

Annual Concert

Participation in our annual concert is strongly recommended for all students. It is an important element of the student's education. The concert gives the students an opportunity to apply the skills they have learned in a professional setting in front of a live audience.

MDA will host it's **31st Annual Concert** on June 22nd at Masuk High School. Students participating in the concert **must** attend the Technical and Dress rehearsals. These schedules and a concert packet will be handed out to the students in April.

There is \$25 concert fee for each family due by October 6th.

MDA Costumes

Cost per costume is approximately \$65.00—\$85.00 plus tax.

A Costume deposit of \$50.00 per class is due by October 6th.

Costume balances are due February 2nd.

Missed Classes

It is the responsibility of the student to learn choreography when they have missed class especially during concert season.

Tickets

Ticket prices for the 2013 recital will be \$20.00 if purchased in advance at the studio.

Tickets sold at Masuk will be \$22.00.

Photo Day

Donnor Photographers will be on hand to photograph all students for group photos and individual if you choose, in their costumes on Sunday, June 2nd. The photo schedule will be posted the beginning of May.

Student Handbook

2012-2013

Policies and Procedures



MONROE DANCE ACADEMY



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Welcome to Monroe Dance Academy,

Thank you for choosing Monroe Dance Academy for you and your child's Dance Education. We hope to provide you with skills that will enhance you and your child's life for years to come.

We strive to provide a fun, caring and a disciplined environment where you can receive the highest possible level of instruction whether you are just here for fun or have future professional aspirations.

However, dance education does require dedication, time and a financial commitment so please read through this booklet and if you have any further questions, please feel free to ask us.

We hope you have a wonderful experience at Monroe Dance Academy!

Sincerely,

Judy Abbatiello and Tammy Socci

Find us on facebook at www.facebook.com/monroedance for updates and new exciting opportunities in the community!

Parent Observation Weeks

Parents are welcome to observe their child's classes during the week of December 10th and May 6th.

Bring a Friend to Class

We invite you to bring a friend to class for chance to show your friends what the lessons are all about and pick up some information about our school. Bring a friend is the week of September 24th and April 22nd.

Birthday Parties

Monroe Dance Company, our performing company, offers to host children's birthday parties during the year. The fee is \$150.00 for 1 1/2 hour party with 10 children. For further information please contact the office.

Master Classes

MDA will be offering a series of Master Classes. Please check our Bulletin Board in the lobby for offerings.

National Dance Week

April 26th—May 4th

The mission is to encourage the growth and development of Dance in America by raising the public consciousness to the values, importance and contributions of Dance to our daily lives and culture. Save the week for some exciting things to be happening at the studio.

SNOW DAYS

In inclement weather, please check the MDA website www.monroedance.com or call the studio at 203-268-1200 BEFORE leaving to attend classes.

MDA **DOES NOT** follow school system closings.

Summer Program Information

Summer program information will be made available to students of Monroe Dance Academy in April of each year.

Summer program will usually consist of daytime programs and camps and evening classes. We will once again offer full day Master Classes during the month of July.

Open House

June 19th for Fall placement and registration and summer camp and class registration. There will be an early registration for summer camp due May 18th.

The MDA Instructors

Throughout the year, MDA student benefit from the instruction and experience of our accomplished faculty and guest instructors. All MDA instructors have professional experience in New York City and with prestigious dance companies or carry a college degree in dance. MDA is proud to offer this level of instruction to all its students.

Faculty List

Judy Abbatiello, Executive and Artistic Director

Tammy Socci , Administrative Director

Stephanie Schwartz, Kevin Bryne, Susie Gorman, Caitlyn Hydeck, Jessica Dupont,

Michael Abbatiello, Kyle Mullins, Nicole Ohr, Alli Ruszkowski, Dana Rodriguez, Jamie Carey, Maggie Porter

Level Placement and Advancement

The progress of each student is monitored continuously throughout the year by the faculty and the School Director, who reserve the right to change a student's level when appropriate. A student may be paced in a different level when changing between dance styles or disciplines. Students do not automatically advance to the next level at the end of each year.

