

CURRICULUM

PRE-K: A combination class for 2.5 - 4 year olds. Classes target creative movement and learning basic dance steps.

COMBINATION: A class for 4-7 year olds containing jazz, tap, and ballet techniques. Students will acquire a knowledge base for the three basic forms of dance.

BALLET: The foundation of all dance. Teaches proper body alignment, balance, turn out, grace, how to work each aspect of the body and then to unify them. Ballet is a necessity for any student who wishes to advance in his or her dancing.

JAZZ: Encompasses a broad range of dance styles, but named for its origin as a dance done to the rhythms of jazz music. The basics of jazz will assist dancers with all other forms of dance.

TAP: An audible form of dance in which the dancer learns beats, timing, and rhythms while coordinating upper body movements.

HIP HOP: A "street style" dance including styles such as breaking, locking, and popping that also has an element of freestyle or improvisation.

LYRICAL: An expressive form of dance in which the choreography is typically derived from the "lyrics" and meaning of the chosen music. Note: Dancers must be enrolled in ballet to take lyrical.

MUSICAL THEATRE: A dance form that encompasses all other styles where routines are typically performed to music from Broadway musicals. Students will acquire stage acting experience as well.

ACRO: Gymnastic and acrobatic movements, such as tumbling, are combined with dance.

TINY TUMBLERS: An acro class for 3-6 year olds!

POINTE: A classical ballet class in which the dancers wear pointe shoes. Enrollment in this class is by invitation only.

CONTEMPORARY: A style of dance that encompasses all genres and techniques. The choreography tends to explore new and innovative ways to move and shape the dancer's body.

Sam Smith School of Dance
2455 Niagara Falls Blvd.
Amherst, NY 14228



2018-2019 Dance Season

"Where the student gains self esteem through the ability to dance"

OPEN HOUSES:
Thursday, August 23rd
Wednesday, August 29th
6-8pm

CLASSES BEGIN:
Monday, September 10

CURRICULUM:
Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop,
Lyrical, Contemporary,
Musical Theatre, Acrobatics,
Pre-K, and Combination
Classes

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PARENT INFORMATION

COMMUNICATION: Monthly newsletters will be sent via email and also available at the studio in hard copy. It is the parent's responsibility to collect the information!

OBSERVATION DAYS: Observation days are held during the first class of the months of September and March. We request only two observers per student and that young children remain at home. Noise must be minimal.

ABSENTEEISM: There are no refunds for missed or cancelled classes. Make-ups will be available in some instances, however regular attendance is most rewarding. Consistent absenteeism will result in omission from the recital.

PARKING: Parking and entrance for the Sam Smith School of Dance is located in the rear of the building. The front doors are not to be used as an entrance.

WEATHER CLOSINGS: Should the studio close due to inclement weather, a message will be left on the studio answering machine 2 hours prior to the first class of the day. Closings will also be posted on our website, Facebook page, and on television stations WGRZ 2 and WKBW 7.

PERFORMANCES:

HOLIDAY SHOWCASE: This will be our 3rd annual showcase! Select classes will work on short routines to holiday music, choreographed by our class assistants, and performed during a holiday party with cookie reception. Tickets go on sale early December.

RECITALS: The dance studio has two recitals at Sweet Home High School that are held in early June. The recitals are approximately 2.5 to 3 hours in length. Pre-K, Combination, and some select classes will only perform in one of the recitals. There is a recital fee due with February tuition.

HOLIDAYS/CLOSINGS

The studio will be closed for the following holidays.

HALLOWEEN: Wed. Oct. 31

THANKSGIVING: Wed. Nov. 21-Sun. Nov. 25

WINTER RECESS: Sat. Dec. 22 – Tues. Jan. 1

FEBRUARY BREAK: Sun. Feb. 17 – Sun. Feb. 24

SPRING RECESS: Sat. April 20 – Sun. April 28

MEMORIAL DAY: Sat. May 25 - Mon. May 27

Please note that we do not close for holidays such as Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, etc.

