

JUNIOR & SENIOR EXPRESSIONS™ ELITE COMPETITIVE GROUPS

Facts & Figures

We are very excited to continue the success of the Junior and Senior Expressions Dance teams. These are groups of elite dancers that must be trained in all areas of dance. This is the next level and a step up from the Tiny and Mini Expressions competition programs. There will be certain years a "B" team will be available for either the Mini or Junior level depending on the number of those auditioning.

This is a bigger commitment than a regular dance class and it takes both dancer and parent commitment for the entire group to succeed. Please read on and take into consideration these things to think about before making this commitment. I would advise a team folder for all handouts including this one to refer to later on in the year. Take a look at the 2022-2023-class schedule to see if the team timeslot/s fit into your schedule. Please note that ballet is still the year-round requirement for a junior or senior competition team member. Summer Ballet is 6 weeks & you must double up if missing a class. 1 week exception this year due to Panama, Florida.

SENIOR EXPRESSIONS~ 8th -12th grade unless otherwise noted.

***we are requiring all 8th and 9th graders to always remain on the Junior team to keep it strong. Yes, they can also audition for the Senior team as well. Must be able to balance the two teams.**

Ms. Lori Open on Tuesday's 7:00-8:15 p.m. alternating with Miss Torre/Miss Sarah Hip Hop on Tuesday's 7:00-8:15 p.m.

If you are chosen for the Senior team, these are the required routines along with **Ms. Lori SENIOR Pom**-to be learned in Oct/Nov/Dec

Extension Team options

Sarah/Torre small group Jazz (no more than 8 or 9 dancers) ~to be learned in Oct/Nov/Dec **AND** "adjusted" **Senior Contemporary** (New choreographer) **Ms. Kathryn McCarty**. The competition routine will now be taught in August (Aug 15/16/17/30th) like the Juniors. Kathryn and husband had a studio in Delaware, I met her while judging for Nexstar 5-6 years ago. They moved to Dayton as her husband is now a regional director for Nexstar. She teaches at several studios but was available in August to set this piece. She'll be in the area then to come back on occasion and clean or tweak. She is very excited.

What we want for the older dancers is the Tuesday night 8:15-9:30 p.m. to be structured more as a class. Miss Courtney will instruct the senior team class that will condition, strengthen, work on technical body movement, leaps/turns etc. Courtney will then clean the already established routine on occasion. If you do not make this group, as a senior team member you can still take this class. Courtney is great at teaching and increasing our knowledge in Contemporary & I don't want to lose that by always working on a Comp routine.

All-Ages Teen group (5th grade & up) -to be learned in Sept/Oct/Nov. This group is choreographed by Lori & Sarah & will not be a year long set schedule of rehearsals. We typically have 2 practices during Sept/Oct then 1 a month in Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan. It's always a very strong group with minimal rehearsal. That is still the expectation of the dancers.

JUNIOR EXPRESSIONS~ 5th-9th grade (teams may have no more than 10%, rounded up, of its members, that have aged up in Showcase)

Monday's 7:30-9:15 Miss Sarah Open & Hip Hop If you are chosen for the Junior Expressions, these are the required routines in a class timeslot. January-March will be a possible ending time of 9:30 p.m. if necessary.

Extension Team options ~ Contemporary (New choreographer) **Miss Heather McBride**. The competition routine will once again be learned over the summer (early August). Heather will of course return home to clean on the occasional gym weekend etc

Small group Jazz with Ms. Lori -no more than 8 or 9 dancers

All Extension teams (Junior and Senior) ~ The # of initial rehearsals depends on the elite group selected & the effort put in at home and in the studio. The schedule is up to the director/choreographer and with few weeks' notice we ask that you make it work.

BOTH Jr and Sr. TEAMS ~ Will of course have randomly scheduled Thursday/Sunday nights at the gym starting in December or January through Showcase Nationals (April 1st weekend). Attendance is mandatory for both their teams & other classes and all gym rehearsals for the benefit of all involved. An occasional Wednesday afterschool (with notice) was used for an extension team.