Placement is based predominantly on level and secondly on age. A student may be with students slightly younger and/or slightly older. A student that is placed improperly, not having grasped and implemented basic technique, is being set up to fail. Arts education is based as much on the application as it is on the comprehension. It is not enough to merely understand the concepts but to learn to apply them both physically and mentally through continued repetition.

Adding/Withdrawing for Classes

Please see the office for further information. One may not just begin a class or drop out without informing the office. Thirty day notice required for class withdrawal.

Monroe Dance Company, our performing company

MDC our performing company, will have auditions for the 2013-2014 dance season in May of 2013. A sign up sheet will be posted in the studio.

Monroe Dance Creative Movers—Stephanie Schwartz, Director

Proper Dance Attire

Hair must be secured and off their face

Pre-Dance, Pre-Ballet, Pre-Tap

Leotard, tights and pink ballet slippers, black tap shoes

Creative

Leotard and footless tights

Jazz, Modern, Contemporary, Lyrical

Leotards, jazz shorts or jazz pants—form fitting

Jazz shoes, barefoot

Ballet—All ballet classes level I through advanced needs to bring therabands to class

Leotards, pink tights and pink ballet shoes

Tap

Leotard, jazz shorts, dance attire

Black Tap shoes

Hip-Hop

Leotard or dance top & comfortable baggy hip hop pants

Black sneakers or Hip Hop Sneakers

Clean sneakers not to be worn outside the studio

Acro

Leotard, bike shorts or jazz pants or shorts, bare feet

Boys Dance Attire:

Form fitting shirt, black bike shorts or jazz pants

Please Note:

Failure to wear required attire can result in students being asked to sit out the class.

Teachers ask for this attire so they can see the dancers body and make proper corrections.

No Street Clothes Permitted in Any Class

Classroom Etiquette

- * Students should be punctual and have consistent attendance.
- * Students arriving more than 10 minutes late will ask to observe class. This is to protect their bodies from injury as warm-up is important.
- * If you are going to miss a class please call us at 203-268-1200 ahead of time so that we may inform the teacher.
- * Respect teachers by giving them your full attention during class and thanking them after class.
- * No talking during class, dancers are expected to attend class with respectful, positive and energetic attitude.
- * No running, horseplay or dancing in the lobby, respect others and keep the lobby clean and voices down.
- * No street shoes allowed on the dance floors.
- * Do not touch the mirrors or glass doors.
- * Always be respectful and supportive of teachers and your fellow students by not speaking of them in a negative fashion.
- * Practicing and rehearsing outside of class time accelerates the learning process.
- * Parents are only allowed in the classroom during parent observation weeks.
- * Any problems with classes, teachers or student should be brought up to Judy or Tammy and not handled personally by any parent or student.
- * **Please Be Aware NY Teachers Need To Be Driven** to the train after last class of the evening so dancers must be picked up promptly.

Tuition Policy

Registration

A non-refundable fee of \$30 per family is required yearly at the time of registration.

Tuition

Tuition is automatically charged on the 1st of each month. Tuition is calculated upon a yearly schedule. There are various methods of payment available to you.

Tuition paid in full by September 5th, 2012 receives a 5% discounted off tuition only. Must be paid in cash or check form not available for charges.

Tuition paid in two(2) payments with 50% of tuition paid on the first day of class and the remainder due on January 5th, 2013

Auto-pay, 10 payments automatically withdrawn from your checking account each month, starting in September, on either 1st, 2nd, or 7th, 8th of the month. Set-up of Auto-pay is required at time of registration. A voided check from the checking account you plan to authorize withdrawal from is needed to process auto-pay. For returning auto-pay customers, a signed authorization form is required in order to process auto-pay for the coming year.

Accepted Methods of Payment are:

CASH, CHECK and

VISA & MASTERCARD

Returned Checks:

Customer will be charged a

\$35.00 return check fee.