



2011 - 2012

Studio Philosophy

At TUZER DANCE SCHOOL, we believe dance challenges the mind and body of children during their most important years of development. The adolescence years should be devoted to socialization, building high self-esteem and developing a love to learn. Our focus is to develop a sense of competence by fostering exploration, inquiry, and encouraging children's internal motivation through movement. We believe that each child deserves the very best exposure to dance. Our responsibility is to provide the proper technique, inspiration and the environment that will give them every opportunity to develop to their greatest potential. *Research shows that students engaged in dance have higher levels of academic achievement, problem-solving skills, creativity, and physical coordination.* We are defining our commitment to make a difference in the lives of your children.

Our Commitment Is To:

- 1) Offer a warm, secure, engaging and loving environment so that the student can learn the proper skills and techniques to form a solid dance technique and continue the love of dance through their lives.
- 2) Give the finest classes and the most well - rounded dance education available. We offer the finest; Preschool classes, Classical Ballet, Pre-Ballet and Pre-Tap, Dance Fusions, Jazz, Modern Expressions, Tap & Theatrical Movement classes. New Zumba classes will be offered in October.
- 3) Develop a close bond between the teachers and dancers and create a mutual respect for the love of dance.
- 4) Build a strong foundation for each child to grow emotionally, socially, physically and cognitively as we encourage a love for dance and learning in a fun-filled learning environment.
- 5) Provide the proper technique, dance curriculum and performance experiences, so that those individuals who seek a professional dance career can pursue their dreams.

Studio Policies

All students enrolled at the Tuzer Dance School should be able to enjoy the art of dance in a positive, healthy and distraction-free environment. Our faculty and staff do their best to promote respectful behavior from all students in the classroom. Please observe the school policies to ensure that each student gets the most out of their time at TDS. Do not hesitate to contact the TDS office if you have any questions about school policies.

REGISTRATION / TUITION

A \$40 registration fee, due at time of registration, will be charged per student. This fee holds your place in the class and is non-refundable. A maximum of \$75 will be charged per family. Upon registration a parent must fill out a Registration Form and sign Liability Release Forms and agree with all Tuzer Dance School policies and regulations.

Tuition is due at the first of each month for those on a monthly payment plan. Monthly students are encouraged to keep a credit/debit card on file to be billed automatically the first week of each month. Students who do not wish to keep a card on file are responsible for making payments on time each month. Payments can be made in person, submitted on the desk in the tuition box, or by mail to: Tuzer Dance School 310 N. Glenville Dr./ Richardson, TX / 75081.

Tuition is considered late if not received by the 5th of the month. Late payments are subject to a \$10.00 after the 5th and \$10.00 every late week thereafter. We do not send out monthly statements unless accounts are delinquent.

Each student's tuition must be paid in full monthly regardless of attendance (except in cases of medical emergencies and injuries) or holidays. Tuition is not prorated for months that have more or fewer than the usual four weeks. Clients pay a flat rate although the calendar may sometimes give dancers extra classes. This offsets the 3 classes missed due to holidays. Students must make up classes in the lower or same level classes within 30 days after the absence.

Students will be automatically enrolled each month unless we receive a written notice of withdrawal thirty days prior to the student no longer attending our studio. There are no refunds for tuition. If ANY classes are taken in a calendar month, all tuition for the entire month is due.

A 10% discount is offered if a full school year's tuition is paid in full by the first week of classes. There will be a 5% discount if a semester's tuition is paid in full. This offer expires at the end the first week of classes . All returned checks will be subject to a \$25 fee. Please make all checks payable to "Tuzer Dance School."

There is a \$5% Family Tuition Discount for families when two or more siblings are enrolled.

Both May and June's tuition will be due by May 1.

DANCE ATTIRE / HAIR

BALLET GIRLS (BALLET LEVELS A – E):

- Black (non-shiny) tank leotard (no sleeves, camisoles, decals, prints, halters, criss-cross strap designs or tutu/skirt attachments).
- Pink (non-shiny) tights. No holes or runs and tights must be footed and worn inside the ballet shoe.
- Pink leather ballet slippers that have elastic sewn across the foot.
- Black alignment belt. Available for purchase at front desk.
- No skirts, legwarmers or over garments.
- Hair in a very neat "ballet bun" with an invisible hair net or crocheted bun cover. Short hair should be secured with a headband and all bangs pinned away from the face. Dancers will not be able to participate in class with messy hair. Dancers must in a neat ballet hairstyle.
- No jewelry (except small earrings) or watches, and no long or colored nails!
- Company girls need to check for the regulation leotards required.