When you fill out your 2022-2023-registration form please indicate which groups you are trying out for. In addition, please sign up on the audition chart in the studio & indicate which groups you want to be evaluated for. This helps us with scoresheets.

EXPECTATIONS~ both the dancer and the family are expected to fully support the staff at all times. While you may not agree with every decision made, the experience of each staff member is extensive. Insubordination will not be tolerated. Collaborating with a disgruntled parent or team member is not a role that any member or parent will play. Up to the director on which routines compete where and when. The staff members of Dance Expressions go above and beyond for the individuals and the team as a whole. The best decisions will be made and will be based on what is the best solution, course of action or option/s for the group. Parents are expected to partake in group fundraisers in order for the fundraiser to be successful for all. Payments must be made on time or the dancer will sit out of performances and late fees will occur.

*all team members must be enrolled in year-round ballet. Please see summer schedule.

*all team members must be enrolled in one summer master classes, both recommended if in town. Please see summer schedule.

*all team members must make this team/s their priority.

AUDITIONS are Tuesday, May 24th K-3 4:30-5:30, 4th-6th 5:45-7:15, 7th-12th 7:30-9:15.

***if you were one of the Senior team Tuesday night dancers this past season, please arrive stretched and ready to go by 8:15 please.**

Please wear any style of form-fitting dance wear (crop top/leggings, leotard/booty shorts, tight top/bike shorts etc dance shoes of choice, hair & make-up glam @ the studio.

Meeting POST-Tryouts ~ We will have a pool party or a gathering of families to kick off the season in September & go over the season's schedule and expectations.

COMPETITION / PERFORMANCE DATES- *Tentative & subject to change*

- *Butler Homecoming halftime show Sept 30th (non-BHS students that are at other High Schools are not required)
- *2-3 Butler Basketball games in Dec or Jan or Feb.
- *1-2 UD Basketball games in Jan or Feb.
- *Possible new circuit contest in January in place of Centerville.
- *Pageant for soloists January 20-21 2023
- *(Showcase) TENTATIVE Centerville Invitational- Sunday, February 26th, 2023 (all routines)
- *(Showcase) Tipp City Invitational "Dayton Regional" ~ Saturday, March 11th 2023 (all routines)
- *(Showcase) Senior Expressions Invitational "STATE" - Saturday, March 18th 2023 (all routines)
- *3 Studio circuit contests in either February, March, April or May (TBD)
- *(Showcase) National championships (Location TBD) April 1, 2, 3 (only 2 weeks between State & Nationals, this is the start of VB spring break.
- * June/ July 2023 Optional solo/duet/trio contest in Ohio or Gatlinburg
- *June/July 2024 Junior/Senior Beach location team competition

YOUR COST- 2022/23

Monthly TEAM payments INCLUDING SUMMER made out to Dance Expressions will be mailed C/O Pam Drewry 720 Bay Brooke Ct. Vandalia, 45377. You will receive your payment coupons that you will send with each payment following auditions. All monthly payments go toward team wear/costumes/entry fees/accessories/accounting fee/any & everything that needs paid for. This was a smooth process last year so thank you! **ALERT-> NO DROP OFFS OF CASH PLEASE, NO VENMO.**

PAYMENT PLAN & REQUIRMENTS TO TRY-OUT

If your child is trying out for the team you will need this **start-up fee \$150.00 to start your TEAM account. This will be refunded or ripped up (with permission) if your child is not selected for a team.

You will turn in the following **prior** to audition night~ 1. your team sign-up form/s 2. \$150.00 startup check attached to team sign-up form. (if you are trying out for both Jr/Sr teams you only need one check. 3. Team or solo contract 4. Studio Registration form with the teams listed you are hoping for plus ballet class and any other class choice. 4. A separate \$35.00 check for your studio registration fee. 5. Summer form filled out with your ballet and master class choices. You can add or delete the 2nd master class choice later if something comes up.

