

Studio Handbook - 2010/2011



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Studio Profile

Annapolis Dance Factory was established in 2007 in Annapolis, Maryland and is operated by Sue Anderson. Each studio is equipped with Ballet Barres, full-length mirrors, high quality sound systems, state of the art floating dance floors and various mats for acrobatics.

Our Goal

It is the goal of Annapolis Dance Factory to provide quality dance instruction coupled with a positive teaching approach to dancers of all levels & experience. We look forward to assisting your dancer in opening and exploring new possibilities for creativity and fun through encouragement and self-confidence. It is our pleasure to share with your family the beauty and joy of movement through the art of dance - an experience we hope remains with your dancer throughout their life.

Registration

The first and last months' tuition payments are due at time of registration. A non-refundable registration fee is required for new registrations only. The registration fee will be waived if registration paperwork and payment for first and last months' tuition are received before September 1st.

Registration Fee (Increases to cover uncollected recital fees)

September	\$10
October	\$20
November	\$30
December	\$40
January	\$50

No registrations will be accepted after January 31st.

A Liability Release Form and a Parental Authorization for Treatment form must be completed for each student prior to class participation.

Costume Measurements

Costume measurements are taken in November. Two to three inches are added to the bust, waist, hips, girth and inseam (depending on the costume) to allow for a dancer's growth between December and June. Please notify our desk personnel if you feel an allowance of two inches will not be enough for your child's growth pattern. Measurements are taken to obtain a general size, not a tailored fit. Parents may be responsible for any alterations that may be needed.

Professional Photos and Videos

Professional photos and videos (DVD's) are offered as a courtesy of Annapolis Dance Factory. You are under no obligation to purchase recital pictures. One DVD per family is included in the administrative fee with the tuition. We do, however, ask that your dancer attend the group photograph of his or her recital group on photo day in May.

Recital Tickets

Five tickets per family are included in the recital fee. Additional tickets may be purchased at Dress Rehearsal. Tickets are available for pick up the last week of classes. Your account must be up to date before you will be allowed to pick up your recital tickets. An adult (18yrs+) must be present to pick up tickets.

Recital Information

Annapolis Dance Factory is striving for the highest degree of professionalism and talent in our productions. We appreciate the commitment our parents and dancers make as they follow the necessary recital policies and procedures. A recital is held every year. The recital is not mandatory, but is a very important part of our year's work. Please consider and notify us of your decision early when making a recital commitment, and be aware of the approximate expenses involved.

Recital Location

Our recital performances take place in June at Anne Arundel Community College in The Pascal Centre for Performing Arts. We will be producing at least two recitals: one evening and one matinee performance. Please be aware that your dancer may be dancing in more than one recital. Recital pieces will begin in January and it is very important that your dancer be present for the majority of those classes. It is mandatory to attend all necessary Dress Rehearsals.

Dress Rehearsal

Dress rehearsal will take place at Anne Arundel Community College in The Pascal Centre for the Performing Arts. During this time, dances will be blocked for the stage, lighting and sound will be checked and last minute costume adjustments may take place. *It is very important that all dancers involved in the recital attend Dress Rehearsal.*

Costumes

Costumes for our June performance are ordered in December. *Costume fees are included in the all-inclusive tuition and are non-refundable.* These fees cover the costumes, tights and accessories required for each recital piece. If a recital class is added, tuition may be adjusted to accommodate costume fees.

Tuition

Tuition is an annual fee that may be divided into 10 equal monthly payments (approximately 40 classes). Tuition is non-refundable and refunds will not be given for closings due to weather, holidays or absence of a student due to illness or vacation. We will gladly discontinue monthly tuition charges with at least one month's notice of your child's withdrawal from class enrollment. In the case of unscheduled closings, an attempt will be made to schedule makeup classes. Tuition is due on the first (1st) of the month and is considered late on the tenth (10th). Statements will be mailed on past due accounts.

The tuition covers the cost of costumes for each class. An extra per-family recital fee will cover the cost of 5 adult tickets and one Recital DVD per family, which may also be divided into payments along with tuition.

