuesday September 4th, 2018

Dear Parents and Students:

The Holly Hughes Dance Academy offers a wide selection of classes in technique, style and advancement. Dancers can begin at the age of 2 years old and continue well in to adulthood with our many classes for all ages and dance abilities. Our instructors encourage each child's natural love of movement while providing essential dance technique training. When you enroll your child (or yourself) at the Holly Hughes Dance Academy you will see a strong sense of self-discipline, self-motivation, art appreciation and a determination to meet new challenges develop. Dancing is fun! See why the Holly Hughes Dance Academy has been ranked, continuously, as #1 dance studio in Guelph by the Readers Choice!

DESCRIPTION OF DANCE CLASSES AND FEES

**Class times subject to change if class does not fill to minimum required dancers by September 15, 2018.*

Tot & Parent Intro to Dance (ages 2-3) -proof of age may be required

This 30-minute day program is for our littlest dancers aged 2 to 3 who are accompanied by a parent/guardian. In these introductory dance classes, your child will be introduced to the world of dance. Children will learn how to follow instructions in an instructor-lead environment and mimic the teacher through dance and movement. Fun songs, stories, creative movement and dance await your young dancer in this class as they grow and develop their spatial awareness, listening and learning skills. This program requires a parent or guardian to participate with the dancer. Classes will run if minimum registration numbers are met. Classes are available Tuesday or Thursday mornings from 10:00-10:30am beginning September 11th and 13th, 2018.

Preschool (ages 3 & 4) -proof of age may be required

An introductory class that brings dance alive! Teachers encourage natural joy of movement and imaginative mime, while introducing the fundamentals of ballet, tap and jazz dance technique in these 30-minute classes. Children develop greater body and spatial awareness and improve their fundamental motor skills. Movement, rhythm, improvisation and learned dances are introduced in a lively and creative atmosphere. The 3 and 4 year old program will have a dance assistant helping the teacher on a regular basis from September to June. *(Depending on class size)*

Pre-Primary Ballet (ages 5-7)

Children are exposed to classical ballet and study the Pre-Primary level of the R.A.D. and C.D.T.A. syllabus. Classes also include a progression of tap and jazz steps at a Primary level and creative movement activities.

Ballet (ages 8 & up)

Students are trained in classical ballet through the R.A.D. and C.D.T.A.. The lower grades concentrate on the pleasure of movement and musicality, with the development of technique, artistry and self-discipline evolving throughout the levels. Emphasis is placed on proper posture and alignment, correct and safe technique, and a genuine sense of performance including classical ballet, character and free movement.

Jazz (ages 5 & up)

Students have the opportunity to learn a combination of several jazz styles to give a broad experience in this dance form through the C.D.T.A. The children's work is age appropriate material based on natural movements: walking, running, jumping and skipping, as well as isolations and rhythm. Classes will include traditional and up-to-date jazz and hip-hop movements, which improve coordination, balance, strength, flexibility, and rhythmic awareness.

Tap (ages 5 & up)

Students will learn traditional tap skills, including steps, combinations and rhythms, as well as the history and theory behind them. Students are trained in the C.D.T.A. tap syllabus, which encourages good rhythm, expressive style, and correct technique.

Modern (ages 5 & up)

Students are trained in both classical ballet and jazz styles of R.A.D and C.D.T.A. Students will concentrate in the pleasure of movement and musicality while developing technique, artistry and self-discipline.

Hip Hop (ages 5 & up)

Hip Hop is a refined form of Street Dance, and borrows its concepts from contrived and stylized dance. It is not mandatory, however we recommend that students in Hip Hop should also take one Jazz or Ballet class to maintain strength and flexibility.

Conditioning & Technique training (ages 6 & up)

1 and 2-hour conditioning and technique training classes are available for select recreational students. Strong, hardworking and focused dancers are invited to sign up for these intensive classes where strength, flexibility and dance technique is taught weekly. A strict dress-code must be followed for these classes and weekly attendance is mandatory. Students must purchase Therabands for work in class and at home – older classes will also need small weights. These classes are paid in 2 parts and separately from recreational classes, September to December and January to May.

Important Note: All of our classes (preschool to advance) include a 10 - 15 minute warm-up period, which includes stretching, strengthening, flexibility, and balance. This is an important part of any physical activity.

Adult Classes – 8 week sessions

We offer many adult classes in Jazz, Tap, Ballet, Hip Hop as well as a combination class that combines all of these dance techniques into one fun class. Each adult class will provide a basic training in each dance discipline running in 8 week sessions. Please note that payment for these classes is taken at the first class.

Competitive Dance Classes

Congratulations to our 2017/2018 Comp A, B, C and D Teams for an amazing year! 3 of our teams competed in 4 competitions in 2018, winning multiple overall awards, specialized awards and many special judges awards at each competition. Way to go dancers on Comp A, B and C, we are so proud of you! Congrats as well to our intro training Comp D team for all your hard work throughout the year in the conditioning program! Your hard work paid off and we are very proud of you!