You cannot audition without these items. We WILL NOT, let me repeat NOT chase required paperwork after the audition, regardless of years on the team. When you bring this to the desk, please staple your check to the form. We will wait to deposit until after audition lists are posted. Registration fees are non-refundable.

***BY JUNE 10th TURN IN YOUR MEASUREMENTS/TEAMWEAR ORDER FORM (you will receive audition night) to the following team moms;**

Monicalynsmith@yahoo.com Tiny team (I list all 4 on the Tiny/Mini paperwork as well)

Gallup08@yahoo.com Mini team

Mcbridegirls@att.net Juniors and if we have a Junior B

Cathy79@woh.rr.com Seniors

Contact them via email and figure the best way to give your paperwork.

Your 2nd ledger payment of \$200 is due on July 1st

Your 3rd ledger payment of \$200.00 is due on August 1st

Your 4th ledger payment of \$200.00 is due on September 1st

Your 5th ledger payment of \$200.00 is due October 1st.

Your 6th ledger payment of \$200.00 is due November 1st.

Once you see your ledger in Sept/October, we will determine what your monthly fee's will be for December-March. Must be at zero balance by MARCH 1st. Your ledger details depend on number of routines you are in, plus any fundraiser credits earned over the summer. All of the above-mentioned payments remain the same regardless of credit. We need consistency and Pam is adding items through January.

*****NEW THIS YEAR~ if we do not have your full summer amount by the time the studio opens in September the dancer will not be permitted to start. Several missed the summer payments last summer and spent the whole year behind. This cannot happen!!!!**

Extension team fees (these will be listed on your ledger; your payments pay them off)

Lori Pom~ Lump sum of 75.00

Sarah/Torre small group Jazz ~ lump sum of \$125.00

All Ages Group~lump sum of \$100.00

Jr. Contemporary~lump sum of \$100.00

Sr. Contemporary~ lump sum of \$100.00

Lori Jr. Small group Jazz ~ Final lump sum of \$125.00

→This is for balance of choreography fees, administrative, studio use, teacher/s hourly at rehearsals, props if needed & the additional gym time needed.

These above fees are because there is NO monthly Studio classroom tuition so it's a summarization of what you will be receiving for your \$ amount. Last year we underestimated a few groups, this is now based on the previous number in that specific group.

Monthly STUDIO payments starting in September.

Monday 7:30-9:15 p.m. Junior team \$60.00 per month

Tuesday 7:00-8:15 p.m. Senior team \$50.00 per month

Tuesday 8:15-9:30 p.m. Contemp. class \$50.00 per month

Plus ballet class, cost determined by class level and time.

*** TEAM CLASSES to be paid *separately* from team payments. Team Payments = go through Pam, Team Classes= pay studio.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS

- Team Gear~ at Auditions you will receive a team gear form with required and optional team wear, warm-up jacket, tank tops, shorts etc. Returning members will have much of what is required. All starter Dance Shoes to be ordered and paid for at Open House. We feel jazz shoes are a great shoe to practice in. Using gel pads on heels or ball of the foot are something that we decided will help with injury. Consider buying for your jazz practice shoes.
- Golf Outing TBA Homestead in Tipp City July 9th, 2022~Details to come from Melissa McBride but please note this is full team participation as the course needs at least 25 teams to make it worth closing their course for us. We need the golf outing to be successful for the benefit of all, but this is *for your individual accounts*. Typical profits are anywhere from \$200-\$300 depending on the number of teams we end up with. Each dancer is required to get one team of 4, 1 door prize and 1-hole sponsor & dancer working it. You can get more than 1 of everything of course. Profits are tallied based on these 4 requirements & what you contribute. If you are out of town, Pam just notes that, and the profit is slightly lower. She has always handled the profit calculations.
Homestead Golf Fundraiser Chairperson Melissa McBride, Melissa can be reached at McBridegirls@att.net
- Recital fundraiser – in progress please see Angie Grimes for info. *for your individual accounts.
- Flamingo Flocking summer fundraiser – super successful last summer. This is a full Jr/Sr fundraiser, but this is for team funds for kick-off parties, fall parties, food, treats, gifts, miscellaneous. Some of this was used for extra gym fees this year.
- Senior Expressions March Invitational – ALL Junior and Senior Parents required to work and attend monthly meetings starting in November/December. This profit is now **crucial** to now pay the balance of all gym practice fees which are now substantial. Then we use profit to benefit both Junior and Senior dancers for Nationals (hotel rooms, hospitality/dressing room, catering which was buffet b'fast, Cane's, Pizza, Boxed lunches, gifts like shirts and keychains etc) this was approximately \$6700.00 this year. Depending on amount earned/spent on end of season then a possible startup credit for your ledgers & hopeful scholarship money for our outgoing seniors. Chairpersons will reach out to the families in the fall. Heather Scott has stepped down & we want to split up a couple areas she worked on & ask for chairpersons. Thankfully the contest was super successful this past March. This will be discussed at end of summer mtg. ALL must attend meetings and supply 2 workers for set up and day.
- Other Individual Studio & Team fundraisers; Flower Bulb, Charleston Wrap, Bath Boms, Pampered Chef & any others we can come up with. Soloists/trios benefit from 50/50 raffle held in Feb/March.
- If anyone has ideas on how to fundraise for our dancers, we'd love to hear your thoughts. Not everyone needs or wants to fundraise but for some of our dancers its crucial.

We hope your family is excited to be a part of what we feel is a fabulous dance family. Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns.

Director Lori Downey
Studio Registrations Chelsea Hoagland
Accountant Pam Drewry
Team Liaison for all 5 teams~ Melissa McBride
Spirit wear moms~ Melissa McBride (juniors), Cathy Cox (seniors),

