



FSDA TIMES



Welcome to the 2017-18 season!

Welcome to FSDA! We are excited to be entering into our 17th year of business. Our student's many accomplishments are evidence and testimony of FSDA staff's 30+ years of quality teaching experience. Please visit our website www.firststatedance.com, and enjoy our journeys on Facebook & Twitter!

THE STAFF (Subject to change)
See website for full staff biographies.

Destiny Clark- trained by FSDA's staff in ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop, modern, lyrical, pointe, performed with Diamond Dance Co. (DDC) & DE Dance Alliance.

Kaitlyn Conboy-Bachelor of Arts in Dance degree, 10 years dance instruction experience in ballet, tap, jazz, modern, hip hop, pointe & more.

Jessica Jones- Over 20 years of dance experience, 2 years college education in dance, principle dancer Ballet Mobile, trained by Tatiana Smith, Michelle Parisi & Michele Xiques.

Owen Lawson-Graduate of FSDA, performed with DDA has over 15 years dance experience, trained with Orlando School of Ballet.

Mandi Plump - Over 15 years of dance experience. Trained by most of FSDA's staff including the late Tatiana Smith. Performance experience with numerous dance companies.

Jen Schick-(assistant) Over 40 years dance experience, trained in African, ballet, jazz, modern, contemporary and character dancing.

Michele Xiques-(Owner) Over 40 years experience in dance, owner of FSDA and Director of DDA, award winning choreographer.

Important information:

~We accept registrations & payments online. To sign up for classes, update information, see financial history and make payments, access via our website or type this link into your browser: www.thestudiodirector.com/firststatedance/portal.jsp then choose new client or forgot password and follow instructions.

Monthly tuition payments (10) are accepted via credit card or direct debit ONLY. Semester or full year tuition may be paid by check or cash for a discount. Tuition is due Sep-June due by the 5th of each month.

~Zumba classes are now drop ins and pay only \$4 cash/class!

~FSDA's own dance company, Delaware Dance Alliance will be holding auditions for its 2017-18 season Aug. 26th -open to ages 7 and above. (see pg. 3) Subject to change.

~We sell dance merchandise! Pre-School and Intro to Dance packages plus some adult accessories. Free FSDA tee shirts for returning Pre-School Ballet dancers (while supplies last)!

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~Intro to Dance (ballet/tap) Jan. 18, 2018. \$25 registration fee and 5 payments of \$56.

~Pre-School Ballet classes for new and returning students are open to ages 3-4 years. Free tuition for your first 6 week session. Sessions begin: Sept 21, Jan 11, April 12.

Classes begin
September 5th - June 8th
Winter Open House Dec. 18-21
Spring Open House April 10-13

Work scholarships are available! Please submit a letter of intent, attention: Michele Xiques for this opportunity.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS:

November 22 -	Thanksgiving
December 26-29-	Winter Break
April 2-5 -	Spring Break
May 28-	Memorial Day

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S C H E D U L E

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
STUDIO A	STUDIO A	STUDIO A	STUDIO A
Adv. Ballet 5:15-6:30 MX	Beg. Ballet 1 5:15-6:15 MX	YAGP JJ	Int Ballet 2-Adv. Ballet 5:15-6:30 MX
Pointe 2 6:35-7:20 MX	Adv. Ballet 6:15-7:30 MX	Adv. Ballet 6:30-7:45 MX	Int/Adv. Jazz 6:30-7:30 KC
Sr. ContempMo 7:30-8:30 JJ		Pointe 2 7:45-8:30 MX	Jr. Contemporary 7:30-8:30 KC
STUDIO B	STUDIO B	STUDIO B	STUDIO B
Beg. Ballet 2/3 5:15-6:30 OL	Intro to Dance 1 4:45-5:30 MP		Pre-School NEW 5-5:30 MP
Beg/Int Tap 6:30-7:15 OL	Intro to Dance 2 5:45-6:30 MP	Beg Ballet 2/3 6:30-7:45 OL	Pre-School- RETURNS 5:45-6:15 MP
Zumba 7:30-8:30 \$4/class	Intro to Dance 1 6:45-7:30 MP		Zumba 7:30-8:30 \$4/class
STUDIO C	Teen Tap 7:30 KC	STUDIO C	STUDIO C
Int. Ballet 5:15-6:30 JJ	STUDIO C	Beg/Int Jazz 5:30-6:30 DC	
Pointe 1 (Pre-Pointe) 6:40-7:25 JJ	Pre-Ballet 6:30-7:30 KC	Int. Ballet 6:30-7:45 JJ	Hip Hop ages 7-10 6:30-7:30 KC
SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE		Pointe 1 7:45-8:30 JJ	Hip Hop ages 11 + 7:30-8:30 DC

Class minimum requirements:

SCHEDULE SUBJECT TO CHANGE

Pointe- (By invitation) No less than 3 ballet classes per week & must have taken a ballet class before entering pointe class.

