

SUMMIT DANCE SHOPPE

2008-2009

Recreational Dance Program

www.summitdanceshoppe.com

763-553-1870-Plymouth

952-475-2677-Wayzata

Dear Parents,

Thank you for considering Summit Dance Shoppe. We are proud and excited to begin our 54th year in dance education. We are looking forward to another wonderful dancing year! Welcome!

The Summit Dance Shoppe experience can have many benefits for your child. In addition to being enjoyable, it also helps develop physical fitness, coordination, etiquette, poise, grace and appreciation of the performing arts. The personal attention and low student to teacher ratio in our classes help each student reach his or her fullest potential. We are committed to providing the best dance experience possible for you and your child.

Please take a moment to look over the following information. Feel free to stop in, give us a call, or check our website at www.summitdanceshoppe.com.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR SUMMIT DANCE SHOPPE CLASSES

Returning Summit Dance Shoppe Dancers-Registration begins July 7

New Students-Registration begins July 21

Option #1: Mail in your registration card with a \$15 registration fee per dancer and September tuition. All registrations received in the mail before July 7 will be processed on July 7 at the end of the day in random order. All NEW STUDENT registrations received in the mail will be processed on July 21 in random order. NO CONFIRMATIONS WILL BE MAILED TO YOU. IF THE CLASS YOU REGISTERED FOR IS FULL, WE WILL CONTACT YOU BY PHONE TO DISCUSS YOUR 2ND CHOICE.

Option #2: Stop by either location starting July 7 and drop off your registration card, \$15 registration fee per dancer and September tuition.

REGISTER EARLY...CLASSES WILL FILL!!!!

Summer Hours-July 7-August 28

MONDAY-THURSDAY

2:00-8:00 p.m.-Plymouth studio

4:00-8:00 p.m.-Wayzata studio

Plymouth Studio

**2800 Fernbrook Lane
Plymouth, MN 55447
763-553-1870**

Wayzata Studio

**939 East Lake Street
Wayzata, MN 55391
952-475-2677**

GENERAL INFORMATION

2008-2009 DANCE SEASON

Classes begin the week of Tuesday September 2 and continue until the Spring Recitals, which will be late May/early June.

CLASS TUITION

45-60 Minute Class Weekly	\$46.00 per month
90 Minute Class Weekly	\$58.00 per month

Add a 2nd class per week:

60 minute class-\$30.00 per month

90 minute class-\$40.00 per month

Tuition is based on a minimum of 33 classes over a 9 month period September through May. The amount paid is the same each month whether there are 2, 3, 4 or 5 classes that month.

Tuition is due by the 1st of each month. There will be a \$5 late fee charged to your account if we have not received payment by the 15th.

CLASS SIZE

3 – 8 year old classes- up to 18 children with one teacher & one assistant.

9-12 year old classes- up to 24 dancers with one teacher & one or two assistants.

Teen classes- up to 30 dancers with one teacher & one or two assistants.

These are maximum class sizes, many times the class size is smaller.

Our approximate student to teacher ratio is 10 to 1.

DRESS CODE

Creative Movement-Solid colored leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes

3-4 ½, 4 ½-5, Int. 5-6, Beg. 6-8-Solid color leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes, tan buckle strap tap shoes

Int. 7-8, Beg. 9-12-leotard, tights, bikers, leggings, etc. (no baggy clothing), tan buckle strap tap shoes, tan jazz shoes

Int. 9-10, Int. 11-12, Beginning Teens-Any dancewear (leotard, bike shorts, leggings, crop tops, etc.), pink ballet shoes, tan buckle strap flat tap shoes, tan jazz shoes

Int. Teens, Adv. Teens-Any dancewear, tan bellas, tan jazz taps (any brand), any ballet shoes if doing ballet

SCHEDULES

**Check the Website for the latest updates on the 2008-2009
Recreational Class Schedule**

SUMMIT DANCE SHOPPE CLASSICAL BALLET PROGRAM

The ballet program at SDS has a two-fold emphasis. The first is to support and train our students involved in competitive dance. The second is to provide the West Metro community with an excellent ballet program-one that provides the highest quality ballet training in a nurturing environment. SDS offers classes in ballet, pointe, and men's/boy's ballet, and we provide performing opportunities through the Summit Ballet Theatre. In addition, SDS provides an intensive training program (the Invitational) for high school students interested in pursuing a career in dance.