PREBALLET / TAP GIRLS:

- Pale pink (non-shiny) short-sleeved leotard (no decals, prints, halters, criss-cross strap designs or tutu/skirt attachments).•
- Pink (non-shiny) tights. No holes or runs.
- Pink leather ballet slippers that have elastic sewn across the foot. Black tap shoes for tap classes.
- Short pale pink dance skirt.
- Hair in a very neat “ballet bun” with an invisible hair net or crocheted bun cover. Short hair should be secured with a headband and all bangs pinned away from the face. All hair must be neat in order to participate in ballet classes.
- No jewelry (except small earrings) or watches, and no long or colored nails!

BOYS / BALLET:

- White, tight-fitting crew neck T-shirt • Black tights or shorts. No baggy pants • Thin white socks and white leather ballet slippers that have elastic sewn across the foot • Dance belts for upper levels.

MODERN IMPRESSIONS:

- Any style or color leotard. Must be tight-fitting • Tights or leggings • No baggy apparel • Barefoot or Foot Undies or Dance Paws • Hair in ponytail

JAZZ:

- Same as above for Lyrical Jazz– except also need black jazz shoes • Hair in ponytail

DANCE FUSIONS:

- Comfortable clothing; Jazz pants and yoga/athletic tops or leotard. Dance sneakers preferred.
- Hair in ponytail

TAP & THEATRICAL DANCE:

- Same as above for Lyrical Jazz, also need flat, black tap shoes
- No street clothes • Hair in ponytail.

WHERE TO PURCHASE DANCEWEAR

There are several dance stores in the area. This is a partial listing.

- **Artful Dance (Dallas, southbound service road of 75 @ Walnut Hill)**
9665 North Central Exp. (at Walnut Hill) 214. 739-9999
- **Sandy’s Dancewear (Plano)**
(Independence & Parker) 214.473.6600
- **Capezio Dance Theatre Shop (Dallas)**
5600 Lovers Lane 214.351.2555

MAKE-UP CLASSES / TARDINESS

If you miss a class due to illness or family emergency you may call the studio to set up a time to make-up in another class or review missed material with your instructor. Please notify the studio as soon as possible, if you are going to miss a class. This opens up make-up spaces for other students and ensures the availability of a make-up class for you. Please note that attendance is important to the learning process and you are expected to be in your assigned class each week unless an unavoidable problem arises. Excessive absenteeism may result in your inability to participate in upcoming performances and will inhibit your advancement to the next class level.

In the event of inclement weather, Tuzer Dance School class cancellations follow Richardson Independent School District closings. We will also post cancellations on our voicemail (972.783.1735) for your convenience. You may schedule make-ups for these missed classes - refunds will not be given.

Dancers should arrive 5 – 10 minutes before class to stretch and prepare. Dancers arriving late will step into the studio and wait by the door until the instructor gives them permission to join the class. If it is too late to join, the dancer will be asked to observe the class, which is also a learning experience.

CLASS PLACEMENT AND ADVANCEMENT

Placement in the appropriate class is important to each student's skill development and personal growth. For students younger than seven, placement is based on the student's age as of the first day of class. For students age seven and older, skill level and experience are also considered. Premature advancement to the next level can have a profound and negative impact both on a student's self-confidence, and on skill acquisition and development of proper technique. The instructor's placement decisions are final and are always meant to be in the best interest of the student.

PARENT / GUARDIAN RESPONSIBILITIES

All students 10 years old and younger must be escorted to and from the studio by a parent or responsible adult, i.e. they may not be dropped off or picked up in the parking lot.

Parents must not leave their children (preschool parents, please see next paragraph) for more than 10 minutes prior to their class and must return for them no later than 10 minutes after their class ends. These guidelines must be followed for safety reasons.