DANCE ATTIRE

GENERAL DANCE CLASS ATTIRE:

Males: Form fitting t-shirts and black fitted jazz pants. Hip Hop pants or gym shorts may be worn for Hip Hop.

Females: Tights and leotard are required for all classes. Dance capris, shorts, or pants may be worn over leotards. Hair must be pulled back, off the neck, away from the face, and secured tightly.

BALLET CLASS ATTIRE:

Males: Form fitting t-shirts and black fitted jazz pants.

Females: Footed or convertible tights and any solid colored leotard. Ballet wrap skirts are acceptable. Hair must be worn in a bun.

SHOES

All shoes must be purchased from a dance supplier (listed below). Place student's name or initials inside all shoes. Tap shoes must have rubber on the ball of the shoe. We prefer Bloch brand jazz and tap shoes.

PRE-K & COMBINATION

Female: pink ballet slippers/black patent leather tap shoe

Male: black ballet slippers/black leather oxford tap shoe

JAZZ SHOES

All leather, slip on, split sole jazz shoes.

All levels: Tan

TAP SHOES

Beginner and Intermediate: Tan one strap flat tap shoe

Teen, Competition, and Advanced: Tan tie split sole

Males and Adults: Black tie split sole

BALLET SLIPPERS

Female: Pink leather or canvas split sole ballet slipper

Male: Black ballet slippers

HIP HOP

Beg-Int. Levels: Black Converse High Top sneaker

Teen and Competition: See Teacher (wear clean sneakers until decided)

LYRICAL/CONTEMPORARY

Capezio Brand "Pirouette" lyrical shoe (leather or canvas is fine)

ACROBATICS

Bare feet (tights must still be worn)

COMPETITION

Competition students in any subject or level should be prepared to purchase special shoes or alternate colors depending on their routine. They should own all shoes listed above as well.

DANCE SUPPLIERS

Bailey Slipper Shop – 8204 Main St., Clarence, 634-0314

COSTUME FEES

A non-refundable costume deposit is due November 15th. Late deposits will be charged a \$10 late fee per costume. If the cost of the costume exceeds the deposit, the balance will be billed in January. Shoes and tights are NOT included in the costume fee. A costume will not be ordered if deposit is not paid by December 15th. Payment by check must be separate from tuition payment. Fees are listed below:

Pre-K/Combination: \$60 per student/costume

Competition: \$80 per student/costume

All other classes: \$68 per student/costume

TUITION and FEES

REGISTRATION FEE: \$35 per student, \$60 per family. The fee is non-refundable and due prior to the first class to reserve spot.

TUITION: Based on a yearly course fee and divided into 9 equal monthly payments for your convenience. Tuition is due by the first of the month. A \$5.00 late fee is charged after the 10th of the month. There is a \$25 fee on any returned check.

Hours per week/family	Monthly Payments	Yearly Tuition
.75	45	405
1	50	450
1.5	71	639
1.75	81	729
2	90	810
2.25	99	891
2.5	108	972
2.75	116	1044
3	124	1116
3.25	131	1179
3.5	139	1251
3.75	147	1323
4	155	1395
4.25	162	1458
4.5	169	1521
4.75	175	1575
5	181	1629
5.25	186	1674
5.5	191	1719
5.75	196	1764
6	200	1800
6.25	204	1836
6.5	208	1872
6.75	213	1917
7	216	1944
7.25	220	1980
7.5	223	2007
7.75	226	2034
8	230	2070

DISCOUNTS/SPECIALS: Full year discount is 7%. Bi-year discount is 5%.

The Sam Smith Special - An individual student taking three one-hour classes per week may take an extra class for free! *May not be combined among family members.

RECITAL FEE: A \$25 fee per individual student or \$40 fee per family will be due with February tuition to assist in the production budget for the annual recital.