Beginner Ballet 2/3 & Intermediate Ballet 1- Must take this class 2x/week.

Intermediate Ballet 2- Must take ballet 3 times per week

Advance Ballet- No less than 3x/week but recommended 4x/week for improvement.

Eligibilities:

Intro to Dance 1- (ballet/tap combination) levels-ages 4-5 (1st time), Intro 2-age 5 (returning) & 6, Pre-Ballet-ages 7+.

Beg. Ballet 1- Pre-Ballet experience or teacher recommendation.

Beg/Int Jazz - Enrolled in Beginner/Intermediate Ballet-1 levels or teacher recommendation. (1 year ballet experience)

Int/Adv Jazz- Enrolled in Intermediate 2 & Advance Ballet levels or teacher recommendation.

Jr. Contemporary-Beginner Ballet 3 & Intermediate Ballet levels or teacher invite.

Contemporary/Modern- Intermediate Ballet 2 & Advance Ballet levels or by invite.

Beginner Tap- Age 6-11, no experience necessary.

Hip Hop- Ages 8 and older (by Dec. 31st) Age 7 by audition only.

Teen Tap-Ages 12+ or teacher recommendation, no experience necessary.

Additional Information:

FSDA's staff director will be available at open registration to provide information regarding class eligibility as well as address concerns and answer questions. Teachers move quickly from one class to another, therefore, all conferences are by appointment only. Dance is a progressive class; one exercise leads to another and gets the body safely ready for the next exercise. For this reason, any student more than 10 minutes late will need to sit and observe rather than participate in class. Students must be dressed in accordance with the dress code to participate in class. 1st offense results in a verbal warning, 2nd offense is a written notice, after that the student will be asked to sit out and observe.

Merchandise:

Pre-School Ballet (must be purchased at FSDA) & Intro to Dance student's total merchandise package is available at FSDA. Shoe sizes for ballet & tap are available up to the dance size 4 (they run larger than regular street shoe sizes). Tan, black, pink tights & nude leotards, etc. are available for children & adults. There is a \$30 fee for returned checks.

Students are evaluated during the first month of classes for proper placement. This is based solely on their ability, not years of dance or age. FSDA's staff is well qualified to properly and safely place students.

WHAT TO EXPECT

Please check the studio bulletin board & your email frequently for important information!

Payments

Tuition is based on 38 weeks of instruction regardless of absences, vacations, weather closings or holidays. No credit will be given for missed classes. Classes may only be made up, if possible, by availability of the teacher. Tuition & registration are non-refundable and can be paid in 10 equal payments (direct debit or credit cards only) 2 semester or 1 year payments (cash, check for discount, or credit card without the discount). FSDA does not bill you for payments, but will withdraw on the 5th or the next available business day or at any time if past due. A letter or email of withdrawal must be submitted to FSDA to stop the billing process. Tuition is due for the month in which you drop. No drops will be accepted after March 1st. You must allow FSDA 30 days to stop the billing cycle. If the student withdraws and would like to re-enter the program, a \$25 re-admittance fee will be applied. Late fees and/or overdraft fees will be applied to all returned or overdue balances. Students may not take classes if account is not in good standing.

Costumes

Dance Concert costumes are required to be purchased and will be ordered in December. A deposit of \$30 per costume is due by December 5th. A \$10 late fee will be applied to all deposits received after this date and a \$20 charge for all costumes ordered after the original order is placed. After the costumes are posted, you will be asked to fill out an order form to be turned in with a deposit and/or full payment. Form must be completely filled out. Our staff members will be glad to assist you in measuring your child, but are not responsible for choosing the proper size. If a costume has to be exchanged for sizing, please know it may not arrive in time for pictures and/or the show. Also, there will be a cost for packing and shipping the costume.

Pictures

Pictures will be taken in May during classes. Come dressed in costume, hair & makeup applied (if desired), ready to go. See your instructor about other specific items required for the outfit. Picture order forms will be available during picture week so please bring cash or checks payable to the photographer.

