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Dance Program 2019/2020

Please ensure that the front desk has a good email address on file for your family. There will be email communication throughout the year.

Important Dates 2019-2020

Aug. 12-24	Free Dance Days
September 2	Labor Day, School Closed
September 7	Open House @ Oro Valley School
October 26	Halloween Recital @ Barnes & Noble
Nov. 26-30	Thanksgiving, School Closed
Dec. 2-7	Parent Observation Days
December 7	Dance Holiday Celebration , 2pm @ Oro Valley School
December 14	Music Recital @ UA Holsclaw Hall
Dec. 23-Jan 5	Winter Break, School Closed
January 6	First Day of Spring Classes!
Feb. 18-22	Rodeo Break, School Closed
March 2-7	Parent Observation Days
March 13	25th Anniversary Gala , Dress Rehearsal (select dancers performing) @ U of A
March 14	25th Anniversary Gala
March 23-28	Spring Break, School Closed
May 25	Memorial Day, School Closed
May 30	Spring Dance Recital Dress Rehearsal @ U of A (ALL DANCERS)
May 31	Spring Dance Recital @ U of A (ALL DANCERS)
June 27	Last day of Classes

25th Anniversary Gala!

*Help us celebrate 25 wonderful years! We will be having a special performance on **Saturday March 14, 2020 @ U of A Crowder Hall**, featuring select dance and music performances, faculty performances, and special guest surprises. Save the date! Dancers/classes selected to perform in the Gala will be notified individually.*

Dress Code

Shop our dress code by class at DiscountDance.com! Select "Find My Dress Code" and enter Teacher # **TP28538** or search "Music & Dance Academy". See the full dress code posted at both schools!

Spring Recital: All Dancers

Please review the following dates before you commit to performing in our Spring Recital. Dancers are expected to attend the full Tech/Dress Rehearsal in order to perform in the show. Parent Volunteers will be needed for both days, so please save the date!

Tech/Dress Rehearsal: May 30, 2020, 9-4pm*

*Exact schedule TBD, please plan to be available for the whole day

Performance: May 31, 2020 @ 2pm*

*Arrival time for dancers and parent volunteers TBD

Where: University of Arizona, Crowder Hall

Tickets: Available online or at the door. We will let you know when they go on sale! Assigned seating, first come first served.

Costume Fee: \$75 child sizes, \$85 adult sizes. Includes tights.

Recital Costume \$ Due Date: December 15th, 2019

Recital Photo Day: May 17 2020, Oro Valley School, Times TBA

DVDs of the performance will be available for purchase

Dance Holiday Celebration!

*Join us for our first ever Dance Holiday Celebration on **Saturday December 7 @ 2pm** at our Oro Valley Location! We will have select dance performances, refreshments, games, and fun for the whole family. Dress up and have a ball with this free event.*

Classroom Etiquette

Hair

Ballet Classes	Tight ballet bun
Other styles	Ponytail or bun

Do not wear jewelry or hair accessories. No extra clothing other than approved dress code items. Dancers not in dress code may not be able to participate.

Bring a bag for shoes and a water bottle to class. No other food or drink permitted in the dance room. Use the bathroom before class or between classes. Excessive bathroom and water breaks are disruptive of class time. You are responsible for helping your young child in the bathroom.

Dancers should be respectful during class, raise their hands with questions, and be kind to others. Bodies should be still and quiet when not dancing. **NO RUNNING AROUND**, swinging on the barres, or horseplay. Dancers should thank their teachers after each lesson.

Level Placement: Placement is the discretion of the instructor and is not solely based upon age. Skill level, classroom behavior, and progression are considered.

Absences: When possible, please notify the Front Desk of any absences. Dancers may make up a missed class on a different day during a similar class with same length of lesson. Please arrange this with the front desk ahead of time.

Parents: Please ensure your dancer is on time and arrives at least 5 minutes before class time, in proper uniform and ready to go. You may watch class from our lobby TV, and twice a year during Parent Observation Days (see dates).



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Performing Group

Ages 7+ with instructor permission

Want more opportunities to perform? Miss Hayley's Performing Group is for you! Dancers must be enrolled in 2 technique classes per week to participate. Ask your instructor for details!

Private Lessons

Looking to take your dancing to the next level this year? Private Lessons are the fastest way to improve technique and build confidence. See the front desk for rates and instructor availability.

Meet Your 2019-2020 Dance Faculty!

Nicole Surran

Dance Program Coordinator, Dance Faculty

Miss Nicole began her dance training at the age of 5 at Tucson Regional Ballet. She has studied ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, contemporary, and modern dance. She has attended pre-professional summer workshops at BalletMet, The Rock School, and State Street Ballet on full tuition scholarship. After high school, she danced with Condanza Contemporary Repertory Company for 5 seasons and was their Community Outreach Intern. Miss Nicole is a magna cum laude graduate of Arizona State University and holds a BA in World History and a BS in Sociology. She holds an active AZ Fiduciary License and works full time for Pima County. When she isn't dancing, she enjoys spending time with her two dogs. Miss Nicole is entering her 4th school year with Music & Dance Academy. She looks forward to another great year!

Hayley Mellum

Dance Faculty, Performing Group

Hayley Mellum began her dance training at the age of 3 in Tucson, AZ. She has trained at many local schools as well as with State Street Ballet in Santa Barbara, CA. She performed with the Tucson Regional Ballet as well as the Breakout Adult Dance Company. In the summer of 2012, she was chosen to be a Dance Ambassador with the Long Beach Ballet and went on tour throughout China. Miss Hayley started teaching dance at age 16 and is well rounded in styles like ballet, tap, jazz, contemporary and lyrical. Miss Hayley is the director of our Performing Group. This is her third year with Music & Dance Academy.

Latricia George

Dance Faculty, Front Desk

Latricia George started dancing at 11 years old and hasn't looked back since! A native of Chicago, she received her most influential training at the Russell Talbert Dance Studio studying Ballet. Ms. George went on to receive her BFA in Dance at Marymount Manhattan College in New York City. While living in Tucson, she has danced with the Esperanza Dance Project, and the Barbea Williams Performing Company. Ms. George started teaching dance at the Russell Talbert Dance Studio and took dance education courses during her time at Marymount. She is happy to be a part of the MADA family for the last 4 years.

Missy Helton

Dance Faculty

Missy Helton has been dancing since the age of 3. She started dancing with Tucson Regional Ballet where she performed in productions of A Southwest Nutcracker. She also studied with Ballet Tucson and performed in Moscow Ballet's Nutcracker. She attended summer programs at Burklyn Ballet in Vermont. Miss Missy loves teaching little ones and has worked as a preschool teacher. This is her second year with the Academy.

Angela McGinty

Dance Faculty

Angela McGinty was born and raised in Phoenix, AZ. She began dancing in high school. In college, she earned a Bachelor's Degree in Dance Education through Grand Canyon University, while performing with The Movement Source Dance Company. Angela currently teaches dance at Compass High School in East Tucson. She is excited to begin her first season with the Music & Dance Academy!