

the Dance Factory

November 2022 Newsletter

Please keep this newsletter in a safe place. It contains important information.

Dear Dance Factory Families,

We hope everybody has been enjoying their start to the year! Thank you for continuing to dance with us; we love seeing everybody's smiling faces in the studio!

This newsletter contains important information about upcoming events this year. **Please be sure to read and hold on to this packet as we have many events and important dates coming up.**

Dance Factory Calendar 2022-2023

Recital Theme Reveal Party:	November 18th @ 8pm (details on page 2)
STUDIO CLOSED:	Nov. 24 th -27 th Happy Thanksgiving! (Classes resume Nov 28 th)
Holiday Observation:	Monday, December 12 th – Saturday, December 17 th (details on page 2)
STUDIO CLOSED:	Dec. 18 th – Jan. 2 nd Happy Holidays! (Classes resume January 3 rd)
Audition Workshop:	Saturday, January 7 th @ 3-5pm (Registration required; details on page 3)
Showstopper Auditions:	Sunday, January 8 th @ 1-4:45pm (Registration required; details on page 3)
STUDIO CLOSED:	Monday, January 16 th MLK Day Observance
STUDIO CLOSED:	April 10 th – April 15 th Happy Spring! (Classes resume April 17 th)
Run with Rotary:	April 30th @ 8am-1pm (details on page 3)
Picture Day:	Sunday, May 21st @ 9am-12pm
STUDIO CLOSED:	May 27 th – May 29 th Memorial Day (no regular classes)
Regular Class (at Studio):	Monday, June 5 th
Dress Rehearsal (Patriots Theater):	June 7 th – June 9 th (no regular classes at the studio this week)
Recital (Patriots Theater):	Saturday, June 10 th (2pm and 5pm shows)
Recital Video/Awards Week:	Monday, June 12 th – Saturday, June 17 th
Registration for 2023-2024*:	Thursday, June 22, 2023 @ 8am-11am and 5pm-7pm
*2023-2024 Class Placement Recommendations will be sent by e-mail before registration day.	
Summer Tour Team 2023:	July 24 th -28 th (details on page 3)

Intensive Program Dancers - Mark your calendars! Dancers in the Intensive Program* are required to take at least 1 week of a Summer Dance Intensive. Spots are first come, first serve so check your calendars now for your available week! [Click here for the registration form.](#)

- June 26-29, 2023: Summer Intensive Camp Week 1 Option
- August 21-24, 2023: Summer Intensive Camp Week 2 Option

***The Dance Factory Intensive Program** is a recommendation-only program developed for students looking for a more serious and rigorous dance program. It is a curriculum-based program designed for the dedicated dance student. Students are placed into class levels based on experience, technique, and skill. Students are required to take a minimum number of classes per week including ballet classes. Students must comply with the course requirements specific to each level.

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Holiday Tour Team

Last call!

Calling all dancers ages 3rd grade and up to perform at local nursing homes! Let's bring holiday spirit and joy to all!

[Click here to see the registration form for more details!](#)

Recital Theme Reveal Party (November 18th)!

Come join us November 18th at 8pm to learn the recital theme! You'll hear the songs, see the logo, and eat some cake!

[Sign up here!](#)

Holiday Observation (December 12th – 17th)

At the studio during regular class time

Parents are invited into the studio to view their dancer's progress. The dancers work very hard to prepare for this day, please be generous with your applause and don't forget your camera! This will be a fun day for everyone so please try to attend.



This year we will be hosting a Holiday Drive in support of Safe+Sound Somerset (<https://safe-sound.org/>). Gift cards for Amazon, Walmart, Target, ShopRite, and Visa (any amount) will be accepted in our tuition box during Holiday Observation week.

We thank you in advance for your help and support in making the holiday season special for the clients of Safe+Sound Somerset. Because of you and your generosity, survivors of domestic abuse and their families can look forward to a brighter holiday season.

New Merch Alert! *We will be selling brand-new Recital Theme crewneck sweatshirts at the Reveal Party and during Holiday Observation! Don't miss out on purchasing your own!*

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The Dance Factory Recital 2023

The finale for our dance season will culminate with our end of the year recital. Dance is a performing art and the recital gives the dancer the opportunity to show off their year of hard work. **The Recital will be held on Saturday, June 10th at the Trenton War Memorial Patriots Theater (Trenton, NJ).** There will be 2 shows: 2pm and 5pm. Each class will perform once in one show.

Dress Rehearsal at the Theater is June 7th – June 9th. Preparations are underway and details on the Recital, Dress Rehearsal dates/times and the upcoming schedule of events will be available within the coming months.

If you know of any school-related conflicts on the 7th, 8th, or 9th of June, please let us know before April 1st (dancefactory1@gmail.com).

Costume/Recital Fee

The costume/recital fee is \$150 per dance class. The costume/recital fee includes a costume with accessories, theater rental, stage hands, backstage help, lighting design, insurance, NJ state trooper security at all times, props, scenery, and the show programs.

COSTUMES

Starting November 1st, we will be measuring the dancers during class for their recital costume.

TICKETS

Each family will receive 5 recital tickets that are redeemable for either show time but **can only be used once**. Dancers will not need a ticket. Additional tickets may be purchased at \$20/ticket.

