Wonder LAND
Dance Company

WONDERLAND DANCE COMPANY RECREATIONAL CLASS INFO

Welcome to Wonderland Dance Company...

Our first goal is to foster creativity,WONDER, and genuine love of dance in every young dancer. Our faculty is made up of experienced and dedicated teachers, aiming to provide quality dance instruction in a safe, positive, inclusive and FUN environment. In addition to teaching the various techniques and art dance, we strive to instill a passion for dance that will leave a lasting impression on our students for a whole lifetime.

WDC CORE VALUES

- ·**Every Student Has Worth** – At Wonderland Dance Company every student matters. What sets us apart from other studio our ability to love, accept, nurture and transfer the love of dance to all students, regardless of ability, level or skill.
- **Excellence** – Excellence can be achieved through passion and hard work. We demand excellence from ourselves and try to help each student achieve their own excellence.
- **Good Work Ethic** –Leading by example, we hope to show our students that dedication and hard work will always equal success.
- **Positive Role Models** – Holding ourselves to the highest standards of dance excellence and good moral conduct, we hope to inspire each student to do the same.
- **Kindness** – We pledge to treat every student with kindness and compassion & to always ensure that they know that the studio is a safe, welcoming place
- **Creativity** – We aim to always produce dance work that is creative, fresh and innovative, while also providing students a safe place to explore and express their own artistic ideas.
- **Provide Life Skills** – It is our greatest hope that lessons learned in the classroom are ones that translate to a compassionate, open-minded and bright future for all of our students.
- **Confidence** – An appreciation for one's own abilities and the abilities of their teammates is paramount to our student's health and well- being.
- **Giving back to the Community** - We strive to make every child feel like a vital part of the WDC, the dance community and the world at large. What we do matters and should have a positive impact on anyone they meet or anywhere they go.

GENERAL INFO

Studio Contact Info/Communications:

- Email: **marie@wonderlanddance.ca *Best method of contact**
- Phone: 289.597.5253

NOTE: Any studio communications will be done via email, paper handouts and/or posted in the front lobby.

Recreational Class – Term Dates:

- Fall Term: September 10-Dec. 9
- Winter/Spring Term: January 7-Jun 9

Refund Policy

- No refunds on missed classes
- No refunds on classes cancelled due to uncontrollable circumstances (weather, building emergency, natural disasters, pandemics etc)
- No refunds on costume deposits or recital tickets

General Studio Rules

1. Studio Dress Code will be enforced at all times. Long hair must always be tied back and off the face. No loose or dangling jewelry allowed during class.
2. Proper footwear must be worn at all times.
3. No open containers inside the studio classrooms. Only water is permitted in sealable containers.
4. Only **clean indoor running shoes** are allowed in the studios and on the beige mats in the studio common areas.
5. Screaming, yelling and/or running in the studio in not allowed.
6. There is a Zero-Tolerance Bullying policy in place at WDC.
7. Photography of any kind is prohibited inside the WDC change rooms and/or bathroom.

HEALTH & SAFETY

Studio Protocols:

- **Masking** - Masks are optional. As a courtesy to others, please consider wearing one if feeling sick/under the weather.
- **Self -Screening** - Please self screen for any signs/symptoms of illness. Please consider staying home if feeling unwell.
- **Lobby/waiting area** - Parents are now permitted to enter the studio to help younger students get ready and to visit the front desk. We ask that parents continue to wait in the mall hallway whenever possible to prevent crowding inside the studio lobby.
- **All outdoor shoes** - must be removed in the lobby and placed on the designated mats throughout the whole facility.
- **Jackets/coats** - can be kept with parent or folded neatly on top of shoes.
- **Small dance bags** - may be brought inside the studio classrooms or kept with shoes. Sanitized baskets are available for use in the front lobby.
- **Change rooms** - Use of change rooms is limited, so please come dressed and as ready as possible to dance.

Extra Precautions:

- Hand sanitizing stations are placed throughout the facility
- Assigned washrooms for each studio
- Full room sanitizing - rooms fogged with disinfectant and all bars, mats and frequently touched surfaces wiped down
- Air purifiers with HEPA filters in each class room
- Social Distancing is encouraged in the class rooms and throughout the facility.
- Limited physical contact between students and teachers and limited physical contact between students.