Please make checks payable to: **ADF**

Our mailing address is:

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We also accept: VISA, Master Card, bank debit cards, and cash.

Return Check Fee: \$30

Annual Tuition (Includes costume & recital fees):

90-minute class \$900

75-minute class \$800

60-minute class \$700

45-minute class \$600

Yearly per-family recital fee: \$100

MULTI-CLASS DISCOUNT PER FAMILY, PER YEAR:

3rd, 4th, 5th class, etc..... \$50 discount for each class

Annual tuition payments may be divided into 10 months: September through June.

Class Descriptions (Ages as of 12/31/10)

Mommy & Me: Ages: Walking – 3 years

A fun introduction to dance class! Parents and little ones learn dance together, allowing for an exploration of creativity and a greater bond between dancer and parent. *Student must be walking.*

Introduction to Dance: Ages 3 – 4

This class helps develop basic dance skills through song and dance. The creative environment is an excellent way to introduce a young child to the dance class setting and simple dance choreography.

2-Part Combination Class: Ages 4 – 5

This class introduces the young dancer to tap as well as increases their coordination and technique in ballet. This class will perform one dance in the recital.

3-Part Combination Class: Ages 5 – 6

Jazz is now introduced to the dancer, while they continue to master tap and ballet movements. Freedom of self-expression and movement are highly encouraged in this class. This class will perform two dances in the recital.

Ballet (Levels I – IV): Ages 7 – 18

Ballet is a beautiful and theatrical form of dance and is the basis of almost every type of dance. This class assists with and establishes balance, body placement, and alignment in the dancer's body. French terminology is taught on all levels. *Ballet is required for most advanced classes as well as participation in any extra Recital pieces.*

Ballet Technique

If any other class requires ballet, this will fulfill that requirement. Learn the basics and technique needed for a dancer of any level. This is not a full level class and there will be no piece in the recital, so this can be used as a refresher for adults or for a supplement to a regular class schedule.

Special Sessions

Special Series & Workshops

Occasionally, Annapolis Dance Factory will invite guest choreographers to run workshops or 4 – 8 week series. Payment is due at time of registration for these sessions. These classes are not scheduled to be included in the June recital. Therefore Costume & Recital fees not included. If a class is chosen to perform in recital, provisions for costumes will be made at that time.

Adult Classes

(Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Modern and Hip-Hop)

Yoga Bugs

Yoga Sticks

Yoga 4 Kids

Ballroom Smooth

Ballroom Rhythm

Broadway Tap

Modern

Pilates

Clogging

Belly Dancing

Dress Code

Please see the listing of the class attire for each class. Street clothes should be worn over leotards and tights when arriving for class and when leaving the studio. Street clothes are not to be worn while dancing – no sweats!! Restroom facilities are limited; please come dressed for class under appropriate street clothes. No street shoes are allowed on the dance floors. We are not responsible for lost or missing articles – do not bring valuables. Please check with the front desk for the correct dress code should you have any questions.

Intro & Combination Classes

Black Leotard, Pink Tights, and Pink Ballet Shoes (full sole)

Ballet

Black Leotard, Pink Tights, and Pink Ballet Shoes (split sole)

Jazz

Jazz Attire – Any Style Solid Color Leotard, Black Jazz Pants or Jazz shorts (NO STREET CLOTHES), and Black Jazz Shoes

Tap

Jazz Attire and Black Tap Shoes (We prefer buckles or Velcro for the little ones)

Lyrical / Modern

Ballet attire; light cover-ups may be worn during warm-ups

Hip-Hop

Comfortable, pull-on pants or shorts and T-shirt or tank; NO JEANS, BAGGY PANTS, OR ZIPPERS

Acro

Solid Color Leotard and bare legs and feet; convertible tights may be worn

HAIR MUST ALWAYS BE PULLED BACK

Jazz (Levels I – IV): Ages 7 – 18

(Requirements: Levels III & IV must take ballet.)