Junior & Senior Coaches/Choreographers~ Lori, Sarah, Torre, Heather, Brianne (Team B)

~~~ turn in, in order to audition along with your \$150.00 team startup fee along & other pre-audition requirements  
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**Junior/Senior Expressions Evaluation Permission Slip~~~**

**I \_\_\_\_\_ along with my daughter/son \_\_\_\_\_ have both read this & the contract in its entirety. We understand the group descriptions, time commitment, money obligation, attendance policy, expectations, evaluation process & pending contract. We understand the decision of the judges & staff is final. I will be registered for summer ballet. I will register for 1 team master class. I have turned in my studio registration form and \$35.00. I will attach my \$150.00 to this form.**

**NAME\_\_\_\_\_AGE\_\_\_\_\_Grade 22-23\_\_\_\_\_**

**Dancer EMAIL\_\_\_\_\_Parent EMAIL\_\_\_\_\_**

**Dancer CELL\_\_\_\_\_Parent CELL\_\_\_\_\_**

**INTERESTED IN THE FOLLOWING~**

**Junior Hip/Hop & Open main team**

**Junior Contemporary**

**Junior small group jazz**

**Senior Hip Hop & Open**

**Senior Pom (required for all senior team dancers)**

**Senior Contemporary**

**Senior Jazz**

**All Ages/Lyrical**

**Are you willing to (if of senior team age) to be in a Junior routine? YES or NO**

**Are you also trying out for MINI? YES or NO**

**Are you willing (if you do not make team A) to be on Junior B team consisting of Jazz and Hip Hop? YES or NO**

**Are you willing (if 4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade) to be on Junior B and Mini's? YES or NO**

**DANCER'S SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_**

**PARENTS SIGNATURE\_\_\_\_\_DATE\_\_\_\_\_**

Dance Expressions Competition Cast Agreement

By signing below, you agree to the following terms:

- I have read the team and/or solo guidelines and understand the costs and payments required to be a member of the Dance Expressions Competition Cast.
- I have read and agree to adhere to the rules involving conduct and behavior including the requirement that each dancer/parent always maintain a positive attitude in all studio classes, lessons, competitions and when representing Dance Expressions at any function.
- I agree that all dancers and parents are expected and required to support and encourage all team members and work together as a team.
- I agree that all dancers must represent the team in a positive manner and that any behavior of the dancer, which reflects negatively on the team, may lead to the immediate dismissal from the team and any group or solo.
- I agree that all dancers and parents will be respectful to all dancers, teachers, and faculty inside and outside of the studio. This includes refraining from negative comments about the studio, teachers, faculty, dancers and/or parents including in person, phone, texts, Internet and all social media sites.
- I agree that all dancers and parents are to respect the professional decisions made by the teachers and staff.
- I agree to abide by the attendance requirements set forth in the attendance policy.
- I agree that all competition, contest, costume, lesson and all fees paid by the dancer/parent are non-refundable once paid by the dancer/parent regardless of whether the dancer participates in any competition or contest and regardless of whether the dancer remains a member of the team/group through the end of the terms of this agreement unless this contract is cancelled in accordance with the terms set forth below.
- I agree and understand that failure of the dancer/parent to follow all team rules, policies and procedures including but not limited to the rules set forth above may result in the dismissal of the dancer from the team and any solo, duo, trio or other group choreographed and/or connected with Dance Expressions. I understand the decision to dismiss a dancer is in the sole discretion of the Director of Dance Expressions.
- I agree that if my child/dancer is dismissed from any team, group or solo or my child voluntarily quits any team, group, or solo (other than by reason of moving more than 25 miles from Dance Expressions, disability, or death) I remain responsible for the remaining ledger/tuition/team fees until the end of the terms of this Agreement.
- If my child can no longer participate by reason of the dancer moving more than 25 miles from Dance Expressions (or if Dance Expressions relocates more than 25 miles from the dancer's residence), disability or death, all prepaid and/or future fees and costs will be proportionally divided and I shall only be responsible for the period of time my child actually participated in the team, group or solo and that any refund necessary under this provision shall be made within 30 days of notice of the reason for cancellation.
- I agree and understand that all decisions regarding participation in competitions, contests, team functions, groups, including all solos, duos, trios and teams, are in the sole discretion of the Director of Senior Expressions.
- As the legal parent or guardian, I release and hold harmless Dance Expressions by Lori Jene, Inc. ("Dance Expressions"), its owners, agents, employees, and all instructors, teachers, choreographers working on behalf of Dance Expressions from any and all liability, claims, demands, and causes of action arising out of or related to any loss, damage or injury that may be sustained by the dancer and/or the undersigned, while in or upon the premises or any premises under the control and supervision of Dance Expressions or in any lesson, meeting, competition, practice for any team, group or solo or in route to or from any such lesson, meeting, competition, practice or the premises of Dance Expressions.
- Dance Expressions, including its owners, agents, and employees, is hereby granted permission to take photographs of the dancers to use in brochures, websites, posters, advertisements and other materials.
- All information and material of a personal or private nature that is acquired directly or indirectly from parent shall be returned to the parent by regular mail within 30 days after the expiration of the contract or after the expiration for any reason of the dancer's participation in the team, group or solo.
- All costuming and accessories/props borrowed from Dance Expressions and/or a staff member must be returned within 7 days of team dismissal and/or end of season.
- I understand that I, the parent/dancer, have the right to cancel this Agreement until midnight of the third business day after acceptance of the dancer on the team, group, or solo. In order to cancel, I understand I must give written notice of cancellation by hand delivery, mail or email to Dance Expressions.
- I agree that this Agreement remains in effect from June 1 of 2022 to May 31, 2023 or until the season concludes after the chosen Nationals summer event.

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Student

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Date

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Parent

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Date

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Dance Expressions

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Date