Auditions were held in May 2018 for our 2018/2019 teams and we are excited to begin all our hard work for the season!

RATES AND FEES

At the Holly Hughes Dance Academy, we strive to make paying for your child's dance class as easy and convenient as possible with many different payment options. Payment for all classes is due by the first of each month.

Payment options:

- **Visa and Mastercard automatic payments**
- **Direct bank withdrawal**
- **Post-dated cheques dated the 1st of each month** (*last day of cheques is Apr 26/19*)

Payments will be processed on the 1st of each month with receipts sent home with your dancer. Our office is only open the first and third week of each with a schedule posted on the office window. Overdue accounts will be charged 15% service charge once the calendar flips.

Rates for 2018/2019 Dance Lessons

\$40.00/month + HST – preschool levels (30-minute class)
\$47.00/month + HST – beginner levels (45 minute class, including Tot & Parent)
\$50.00/month + HST – junior levels (45-minute class)
\$52.00/month + HST – senior levels (45-minute class)
\$83.00/session + HST – adult classes (45-minute classes, 8-week sessions)

All dance fees are charged on a monthly basis and due the first week of each month. If an account is not paid in full by the end of that month, your dancer will not be allowed to participate in class until payment for that month plus the current month is received. Dance lessons are charged on a monthly basis and the full amount is due regardless of how many times a dancer has class that month

Service Fees

- Any overdue accounts will be charged 15% per month
- A \$50.00 service fee will be charged on any NSF cheque received
- A \$50.00 administrative fee will be charged on any refunds for services and/or classes during the 2018/2019 dance year

Discounts

- Any families with one or more students totaling two or more classes a week will be given a discount on monthly dance lessons. This will be discussed with you at the time of registration and is only applicable to monthly dance lessons.
- A 5% discount will be applied to all dance lesson accounts that are paid in full on/before Saturday June 23rd at noon. This only applies to dance lessons and you must pay your September 2018 to June 2019 account off in full. No exceptions.
- A 3% discount will be applied to all dance lesson accounts that are paid in full during August registration on/before our final registration date of Tuesday August 28th. This only applies to dance lessons and you must pay your September 2018 to June 2019 account off in full. No exceptions.

DRESS CODE

All students are expected to dress as required for their classes. Hair must be neatly pulled off the face and up in a ponytail for all dancers regardless of age. At the Holly Hughes Dance Academy we follow an all-black dress code with the exception of tights and some shoes. Dancers aged 2-8 are expected to wear a black bodysuit with the appropriate dance tights to class, while older dancers can choose to wear an all black tank-top or dance top paired with black dance shorts, capris or pants if they wish. For specific dress-code please see below.

All dress code (except pointe shoes) can be purchased on-site at the Holly Hughes Dance Boutique. (519-836-4100)

Tot/Preschool (ages 2 to 4)

Required:

- black bodysuit
- pink ballet tights
- pink ballet slippers with pink elastic
- pink dance headband

Optional:

- ballet skirt

Jazz

Ages 5 to 6

Required:

- black bodysuit
- beige or black dance tights
- black jazz shoes

Ages 7 and up

Required:

- black dance tank or bodysuit
- black dance shorts or capris
- beige dance tights or unitight
- black jazz oxfords

Ballet

Ages 5 to 6

Required:

- black bodysuit
- pink ballet tights
- pink ballet slippers with pink elastic

Optional:

- ballet skirt

Ages 7 and up

Required:

- black dance tank or bodysuit
- black dance shorts or capris
- pink ballet tights or unitight
- pink ballet slippers with pink elastic*

*pointe classes require pink pointe shoes with pink elastic & ribbon

Some classes of dancers aged 9 and up may require character, jazz or 1/2 sole modern shoes. You will be informed in November/December if this applies to your class

Tap

Ages 5 to 6

Required:

- black bodysuit
- beige or black dance tights
- black tap shoes
(with either buckle or elastic instead of laces)

Ages 7 and up

Required:

- black dance tank or bodysuit
- black dance shorts or capris
- beige dance tights or unitight
- black tap shoes
(buckle style preferred over lace up or slip-on)

SPECIAL NOTE

Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Modern, and Hip Hop students may wear appropriate fancy dancewear to the last lesson of each month. (8 years and under)

Modern

Ages 5 and up

Required:

- black dance tank or bodysuit
- black dance shorts or capris
- beige dance tights or unitight
- beige ½ sole or 'foot undies'

Hip Hop

Ages 5 and up

Required:

- black dance tank or bodysuit
- black dance shorts or capris
- beige dance tights or unitight
- black hip hop shoes



IMPORTANT STUDIO INFORMATION

- Make sure to check if your dancer is dancing in Studio A or B during registration.
- Class times are subject to change if the class does not fill to the minimum required students by September 15, 2018.
- There is only one thermostat controlling our entire facility. We strive to keep the air at a comfort level that is most suitable for our dancers which means sometimes our waiting areas can be rather cool at times.
- We lock our studio doors 15 minutes after the end of the last class. Teachers and staff are not responsible to wait with students after that.
- Please check the bulletin boards and your dancer's bag regularly for important studio newsletters.
- No tap shoes on the tile floor. Please wait until you are in class to put on your shoes.