A technique class that combines traditional jazz with the ever-changing styles of today. Each class consists of a warm up, across the floor progressions and upbeat dance combinations. This class is high energy for anyone who wants to have fun!

Tap (Levels I – IV): Ages 7 – 18

(Requirements: Levels III & IV must take ballet.)

The youngest dancer to the determined adult can learn this classic dance form. This class teaches rhythm, coordination, style and clarity of sound. While using the feet as a musical instrument, tap teaches rhythm and strengthens memory retention.

Lyrical (Beginner, Intermediate, & Advanced): Ages 10 – 18

(Requirements: Students must take ballet.)

Lyrical is a technique class that combines traditional jazz and ballet choreography. This form of dance allows the students to express themselves while maintaining classical training.

Modern (Beginner, Intermediate, & Advanced): Ages 10 – 18

Learn the techniques and vocabulary of modern dance as an expressive art form, emphasizing floor work, body alignment and choreography.

Hip-Hop (Levels I – IV): Ages 7 – 18

Using the basics from other technique classes, the students will learn the style, improvisation and choreography of this popular and ever-growing dance style. Come with an open mind and readiness to try new things!

ACRO (Beginner, Intermediate, & Advanced): Ages: 5 – 18

(Requirements: Students must take ballet.)

ACRO is short for Acrobatics. This innovative style combines the dynamics of floor gymnastics with the transitions of jazz. ACRO is an adventurous class that increases flexibility, strength and endurance. *(Placement is done by age as well as ability.)*

Studio Policies

Attendance

Students are expected to arrive on time and be properly dressed for class. A dancer who is tardy will miss important opening instructions and a proper warm up. Attendance is extremely important; when a dancer's absences begin to affect the group as a whole, the dancer may be dropped from that part of the routine. If your child is going to be absent, please notify the studio prior to your child's scheduled class time.

Admission to Class

Please note that students will not be allowed to attend class unless they are properly registered*, their accounts are current and they are dressed appropriately. All classes must have a minimum of five (5) students in order to stay open. A maximum of twelve (12) students is placed on most classes. PARENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED IN CLASSES.

**Please see "Registration" on page two.*

Telephone Calls

Annapolis Dance Factory cannot be responsible for the delivery of telephone messages. Our phones are for business use only. Students will be allowed to use the telephone for emergencies only.

Make-up Classes

All make-up classes must be pre-arranged. Your child's instructor or the front desk staff will advise you of the days and times of make-up classes. Make-up classes must be taken within one month of the absence. A student's regular class time cannot be used as a make-up class. The student must be actively enrolled in order to make-up missed classes. Make-up classes are allowed for reasons of illness or studio closures with the exception of any studio observed holidays.

Student Supervision

Children must be supervised and picked up immediately after class. Unaccompanied students should not arrive more than 15 minutes prior to the start of their scheduled class. Annapolis Dance Factory staff cannot be responsible for students who arrive early. Please keep the lobby area quiet and do not leave younger siblings unattended. This is a very busy work area and it is difficult for our desk staff to work when there is additional noise. Please remind your children to remain inside the building when waiting to be picked up. Students must have parent permission if leaving the studio to go to any of the other businesses within the plaza.

Important Dates (subject to change)

Please mark the following dates on your calendar:

- Open Registration (August 16,17, 23 & 24, 2010 at 5-8 pm)
- Classes Begin (August 28, 2010)
- Labor Day – Closed (September 6, 2010)
- Thanksgiving Break – Closed (November 21 – 28, 2010)
- Winter Break – Closed (December 23, 2010 – January 2, 2011)
- Spring Break – Closed (April 17 – 26, 2011)
- Picture Day (May 15, 2011)*
- Last Day of Classes (June 13, 2011)
- Dress Rehearsals (June 14 and 15, 2011)*
- Recital (June 17 and 18, 2011)*

**Tentative dates*

Parent/Teacher Conferences

If you would like to meet with your child's instructor or the studio director, please call the studio to schedule an appointment. Please avoid detaining the instructor(s) by questioning them before or after class time.