

## 940 Dance

### Professional Dance Company in Residence

The dance program is also home to the 940 Dance Company, a professional, contemporary dance company that tours to communities and schools throughout Kansas, Missouri and the Midwest and presents several concerts at the Arts Center each year. The presence of this company enriches the dance program in unique ways such as providing students with performance opportunities, qualified teachers and professional dance exposure. Susan Reiger is artistic director.

## Curriculum Information

### Ballet

Classes offered for ages three through adult. Comprehensive training program in classical dance for youth and adults taught by highly trained professionals. Ballet demands careful and consistent training. We offer classes for beginning through advanced dancers and preparatory classes for the very young. All students study in a positive, caring and professional environment.

### Pointe

Due to the physical demands of pointe work, proper body alignment and strong feet and ankles are vital. Students must have recommendation by their teacher; 3-4 years consistent ballet training and be at least eleven years old.

### Modern

Classes offered for ages seven through adult. Technical training combined with exercises and improvisations to develop the expressive potential of dance are the two aspects of a modern dance class. Flexible use of the back, off center movement, use of the floor and parallel positions are some of the characteristics of this training.

### Jazz

Classes offered for ages ten through adult. This traditional American dance form concentrates on isolation, grounded movement & rhythmic excitement. Training focuses on jazz movement vocabulary, dance technique and using these elements in combinations.

### Tap

Classes offered for ages seven through adult. Training focuses on basic steps, tap vocabulary, rhythm structures and using these elements in combinations of movement.

### Additional Dance Classes

**Specialty Dance classes for youth** often offered include Variations, Boys Dance & Theatre, Child Parent Movement & Music, Creative Dance, Dancing Fairytales, World Dance, "All Arts" Integrated Classes, & new art/dance integration classes: Dance/Art Exploratorium & A Dancer's Gallery.

**Specialty Movement Classes for adults include** Ballroom, Latin Rhythms, Improvisation, Renaissance Woman (with other art forms,) Ballet-lates, Stretch & Tone, Yoga-lates, Iyengar Yoga and Ashtanga Yoga.

**Performance Classes** for various ages include the Youth Ballet Company and the Peanut, Pretzel, Popcorn and Pistachio Companies. Additional classes participate in the dance/drama Holiday Performances, informal performances and at the Dance Galas.



# Lawrence Arts Center Dance Program Handbook 2008-09

The Lawrence Arts Center's Dance Program provides opportunities for youth and adults of all ages and skill levels (including professionals) to explore and learn about dance as a way to communicate and express oneself through the use of the human body in motion. The program provides a positive, non-competitive learning environment with emphasis on not only technical skills but also on personal growth, artistic expression, creative thinking and self-discovery.

## 2008-2009 Calendar of Events

### Sat, August 23

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### August 25-December 20

Sat-Mon, Aug 30-Sept 1

Sun, Sept 14

Mon, Sept 29 (5:30pm)

Thu-Sun Nov 27-30

Mon- Sun, Dec. 22-Jan. 4

### January 5– May 15, 2009

Sat, Jan. 10

Mon, January 19

Sun-Sat, March 15-22

Fri-Sat, May 8-9

Tues-Sat, June 1-5

**Monday, June 8, 2009**

### Lawrence Arts Center Open House

Auditions For *The Velveteen Rabbit*

**Fall Semester** (Sat classes begin Sept 6)

Labor Day Weekend (No Classes)

Auditions for **A Kansas Nutcracker**

A Kansas Nutcracker Parent/Cast Mtg

Thanksgiving Break (No Classes)

Winter Break (No Classes)

### Winter/Spring Semester

Youth Ballet Company Auditions

MLK Jr. Day (No Classes)

Spring Break (No Classes)

Gala Photo Days

Summer Dance Intensive Workshop

**Summer Classes begin**

## 2008-2009 Performance Calendar

Sat, Nov 8

Fri-Sat, Dec. 12,13,19,20 (7:30pm)

Sun, Dec. 14 & 21 (2pm)

Tues, Jan 27, 2007 (7pm)

Sun, Feb 22

Sat-Sun, Mar 7-8

Sat, April 4

Fri-Sat, April 24-25 (7:30pm)

Fri, May 15 (7pm)

Sat, May 16 (10:30, 1pm, 3pm)

940 **Choreographers' Showcase**

**A Kansas Nutcracker**

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940 **First Step House Concert**

940 **Youth Concert**

Youth Ballet Company presents

**The Wizard of Oz**

Peanut, Pretzel, Popcorn & Pistachio

present **The Magic Tree House**

**New Works Concert**

**Dance Gala 2009**

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## Studio Rules

**No food or drink** is allowed in the Dance Studios or in the Dressing Room except water bottles with lids.

**No Street Shoes** are allowed in the dance studios.

**All students must be enrolled to take class.** Please enroll prior to your first class. Tuition payment plans are available.

**Parents and visitors** are not allowed in the studios during class unless special arrangements are made with the instructor prior to that class. We encourage parents to attend the Parent Observation Day on the last class of each semester or 8-week session.

**Please be prompt when picking up students** from rehearsal and classes. Many of our instructors teach several classes in a row and cannot be responsible for students once class is over.

**Inclement Weather Policy:** When Lawrence Public Schools are cancelled, all LAC children's classes and any classes held between 9am and 5pm will automatically be cancelled. The cancellation decision for adult evening classes will be made by 1pm and will be reported on local radio stations KANU 91.5 FM and KLWN 1320 AM. Make-up classes will be offered when the schedule allows, however students are encouraged to attend a similar class to make up for the missed class.

### Lockers and locks

A limited number of lockers are available for semester use for a fee of \$5 per month (\$20 fall, \$25 winter/spring, \$10 summer). All locks must be registered to use and must be removed between semesters. Applications are available at the front desk.