The SDS Ballet program is directed by Linda Muir Finney, who holds a B. F. A. and M. F. A. in ballet from the University of Utah. She has taught for over 25 years in a range of venues including professional ballet and modern companies, university dance major programs, local dance academies, and nationally recognized workshops and conventions. For more information on our ballet program, please contact the studio.

CLASS DESCRIPTIONS

2 ½ - 4 year olds-Creative Movement-Children learn listening and cooperation skills as well as large muscle movement, and pre-ballet movements. This class does not participate in the recitals, but has an end of the year show during the last class in May.

3 – 4 ½ year olds-60 minute class-Tap, Ballet and Creative Movement-Children learn basic skills with an emphasis on class participation, following directions and having fun! They will do one dance in the recital-either a tap or a ballet. No prerequisite. Must be 3 years old by Sept. 1.

4 ½ - 5 year olds-60 minute class-Tap, Ballet and Creative Movement-Children learn basic tap & ballet skills while gaining important social skills and having fun! They will do two dances in the recital- a tap and a ballet. Must be 4 ½ by Sept. 1, or have completed the 3 – 4 ½ year old class last year.

Intermediate 5-6 year olds-60 minute class-Tap, Ballet and Intro to Jazz-Children build on their tap & ballet skills and are introduced to some basic and fun jazz skills! They will do two dances in the recital- a tap and a ballet. Children must have previous dance experience, and must be in kindergarten or 1st grade.

Beginning 6-8 year olds-60 minute class-Tap, Ballet and Intro to Jazz-Children learn beginning tap and ballet skills with an introduction to jazz. They will do two dances in the recital- a tap and a ballet. No prerequisite required. Must be in 1st grade or older.

Intermediate 7-8 year olds-60 minute class-Tap, Jazz and some Ballet-This class continues to build on skills learned in previous classes. Jazz is studied more intensely. They will do two dances in the recital- a tap and a jazz. Children must have recent previous dance experience and be entering 2nd or 3rd grade.

Beginning 9-12 year olds-60 minute class-Tap & Jazz-This is a beginning level but quick moving class. Basic tap and jazz skills are gained, along with technique, poise and confidence. No prerequisite required. Must be in 4th grade or older.

Intermediate 9-10 year olds-90 minute class-Tap, Jazz and Ballet-This class consists of tap, jazz and ballet technique with more emphasis on difficult tap steps, and proper jazz and ballet technique. Confidence, showmanship and style will improve. They will do two dances in the recital-a tap and a jazz. Must have recent dance experience and be entering 4th or 5th grade.

Intermediate 11-12 year olds-90 minute class-Tap, Jazz and Ballet-This class consists of tap, jazz and ballet technique. Combinations are becoming more intricate. Showmanship is stressed. They will do two dances in the recital-a tap and a jazz. Must have recent dance experience and be entering 6th or 7th grade.

Beginning Teen (13 & up)-90 minute class-Tap, Jazz and Lyrical-No experience required! Come and give dance a try, you are never too old to have fun! They will do two dances in the recital-Tap and Jazz. Must be 13 as of Sept. 1.

Intermediate Teen (13 & up)-90 minute class-Tap, Jazz and Lyrical-A high level class consisting of more difficult combinations. They will do three dances in the recital- Tap, Jazz and Lyrical. Must have recent dance experience. Must be 13 as of Sept. 1.

Advanced Teen (15 & up)-Two 90 minute classes offered-These classes are our most advanced recreational dancers. One class is a tap and jazz class. They do a tap and a jazz dance in the recital. The second class is a ballet technique and lyrical class. They do a lyrical dance in the recital. Most dancers choose to do both classes, but some choose to just do one. Must be entering 10th grade in the fall and also **MUST HAVE TEACHER'S APPROVAL TO ADVANCE TO THIS CLASS.**

Young Adults-Intermediate to Advanced- 19-30 year olds-90 minute class-Jazz & Lyrical
These classes consist of Lyrical and Jazz technique, combinations and two dances. Most dancers choose to dance at our Spring Recitals and competitions.