HST Tax Law

Revenue Canada has made it mandatory that all dance students, at any age, at any dance level or type must pay the 13% HST on top of their dance lesson rate.

Private Lessons

Any students interested in having private lessons should book them at the first of each month. Please book through Holly Hughes at (519) 836-7402.

\$70.00 + HST per hour

\$60.00 + HST per 45 minutes

\$48.00 + HST per half hour

Change Rooms & Waiting Area

Our change room and student waiting areas were designed to filter out confusion. **No Tap shoes on the tile floor.** We ask that tap dancers do not put their shoes on while in the waiting area and wait until they get into their dance studio.

Washroom Facilities

There are washroom facilities for your child's use. In your child's first class he or she will be shown where the washrooms are, however, we do stress that washroom purposes be done at home or before class.

Parent's Day

During the year, there will be special classes when the parents will be able to sit in on the classes to see their child's progress. A newsletter will be sent out at this time. Please be prepared for a high volume of people for these nights.

Studio Secretary & Office

Please be sure to note the dates and hours that the Studio Secretaries will be working in the office. These will be posted on the office window. If there are any problems, please contact the secretary working and it will then be forwarded to me. All payments should be brought to the attention of the secretaries. If the secretaries or myself cannot be reached and there is a problem, kindly leave your message on the answering machine and your call will be returned as soon as possible (519-836-7402). **Please do not disturb the teachers before, during or after classes.** Please give all information to the secretaries, which then will be forwarded to the teacher.

Recital 2018

The 34th Annual Dance Recital was once again a great success. Congratulations to all dancers for a wonderful performance and a big thank you to all the parent volunteers. The River Run Center staff and the Holly Hughes Dance Academy will continue to work on improvements to the recital in order that next years' show is even better!

Recital 2019 – 35th Anniversary!

We are very excited to announce that our 35th Anniversary Dance Recital will take place the week of June 3 to 8, 2019 at the River Run Centre. Details on this will be handed out in early 2019. In order to participate in the year end recital, all students must attend dress rehearsal. Due to the rising US dollar and unfortunate lack of reliable and quality Canadian dance costume companies **an \$85.00 costume deposit will be collected per student per class.** This will go towards material, trim or ready made costumes for your child. The Studio Secretaries will collect costume deposits from June 19th until Saturday November 3rd, 2018. All costume deposits must be received by Saturday November 3rd, 2018 or a costume will not be ordered (including senior dancers). Costumes are not handed out to students and parents until May. At this point, dance lessons must be paid in full in order to obtain your costume or they will be withheld until overdue accounts are paid. If a refund is applies this will be given to you at this time.

Holidays

Our holidays will follow that of the Public Schools. Please check the bulletin board and newsletters for any changes. The studio answering machine will provide this information as well. (519-836-7402).

Inclement Weather Class Cancellation

In the event of inclement weather (big snow storms, power failure, etc.) CJOY Radio Station 1460 AM, Magic 106.1 FM or the studio's answering machine (519-836-7402) will provide information on class cancellations.

Drop-Off Area

You are welcome to use our convenient drop-off and pick-up area but please remember to drive slowly and cautiously. Young children enter and exit these doors on a regular basis. Please watch out for them. Parking is available in the front, in the back and along both sides of the building.

Please do not park at Royal City Automotive.

Privacy Statement

The Holly Hughes Dance Academy respects your privacy. We protect your personal information and adhere to all legislative requirements with respect to protecting privacy. We do not rent, sell, trade or display our mailing lists. The personal data you supply to us is used for the following purposes:

- Manage, develop and enhance our programs and services
- Process and collect fees for service and provide receipts
- Communicate with our clients
- Collect data for statistical and fundraising purposes
- Provide staff with pertinent and relevant information

Studio Rules

- Everyone at the Holly Hughes Dance Academy has the right to have a fun and safe environment. Absolutely no bullying of any kind will be tolerated.
- Students are expected to attend each class scheduled for them. There will be no refund or make-up date for a class that is missed due to illness, vacations, inclement weather etc.
- Students must always be on time for their class, and in the proper dress code.
- Students must always be quiet and well behaved while waiting before and after their class.
- No smoking or littering
- Please DO NOT wear your tap shoes on the waiting room tile floor.
- Please do not disturb the teachers during or between classes.
- Parents, please check your child's dance bag and the studio bulletin board for newsletters.
- Please respect the dance studio and treat it as you would your home.

If there are any questions or problems, please contact the Studio Director, Holly Hughes

Yours in Dance,

Holly Hughes