Parents of Pre-school students must remain with their child until they are taken into the studio. Please be waiting in the lobby as the class is dismissed.

Please note that there is a changing room provided in the studio. We appreciate your cooperation in keeping the restrooms available for all to use by not using them for changing purposes.

It is our experience that both students and teachers work more efficiently together when parents/ visitors are not in the studio. We do schedule an OPEN HOUSE WEEK in January. Please see attached calendar for dates



GENERAL INFORMATION

- Please know that all classes are subject to enrollment. You will be notified if a class is cancelled.
- Parents need to supervise young dancers in the lobby areas. All dancers must conduct themselves in a courteous and respectful manner at all times. The student discipline required provides both for efficient and smooth-running classes and continues the tradition of Tuzer's undeniable reputation for excellence over the past 34 years.
- Lost & Found items are kept in the Girl's Dressing Room. Items are donated to charity every two months. Please make sure that all of your dancer's dancewear is properly labeled with their name.
- There is no gum allowed in the lobby or studio areas and no water bottles or food is allowed in the studio areas.
- Tuzer students must not attend any outside dance classes, master classes, auditions or any kind of competitions without the prior approval of the Directors.
- We encourage ALL families to join the Tuzer Ballet Guild. The Directors is [Priti Aziz](mailto:whatiam@tx.rr.com) (whatiam@tx.rr.com). There are forms in the lobby or you can email Priti. The guild serves as a volunteer organization to help company dancers, reward senior gifts, provide hospitality at company functions, promote the company performances, etc. ALL company members MUST join the Guild. This is a very worthy organization and we are thankful to have these helping hands. PLEASE JOIN TODAY!

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School Tuition

INDIVIDUAL REGISTRATION FEE - \$40

FAMILY REGISTRATION FEE - \$75

CLASSES PER WEEK	MONTHLY TUITION RATES
1 Pre-School Class per Week	\$55 Monthly
2 Pre-School Classes per Week	\$88 Monthly
1 Hour per Week	\$65 Monthly
2 Hours per Week	\$95 Monthly
3 Hours per Week	\$135 Monthly
4 Hours per Week	\$165 Monthly
5 Hours per Week	\$195 Monthly
6 Hours per Week	\$215 Monthly
7 + Hours per Week (Unlimited)	\$250 Monthly

School Calendar 2011 - 2012

Mon, August 22	Classes Begin
Mon, September 5	Closed for Labor Day
Sat, September 17	NUTCRACKER Mandatory Parent's Meeting for Applicants 4:00pm
Saturday, Sept. 24	Last day to return Nutcracker Application Forms
Mon, November 7	Recital Participation Agreement + Fees due
Nov. 23 - 27	Closed for THANKSGIVING holiday (Classes resume Mon. 11/28)
Wed, Dec. 14	Last day of Semester I classes
Dec. 14,15,16	TUZER BALLET'S Nutcracker Stage Rehearsals at Eisemann Center
Dec. 17,18	TUZER BALLET'S NUTCRACKER PERFORMANCES at Eisemann Center
Dec. 15 – Jan. 2	Winter Break
Tuesday, January 3	Classes resume for Semester II
January 16 – 21	Open House at Tuzer Dance School
Mon, March 12 - 18	Closed for Spring Break (Classes resume Monday, March 19)
Tuesday, May 1	Tuition for both May + June are due
Thursday, June 14	Stage + Dress Rehearsal for Tuzer Recital at Eisemann Center
Friday, June 15	7:00 PM Recital Performance at Eisemann Center
Saturday, June 23	Last day of classes for Semester II

School/Tuzer Ballet Performances

TUZER BALLET NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS

The Tuzer Dance School dancers (Ages 6+) have the opportunity to audition for children's parts in THE NUTCRACKER that will be presented on December 17 and 18, at the Eisemann Center. **In order to be considered for a part, at least ONE PARENT must attend the Nutcracker Mandatory Parent's Meeting** at the Dance School on Saturday, September 17, from 4:00– 5:00 pm. Application forms will ONLY be distributed at this vital meeting. You will also receive all information concerning the rehearsals, commitment and performances.