### Photographs

We often take pictures of the students in class and use them for publication. If you do not want your (or your child's) picture used, please notify the Dance Program Director at 843-2787 or [lacdance@sunflower.com](mailto:lacdance@sunflower.com).

## Attendance

**Regular attendance** is essential. If you must miss a class or a rehearsal, please notify the instructor or the front desk.

**Make-ups** for missed classes can be done in other classes during the same semester. Check with your instructor for an appropriate class.

**Tardiness** disrupts class and prevents proper warm-up for those students who are late. Students who arrive late to class may be asked to observe only.

**Disruptive behavior** will not be tolerated. While this is rarely a problem, when necessary, a student may be asked to leave class and a parent will be called.

## Dress Code

All students need to come to class prepared to dance. This includes proper attire and hairstyle.

**Hair** must be securely pulled away from dancer's face for all classes. Buns should be worn for ballet class. Hair should be properly fixed before class, but teachers will assist if necessary.

**Attire** Leotards and tights or other dance wear is the preferred dress for all dance classes. However, some teachers accept sweatpants or other comfortable clothes that allow ease of movement. Jeans restrict movement and are not appropriate for any class. See descriptions below for further details.

### Footwear and special attire

**Preparatory and Introduction to Ballet** students may be barefoot or wear ballet slippers.

**Ballet** students age 7 or older should wear a plain-colored leotard and pink tights for ballet class. Short dance skirts are permissible. Pink ballet shoes are preferred and **should have the students name clearly printed inside**. Hair MUST be worn in a securely bound bun. Boys should wear black tights, a plain T-shirt with black ballet shoes. Sweaters and warmers are allowed on cold days during barre.

**Modern and Creative Dance** students should be barefoot. Stirrup and footless tights are available at most stores selling exercise and dancewear.

**Jazz** students should wear soft-soled jazz shoes. Advanced dancers may wear dance sneakers.

**Tap** students should wear tap shoes or dress shoes with taps added to them and comfortable clothes that allow ease of movement.

**All students should have their name clearly written in both shoes and in their dancewear.**

**Lost and Found** is located at the Front Desk and in the Dance Dressing Room. Check it often! We will clean out the dressing room every week or so and put remaining items down at the front desk.



**Dancewear** can be found at many locations including Target and Wal-Mart or these specialty dance stores:

De'gage Dancewear ,925 Iowa St, 832-8492

Footlights, 5331 SW 22nd Place, Fairlawn Mall, Topeka, (785)273-5680

# Fee Schedule

Fall Semester: August 25 – December 20, 2008  
 Winter/Spring Semester: January 5-May 15, 2009  
 (See Dance Calendar for holidays and breaks.)  
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Hours per week	Monthly Payments	Fall Semester Aug 25- Dec 20, 2008	Winter/Spring Semester Jan 5- May 15, 2009
45min- 1 hour/week	36	141	159
1.5 hours/week	47	187	211
2.0 hours/week	58	233	262
2.5 hours/week	72	291	328
3.0 hours/week	82	334	376
3.5 hours/week	95	390	438
4.0 hours/week	99	408	459
4.5 hours/week	112	460	517
5.0 hours/week	118	486	547
5.5 hours/week	124	510	574
6.0 hours/week	134	556	626
6.5 hours/week	145	603	678
7.0 hours/week	156	650	731
7.5 hrs/wk or more	167	696	783

**All single classes must be paid for in advance.**  
 Performances & session classes and special workshops are priced individually.

## Monthly payment plan

- **First payment is due at enrollment.**
- Additional payments are due on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each month in that semester.
- **We do not send out bills.**
- After the 10<sup>th</sup>, a \$10 Late Fee is due in addition to regular payment.
- **You are responsible for the entire semester** unless we receive notice of your intent to withdraw in writing. Notification must be received prior to the first of the month in which you will no longer be attending to avoid extra payments.



# Enrollment and Tuition Information

## Semester Classes

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**Session classes, performance classes and special workshops** are priced individually.

**A monthly payment plan** is also available. Monthly fees are based on the semester, not the # of classes in any given year. *The opportunity to make a payment plan with the Arts Center indicates your commitment to pay for the entire semester. Notice must be given immediately in order to drop a class or you will be required to pay for the class.*

**Family Discount:** The monthly rate is based on the total hours of study per week for all enrolling members of a family living in the same household.

**Individual Students taking more than 7.5 hours** pay a flat fee of 7.5 hours. However, **families** that are taking more than 7.5 hours will pay the total amount of hours times the lowest hourly rate. Please ask the front desk to calculate the amount.

**No REFUNDS/CREDITS** will be given unless requested at least one week prior the start date of the class. A \$10 processing fee per class will be charged. Full refunds/credits will be given only if the class is canceled or rescheduled by the Lawrence Arts Center.

**Missed Classes** may be made up in an assigned class during the semester. No refunds, transfers or credits will be issued due to missed classes except in the case of prolonged illness or severe injury and with immediate notice to the LAC office.

**Limited financial aid is available.** Please request a form at the front desk. Check deadlines for applications due at the **beginning** of the semester. [Please see reverse for fee schedule and other payment information.](#)

Checks are payable to the Lawrence Arts Center, (940 New Hampshire, 66044) and indicate the student's name on your check, or **pay by phone with Visa or Mastercard. (minimum \$20.00.)**

## Dance Class Cards for Adults

You may purchase a Dance Class Card for up to four Adult classes and use it for any class in the semester.

**Prices: one-hour classes** \$10.50/class up to 3 classes  
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**one-and-a-half-hour classes** \$14/class up to three classes  
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