

Classes for beginner students from toddlers through adults provide a foundation for progress to advanced levels in many areas of dance. Our 9 month dance year runs from mid August and concludes with an end of year costume May performance. Our March/April Mini Session and June/July summer program consists of 6 or 8 week classes in which present or new forms of dance may be tried. Summer camps are offered in which teachers provide specialized instruction in different types of dance.

**Private Classes:** Individualized instruction is available for competition solos or duos, or for special events (talent shows, pageants, etc.), or additional technical training. Private Classes: \$22-\$30 per half hour. You must be up to date on your bill at COPA to take private classes **and must sign a private policy contract.**

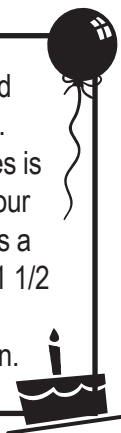
**Competition Teams:** Students are selected through invitation or audition for The Centre Stars Dance Company, The Centre Stompers Clogging Team and The Centre Dynamic Elite Allstars Cheer Team. The competition teams perform at area events and compete on a national level in the areas of clogging, tap, jazz, lyrical, acrobatics & cheer.

**Attendance:** Regular class attendance is vital to a successful dance year. Arrangements may be made to video tape classes if necessary. Students with 4 or more absences after March 9 will need instructor approval to participate in spring performances.

**Dancewear Requirements:** All students are required to be in proper dancewear and appropriate shoes in specific colors to attend class. Correct attire, along with prompt and regular attendance, establishes the attitude that will result in a rewarding class. No jewelry. Hair should be pulled from the face in a bun or ponytail. No jeans, street clothes or gum! Students should wear appropriate outer clothing over their dancewear both to and from class. A small dancewear store is operated at the Centre for shoes and other dance supplies. Special orders can be placed for items not on hand.

**Observation Classes:** On two occasions during the year classes are designated for observation by parents. Please keep in mind that this is a regular dance class and not a performance. We ask that you make every effort not to be a distraction to the students and consider this when deciding whether to bring along siblings who may require your attention. All other class days should provide students with uninterrupted instruction.

**Birthday Parties:** Call to schedule your specialized birthday party with the style dance fitted for the special child. Our staff provides dance for 45 minutes. The last 45 minutes is used for gifts and refreshments in a room you decorate in your party theme. Tap, Jazz, Clogging, Acro, Ballet ... just give us a theme idea and we'll help entertain and teach. Cost for the 1 1/2 hour studio rental and instructor is \$115 for 10 children (non student \$125). There is an added cost for additional children.



**Dress Rehearsal for May Performance** is usually held on stage at the program site on the same day as the class day. A regular class is involved in one rehearsal and one program. During the rehearsals personal videos and pictures may be taken. No flash or videos are allowed during performances. Parents will receive a detailed information sheet later in the year listing group photography date, rehearsal and program day and time.

**Performance fee:** A \$40 (non-refundable) recital fee per student is due by Jan 16, 2017 (up to 2 students) to pay for auditorium rental, crew and other production expenses associated with the spring performance. This fee allows you to invite as many guests as you would like, as there are no ticket sales. Spring programs will be held in May and accounts must be paid in full for students to participate in programs.

**Performance:** Students participating in the May end of year program may pay the required \$45 costume deposit anytime after the start of the year. This deposit is due by November 6th. The deposit is required before costumes will be ordered. Costume orders are placed before our Christmas break and cannot be ordered without the deposit. Costumes cannot be canceled once they are ordered. Costumes are not custom made and any alterations are at the expense of the family. There is a \$20 charge for ordering a costume late. A picture of the costume selected for each class will be posted in a book kept in the lobby at the studio, and will include costume cost, hose requirement, necessary hair style and accessory placement. Accounts must be current before costumes are distributed. Payments to accounts may be applied to past due tuition before costume balance and performance fees. Any payment amount in excess of tuition will be applied to costume balances and performance fees. Costume prices for younger students usually range from \$45 - \$55, older students between \$45 - \$65. Arrangements will be made with a photographer for costume photographs and a professional DVD will be offered for sale. No photos at all or video is allowed during performances, but are permitted during rehearsals. We ask that everyone keep the full recital weekend open as we cannot commit to personal request from the students due to the amount of students at COPA. They are normally Mother's Day weekend and are Friday and Saturday. Please block off that weekend. Normally senior spotlight solos are featured in the recitals, and the studio has a policy regarding the criteria in order to perform the solo in the recitals. Please let the owners know if your child is a senior and to see if your child meets studio policy to perform in recital.

**Extra Performances:** We encourage students to perform for local functions. If you know of any civic clubs or organizations that would like a program, please keep us in mind. Performance plays an important part in a child's dance education and self assurance.

**Parades:** Centre students may participate in the annual Graham and/or Burlington Christmas parades. Categories of participation includes Centre Stompers clogging, selected acrobatic, Centre Stars Dance Company, Centre Spirit, Dancers (6 plus) and Float riders. Dancers (students age 6 and up in all areas of dance such as acrobatics, tap, ballet, jazz, hip hop) Parents and younger students may ride the Centre's Float.

**The COPA sweatshirt with logo is required for participation in Parades. (students and parents)**

**Communications:** Many informational letters are sent home throughout the year by email. Your tuition bill will be emailed to you. It is your responsibility to tell us if you are not receiving them. Our preference is to utilize emails and our website to view dance notes, get forms, and other additional information. If you do not want the information by email, then it is your responsibility to come directly to the front desk and request information monthly such as statements, etc. Please give us your e-mail address and the student's name if you wish to receive notes in this manner. Please check the board beside the water fountain to make sure you have received all notes. During dance hours, instructors are available for brief comments only, as lengthy discussions interfere with instruction time. Written messages may be left at the studio. Be sure to include a name and phone number if a return call may be necessary.

**Weather Cancellation:** Class will be held if road and sidewalk conditions permit, even when schools have dismissed early. Call 336-228-1553 for a recorded message when weather conditions are questionable. COPA Families will also receive an email. Studio classes canceled because of weather will be rescheduled.

## 2016-2017 Calendar of Important Dates

(Classes Will Be Held On Teacher Workdays & most holidays unless listed below)

Monday, August 22, 2016	Classes start
Monday, September 5, 2016	Labor Day - Studio will be closed
October 6, 2016	Parade Sweatshirt Orders Due
Monday, October 31, 2016	Halloween - No Classes
November 4, 2016	Costume Deposit Due (\$45 per costume)
November 14-17, 2016	Observation Week
Saturday, Nov 19, 2016	Burlington Christmas Parade
Wed, Thurs, Fri, November 23-25, 2016	Thanksgiving Holiday - Studio will be closed
Saturday, Dec 3, 2016	Graham Christmas Parade
Monday, December 19 - Friday, December 30, 2016	Christmas Holiday - Studio will be closed
January 2, 2017	Classes Resume
January 16, 2017	Recital fee due of \$40 per student (up to 2 students per family)
February 13, 2017	Costume Balances Due
March 6-9, 2017	Observation Week
March 23, 2017	Recital Theme T-Shirt payment due, not mandatory
April 10-13, 2017	Spring Holiday - Studio will be closed
April 17-20, 2017	Picture Week
April 20, 2017	Accounts Paid In Full
May 8-11, 2017	Dress Rehearsals - Williams High School
May 12-13, 2017	Performances - Williams High School, Mother's Day Weekend