Ladies-Intermediate-Ages 30 and up-90 minute class-Tap and Jazz
Class consists of Tap and Jazz technique, combinations and two dances. These ladies dance in our Spring Recitals and competitions.

Dads-This fun group of guys meet weekly for this jazz class. It's great exercise also. Most dance at local competitions and also at our Spring Recitals. It's casual and NO experience is necessary.

All Boys Class- Beginning/Intermediate 6-12 year olds-60 minute class-Hip Hop/Jazz-This class is for the guys only!

PERFORMANCE

Performance provides not only a goal for the student but an opportunity to share the experience of dance with family and friends. We recognize the importance of performance in a student's dance education and encourage this through an annual spring recital. All students are eligible to perform, but it is not mandatory. The recitals are tentatively planned for late May/early June at the Hopkins Senior High School. Recital seating is reserved and ticket cost is \$12.00.

All classes will perform 2 dances in the recital, with the exception of the 3-4 ½ year old classes, who will perform one dance, and the teens who will perform three dances. In February or March, each dancer will receive a CD with their recital music on it. This is an important practice tool. The cost for the CD is \$5, and will be charged to your account.

We will have an informal holiday show the week of December 15-20 at the studio during your child's regular class time. There is no extra cost for this. The studio will be closed December 21-January 4.

COSTUMES

A costume is required for each dance performed in the recital. Costumes cost \$60.00 each. **Costume payments are nonrefundable.** Please see the costume payment schedule below. Costumes come ready made, but may require some minor adjustments by you. Costumes will be handed out in March.

Costume Payment Schedule

CLASS	DUE BY 10/15	DUE BY 11/15	TOTAL PAID	# OF COSTUMES
3-4 ½ YR OLDS	\$60.00	-	\$60.00	1
4 ½ - 12 YR OLDS,	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$120.00	2
BEG. TEENS	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$120.00	2
INT. TEENS	\$60.00	\$120.00	\$180.00	3
ADV. TEENS TAP/JAZZ	\$60.00	\$60.00	\$120.00	2
ADV. TEENS BALLET/LYRICAL	\$60.00	-	\$60.00	1

FACILITIES

Summit Dance Shoppe is fully equipped for the dancer's comfort, safety and development. We have two convenient locations with 9 state-of-the-art dance studios. All studios are air conditioned with full mirrored walls and observation windows. In addition, all teaching areas have "floating floors" for the comfort and safety of our dancer's knees and joints. There are both boys and girls dressing rooms, restrooms, and a comfortable lobby/waiting area with drinking fountains. Available for purchase are healthy snacks, water and juice. We ask that food and beverages (except water) be kept out of the dressing rooms and dance studios.

DANCEWEAR SHOP

Summit Dance Shoppe is proud to have two fully stocked dancewear stores, one at each location. We carry a full line of tap, ballet and jazz shoes, leotards, tights, skirts and jazz pants. We offer competitive prices on well known dance brands such as Danskin and Capezio. Please stop in and let us help you fill all your dancewear needs!



COME DANCE WITH US AT... SUMMIT DANCE SHOPPE!!!

- ❖ Two convenient locations with 9 state-of-the-art dance studios.
- ❖ 10 to 1 student to teacher ratio.
- ❖ Fun and motivating recreational children's program.
- ❖ Large and growing recreational teen program.
- ❖ Fully staged and costumed exciting Spring Recitals.
- ❖ Top notch classical ballet program that has prepared many dancers for elite summer and higher education programs around the country.
- ❖ Competition program of 400 dancers-the biggest in the Midwest! We train wonderful dancers and performers while allowing them the balance in their lives that lets them grow into healthy, well rounded adults.
- ❖ We are the largest dance studio in the Twin Cities, yet people stay with us for our close-knit family feeling.

HOLIDAYS & CANCELLATIONS

There will be no classes on the following days:

Thanksgiving Weekend-Thursday November 27-Saturday November 29

Winter Break-Monday December 22-Saturday January 3

Memorial Day

In the event of bad weather, please tune in to WCCO, check the website, or call the studio to see if we are cancelling classes.

STUDIO RULES

Please be on time for class.

Use the restroom before class.

Long hair should be tied back or put in a bun.

Please label all shoes with your name.

No food, pop or juice in the dressing rooms or dance studios. Water is fine.

No Gum.