Dance Concert

ALL FSDA STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO PERFORM IN THE JUNE DANCE CONCERT. FSDA makes every attempt to schedule the Dance Concert the 2nd weekend in June to accommodate vacation plans, etc. A mandatory dress rehearsal (in costume) will be scheduled prior to the performance. The date will be posted as soon as we receive confirmation. Student attendance is critical during the months of April & May to prepare for the show. Tickets will be available for purchase prior to show date. Each family will receive 1 complimentary ticket as long as account is in good standing. No personal video recording is allowed during the show. DVDs may be purchased during the month of May or at the performance. DVDs will be ready for pick up during the summer. Call in or check your email to see when they are ready for pick up. **All accounts must be paid in full in order to receive costumes and/or participate in the Dance Concert.**

Discounts

5% discount if you pay full year or semester rate by check or cash only. **Family discount:** Discount is for one member only. 1st member pays full rate, 15% off lowest tuition for the 2nd member, 20% off lowest tuition for the 3rd member, etc. Discounts offered on registration fees for additional family members after the first. **Boys-**50% off tuition after 2 years with ballet classes taken regularly and **must perform with our company, DE Dance Alliance.**

Dress Code-

*No gum, jewelry, visible cell phones in studios.
(Uniform prices are on our website)
Intro/Pre-School Ballet- Blue leotard, pink tights, ballet shoes (tap shoes for Intros), skirts, hair secured to the head. Purchased at FSDA only. (Intro returns can still wear black leotards for this year only.)
Pre-Ballet & Ballet-Black leotard, pink tights (footed or convertible).
Tap/Hip Hop-Exercise wear, no street clothes. Hair pulled away from face. Instructor's approval needed for jazz sneakers.
Modern/Contemporary/Jazz- leotard, tights, dance shorts permitted.
Boys-White or black tank top or dance shirt (tight); black tights or biker shorts; black or white ballet shoes; white socks.

Business hours are
Monday-Thursdays
5:30-7:30 p.m.

FSDA is not responsible for
lost/stolen items or
supervision of unattended
children before and after
classes.

Delaware Dance Alliance

FSDA's own dance company
announces auditions for its 2017-18
dance productions!

~Nutcracker Polar Express Ballet
(Milford HS) *(Subject to change.)*
Auditions: August 26th, ages 5 &
older. \$15 audition fee (non-
refundable) or by appointment.

10-10:45- ages 5 - 7
11-12:00- ages 8 - 11
12:15-12:45- tap & hip hop dancers
(must show 1 - 2 minute piece)
12:45-2 - ages 12 & older or en
pointe

A brief "need to know" meeting will
occur before each audition group.
Company dues and program ad
sales are required to perform with
DDA.

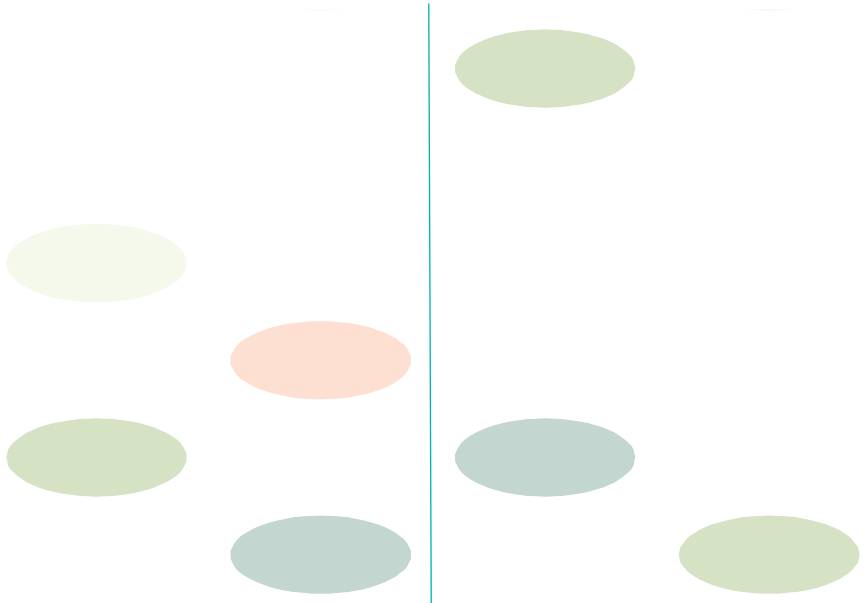


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<u>Tuition</u>		
Semester rate below includes 5% off \$25 registration fee (non refundable)		
	10 <u>Payments</u>	or 2 <u>Semester</u>
1 class/wk	\$56	\$266.00
2 classes/wk	\$94	\$446.50
3 classes/wk	\$120	\$570.00
4 classes/wk	\$145	\$688.75
Unlimited/wk	\$165	\$783.75
\$20/class for visitors for the first class then \$10 each additional class in the same evening.		
\$4/class-Zumba-cash only. Pay teacher directly.		

Parent handbooks are available at FSDA & on line.