REFUNDS WILL NOT BE GIVEN FOR CLASSES MISSED OR CANCELLED DUE TO PUBLIC HEALTH MANDATES OR RESTRICTIONS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Important Dates/Studio Closures:

- Saturday, Sept. 10 - Fall Term Starts
- Oct. 8-10 - Thanksgiving Weekend, Studio CLOSED
- Dec. 3-9 - Parent Viewing Week/Winter Term Registration
- Dec. 10-Jan. 6 - Winter Break, Studio CLOSED.
- Saturday, Jan. 7 - Winter Term Starts
- Feb. 18-19 - Family Day Weekend, Studio CLOSED
- Mar. 11-17 - March Break, Studio CLOSED
- April 7-10 - Easter Weekend, Studio CLOSED
- April 20-22 - Victoria Day Long Weekend, Studio CLOSED
- June 9 - Recital Day!!! (Tentative)

Recital Information:

A chance for our Wonders to strut their stuff on stage in a professional theatre! It's a wonderful opportunity to perform in front of an audience and show off all their hard work and accomplishments. All of our students are strongly encouraged to participate in this fun and exciting event! The tentative Recital Date is Friday, June 9 (Tentative) There is a Costume Fee of $95/dance (costume is yours to keep). Tickets are $28 (plus taxes and fees) and the Deadline to sign up for participation is **March 1, 2023**.

STUDENT DRESS CODE

NO dangling or loose jewelry

Hair MUST be off the face and neck at all times during classes

Mini Wonders Dance Jam & Skip N Twirl

- Solid color leotard or tight-fitting dance top & Solid color, tight fitting dance shorts or leggings. Bare Feet, or slip on dance slippers

All Jazz/Acro/Lyrical/Contemporary/Modern Classes

- Solid color leotard or tight-fitting dance top & tight fitting dance shorts or leggings
- Bloch Neo Flex Jazz Shoes in Black or Beige

Boys: Solid color, fitted T-shirt. Black shorts or sweatpants, Bloch Neo Flex jazz shoes in Black

- No baggy or loose fitting clothing

All Tap Classes

- Solid colour leotard or tight-fitting dance top & Solid color, tight fitting dance shorts or leggings
- Ages 3-6 – Black Capezio Tyette Tap shoes Girls
- Boys: Solid colour, fitted T-shirt & Black shorts or sweat pants
- Ages 7+ - Black Capezio CG 17 or CG 19 Tap shoes

Suggested retailer for Dancewear and Shoes:
Second Skin Fashions, 8100 Yonge Street

All Hip Hop Classes

- Loose fitting t-shirt or tank top
- Sweat pants, shorts or leggings
- CLEAN, INDOOR RUNNING SHOES
- No Jeans or skirts

NO jeans, dresses, hoodies or sweatshirts.

Please purchase proper dance attire and shoes.

FAQ'S

1. How do we choose the right class for our child?
When choosing a class, try to take into account your child's personality ie: thoughtful & creative or athletic & high energy, and then ask one of our staff members which class they would recommend for your child's age, experience, interests and personality.

2. Are there any extra costs for Recreational Dance aside from Term Tuition
Aside from term tuition, other costs associated with dance classes are:
- Dance/Footwear & Accessories (Ask a WDC Faculty member for cost efficient alternatives)
- Recital Costume and Tickets
- Dance photos and Recital Video (Optional)
- WDC Merchandise (Optional)

3. If we miss a class, can we do a make-up class?
Yes, you can make up for any missed class by taking another class for your child's age group on any day during the week. (See Refund Policies for Cancelled Class Info)

4. What do we do if we're late for a class?
If you are a few minutes late for class start time, simply walk your child calmly and quietly to their classroom.

5. My child won't go into class without his/her parent...
While having a parent in the room can be distracting to the whole class it is ok in some instances to accompany your child into the class. Let them know you'll stay with them for 5mins...they should eventually calm down and you can then quietly leave the room.

6. My child says they don't want to go to dance anymore?
Regardless of how much your child loves their class/teacher/classmates, it is not uncommon for them to suddenly feel like they don't want to go their dance class. In our experience this feeling usually passes after a week or 2. If not, however, try to find out if there is any major issue contributing to this feeling. All of our faculty are caring and supportive people...maybe your child just needs a little extra encouragement or perhaps would like to learn something different or really specific. Have a quick meeting with the teacher and/or studio director and we'll be happy to offer any assistance.

7. How do I know my child is ready to go to the next dance/class level?
Our faculty is pretty good at updating students and their parents about progress. We might recommend, another class, another level or even some extra stretches or exercises to do outside of class to help get you to the next level. Any questions? Just ask! We'd be happyto go through all of the different dance program options we offer at the WDC.