The Application Form and a \$110 Nutcracker Performance Fee (payable to Tuzer Ballet Company) are due on or before Saturday, September 25. This fee helps the non-profit organization to defray costume maintenance costs and other large expenses incurred when staging such a huge, professional production. We will also hire childcare professional to chaperone the dancers backstage during rehearsals and performances.

NO late applications will be considered.

THE TUZER BALLET 27th ANNUAL NUTCRACKER will be presented at the Eisemann Center in Richardson on Saturday, December 17 and Sunday, December 18. Stage and Dress rehearsals are the entire week of December 12. PLEASE do not apply if your family has conflicting scheduling.

TUZER DANCE SCHOOL – ANNUAL PERFORMANCE

Tuzer Dance School will have its annual Spring Performance at 7 pm on Friday, June 15, 2012, at the Eisemann Center, in Richardson. Details concerning this performance will be emailed in September.



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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY AND FILL OUT COMPLETELY. THEN SIGN AND DATE THIS FORM,
AND SUBMIT IT WITH THE APPROPRIATE FEE(S).
IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT FOR YOU TO KEEP ALL YOUR FAMILY INFORMATION UP-TO-DATE.

Student's Information

Student's Name: _____ Age: _____ Date of Birth: _____
 Student's Preferred Name: _____ Male Female
 Home Address: _____ City/Zip Code: _____
 Previous Dance School(s): _____
 Years of Dance Experience: _____
 List Any Health Problems or Injuries: _____
 Student's Home Phone: _____ Student's Cell Phone: _____
 Student's Email Address: _____

Party Responsible for Tuition (if not Parent or Legal Guardian)

Dr. Mr. Mrs. Ms. Name: _____
 Home Address: _____ City/Zip Code: _____
 Home Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____
 Alternative Phone: _____
 Email Address: _____

Parent/Legal Guardian Information

<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.	<input type="checkbox"/> Dr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mr. <input type="checkbox"/> Mrs. <input type="checkbox"/> Ms.
Name of Parent 1: _____	Name of Parent 2: _____
Home Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Child	Home Address: <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Child <input type="checkbox"/> Same as Parent
Home Address: _____	Home Address: _____
City/Zip Code: _____	City/Zip Code: _____
Cell Phone: _____	Cell Phone: _____
Place of Employment: _____	Place of Employment: _____
Work Phone: _____	Work Phone: _____
Email Address: _____	Email Address: _____
Stepparent Name: _____	Stepparent Name: _____

Check if appropriate:

Parents separated Parent Divorced Father deceased Mother deceased
 Check here if another immediate family member is enrolled. Name: _____

How did you find out about our school? _____

Referred by: (list one person only): _____

(In an emergency situation when the child's parents/guardians cannot be reached, contact the following person.)

Name: _____ Phone: _____ Relation: _____

I understand and agree to abide by TUZER DANCE SCHOOL Policy and Procedure Guidelines.

Signature of Parent or Legal Guardian: _____ Date: _____



Liability Waiver Form

(Must be completed and signed to participate)

Student's Name: _____

Age: _____

I have read, understood and agree to all policies put forth by Tuzer Dance School. I understand that all payments made are non-refundable, and that all policies and fees may change at any time with notification posted only in the common area of the studio. (All policy changes will be posted in writing next to the message board in the lobby - you will not be notified directly).

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Liability Disclaimer

Tuzer Dance School and/or its employees are not liable for personal injury, loss of or damage to personal property. I hereby release Tuzer Ballet School from all liability of accidents or injuries while on the premises of school or at any performance.

I have informed staff of any limitations my child may have.

Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____

Date: _____

Permission of Web Site Posting and Marketing Materials

(Please Check One and Sign)

I hereby acknowledge the web sites maintained by Tuzer Dance School (www.tuzerdance.com) and Tuzer Ballet (www.tuzerballet.com) and:

_____ Grant permission to Tuzer Dance School / Tuzer Ballet to use my child's name (first name only) and/or picture to be presented on this website and in any Marketing Materials at any given time for studio purposes only.

_____ Deny permission to Tuzer Dance School/Tuzer Ballet to use my child's name and/or picture to be presented on this web site at any given time.

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