HALF OF THE RECITAL FEE IS DUE DECEMBER 15TH. This is **non-refundable** and will be reflected in your December invoice. The costume companies will not allow us to cancel orders after they have been placed and processed. The second half of the recital fee will be due on January 15th.

All accounts are automatically charged a recital fee per class unless you notify us by e-mail prior to December 15th that your dancer is not participating. If you will not be participating in the recital, you must let us know, by e-mail (dancefactory1@gmail.com), by December 15th.

Other than appropriate recital tights and dance shoes, you should not have any other expenses. Each class will perform one dance and need only one costume. All accounts must be paid in full to receive your costume. For Pre-school and Kindergarten classes the teacher will decide which style is performed based on class ability.

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Performance Opportunities

Our dance programs are performance-based rather than competition-based. In addition to our holiday observation program in December and our recital in June, we continue to offer the following opportunities for our dancers to perform:

Run with Rotary: We are thrilled to participate at this community event on April 30th, 2023 @ Skillman Park! Join the DF team! All dancers 1st grade and up, and their families, should join our Dance Factory Team this April to **help us win the largest team award!** The largest team will win the \$500 prize money, which we will donate to Safe+Sound, a safe haven and program for those at risk for abuse.

There is a mandatory rehearsal on April 29th, 2pm-4pm, for dancers who would like to perform with us. All Showstopper Dancers are required to perform. [Click here to sign up!](#)



The Dance Factory Summer Tour Team 2023 will take place from July 24th- July 28th. Dancers will rehearse at the studio from Monday through Thursday and perform at local nursing homes, Fal-Rooney Camp, and the Somerset Patriots Game on Friday! **All dancers currently in 2nd grade or older (3rd grade in 2023-2024) and currently taking a Jazz class are eligible to participate.**

[Click here to access the Summer Tour Team registration form.](#)



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The Showstopper Dance Company is a team of high-caliber, well-respected performers from the Dance Factory Intensive Program*. Showstoppers perform in both recital shows! We will hold auditions on January 8th, 2023 and an Audition Workshop will be offered on January 7th (audition and workshop information can be found below).

***Eligibility: The following classes are eligible to audition for the 2023 Showstopper Dance Company—**

Jazz Classes: Wednesday 3:45-4:45pm, Wednesday 8:15-9:15pm, Thursday 6:15-7pm, and Friday 5:15-6:15pm; **Tap Classes:** Tuesday 8:15-9pm and Thursday 8:30-9:15pm; **Funk classes:** Thursday 4:30-5:30pm, Friday 3:45-4:30, Friday 6:15-7pm.

[Please click here to view the sample Showstoppers contract. This document contains important information, including dates and times, dancer requirements, and Showstopper Mom requirements.](#)

Please send us a letter via email by December 20th if there are any conflicts you may have during the weekends of March through June 2023. Only mandatory school functions will be considered—family vacations will not be considered. Conflicts will be reviewed but are not guaranteed.

There will be no rehearsals on the following dates: 4/8, 4/9, 4/15, 4/16, 5/14, 5/27, 5/28

Audition Workshop – Saturday, January 7th (3-5pm)

Don't miss out on this opportunity! Brush up on your performance skills. This workshop will be Jazz-based.

Workshop Cost = \$35; Checks (payable to Kelly McDermott) can be dropped in the waiting room tuition boxes or PayPal to kelljack11106@aol.com or Venmo to @Kelly-Stretch

Advanced registration for Audition Workshop required by Jan. 5th using sign up link:

<https://forms.gle/NtSPdUvictDVyXh59>

Showstoppers Auditions – Sunday, January 8th

Showstoppers Auditions Schedule: Jazz: 1:00-2:30pm; Hip-Hop: 2:45-3:45pm; Tap: 4:00-4:45pm

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The Dance Factory on Social Media

We encourage our dancers and families to follow the official Dance Factory Facebook (<http://www.facebook.com/thedancefactory1>) and Instagram ([@thedancefactoryinsta](https://www.instagram.com/thedancefactoryinsta)) pages and to like our posts, photos and videos! We also use social media to post studio announcements, updates, and closures in case of inclement weather.

Class Zoom Information

Below are the studio Zoom Meeting IDs and Passcodes in case your dancer needs to attend class from home for any reason. **All classes on the same day will utilize the same Meeting ID and passcode.** Please save these and take note of the Zoom codes for your dancer's class(es).

Studio A Zoom Codes		
Day	Meeting ID	Passcode
Monday	870 3942 7058	Dfdancer
Tuesday	833 2455 6306	Dfdancer
Wednesday	822 8698 5445	Dfdancer
Thursday	890 9508 1743	Dfdancer
Friday	881 7960 4690	Dfdancer
Saturday	833 3572 0149	Dfdancer

It is important to us to maintain a clean and welcoming environment for everyone who visits our studio and we ask that you help us with this. Dancers who are sick should not attend in-person classes and may attend class from home via Zoom using the provided Meeting IDs and Passcodes. Thank you for your cooperation.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Keep Dancing!

Miss Kelly and the Dance Factory Instructors