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lasses at the Centre

- Ballet • Pointe • Clogging • Acrobatics*
Lyrical • Dance With Me • Jazz • Cheer • Tap
Boys Acro Classes • Private Instruction
Hip Hop • Voice • Piano • Stretch /Turn/Leap
Karate • Violin • Guitar • Liturgical
Centre Stompers Clogging Teams • Centre Spirit Cheer Team
Centre Stars Dance Company

Classes for beginner students from toddlers through adults provide a foundation for progress to advanced levels in many areas of dance. Our 9 month dance year runs from mid August and concludes with an end of year costume May performance. Our March/April Mini Session and June/July summer program consists of 6 or 8 week classes in which present or new forms of dance may be tried. Summer camps are offered in which teachers provide specialized instruction in different types of dance.

Private Classes Individualized instruction is available for competition solos or duos, or for special events (talent shows, pageants, etc.), or additional technical training. Private Classes: \$22-\$28 per half hour. You must be up to date on your bill at COPA to take private classes.

Competition Teams Students are selected through invitation or audition for The Centre Stars Dance Company, The Centre Stompers Clogging Team and The Centre Spirit Cheer Team. The competition teams perform at area events and compete on a national level in the areas of clogging, tap, jazz, lyrical, acrobatics and cheer.

Tuition and Fees Tuition is charged in nine equal payments regardless of the number of classes in the month starting in August. The August payment is a combination payment for August and May with April the last monthly payment for the year. Whether we have a short month (3 weeks) or long month (5 weeks), tuition remains the same. Payments do not vary due to holidays or the number of weeks in a month. Tuition and fees are non-refundable. You may pay in advance for tuition or fees. All accounts need to be paid in full by April 22. For families, tuition is calculated for each student individually, totals added together, and a \$10 discount given for each additional student. **A \$15.00 late fee will be charged for all items and tuition not paid by the 10th of each month. Also, as of 2009-2010, your child will not be able to participate in class after the 10th of the month unless agreed upon by the executive committee if you are not up to date on your bill. You will receive a phone call, email, and/or written information in the mail after the 10th if your account is not up to date and that your child will not be able to participate if**

you do not pay bill immediately. A student's absence from class does not wave this late fee. A returned check fee of \$20.00 will be charged to accounts for each check returned to the Centre. Checks, made payable to COPA, should have noted on them the student's name and account number, and can be given to the studio receptionist or dropped in the slot in the lobby located outside the office. To mail payments, send checks to: Centre of Performing Arts, 133 D Auto Park Plaza, Graham, NC 27253. The studio also accepts Visa and MasterCard payments. We offer a monthly withdrawal by credit card by filling out an authorization release form in the office. Cash payments should be given to the studio receptionist, since a receipt is required to insure appropriate credit to accounts. If for any reason your child should discontinue class, you will be charged until the office is notified by the parent. Informational statements are sent monthly for accounts as a reminder of tuition and upcoming payments. If within three months after receiving a statement, charges have not been questioned, we will consider the charges acceptable by you. There is no reduction for missed classes and we encourage regular and prompt attendance. Also noted under private classes, you must be current on your bill to take private classes. For account information call 336-228-1553. **Instructors do not have information regarding accounts or payment schedules available.**

Tuition Schedule

class length	1st student	2nd student	class length	1st student	2nd student
1/2 hr	\$32	\$22	3 1/2 hr	\$87	\$77
3/4 hr	\$38	\$28	3 3/4 hr	\$89	\$79
1 hr	\$43	\$33	4 hr	\$91	\$81
1 1/4 hr	\$48	\$38	4 1/4 hr	\$93	\$83
1 1/2 hr	\$53	\$43	4 1/2 hr	\$95	\$85
1 3/4 hr	\$58	\$48	4 3/4 hr	\$97	\$87
2 hr	\$63	\$53	5 hr	\$99	\$89
2 1/4 hr	\$68	\$58	5 1/4 hr	\$101	\$91
2 1/2 hr	\$73	\$63	5 1/2 hr	\$103	\$93
2 3/4 hr	\$78	\$68	5 3/4 hr	\$105	\$95
3 hr	\$83	\$73	6 hr	\$107	\$97
3 1/4 hr	\$85	\$75	6 1/4 hr	\$109	\$99

Karate: \$40 per month added to regular tuition

Voice: \$18 per 1/2 hr. session per week

Guitar, Piano, Violin: \$18 per 1/2 hr. session per week

Registration fee: A non refundable \$25 fee for all students not enrolled at the Centre the fall of the previous year. Starting 2010, returning students will have a fee of 10.00 if not registered by July 15 for fall classes.

Costume Deposit: \$35 due Thursday, November 12

Dress Rehearsal for May Performance is usually held on stage at the program site on the same day as the class day. A regular class is involved in one rehearsal and one program. During the rehearsals personal videos and pictures may be taken. No flash or videos are allowed during performances. Parents will receive a detailed information sheet later in the year listing group photography date, rehearsal and program day and time.

Performance fee A \$25-\$35 fee per student (depending on the cost of the programs), is due by April 8 to pay for auditorium rental, crew and other production expenses associated with the spring performance. This fee allows you to invite as many guests as you would like, as there are no ticket sales. Spring programs will be held in May and accounts must be paid in full for students to participate in programs.

Performance Students participating in the May end of year program may pay the required \$35 costume deposit anytime after the start of the year. This deposit is due by November 12. The deposit and a signed costume request are required before costumes will be ordered. Costume orders are placed before our Christmas break and cannot be ordered without the deposit and costume request form. Costumes cannot be canceled once they are ordered. Costumes are not custom made and any alterations are at the expense of the family. There is a \$20 charge for ordering a costume late. A picture of the costume selected for each class will be posted in a book kept in the lobby at the studio, and will include costume cost, hose requirement, necessary hair style and accessory placement. Accounts must be current before costumes are distributed. Payments to accounts may be applied to past due tuition before costume balance and performance fees. Any payment amount in excess of tuition will be applied to costume balances and performance fees. Costume prices for younger students usually range from \$35 - \$55, older students between \$45 - \$60. Arrangements will be made with a photographer for costume photographs and a professional video will be offered for sale. No flash or video is allowed during performances, but are permitted during rehearsals.

Extra Performances We encourage students to perform for local functions. If you know of any civic clubs or organizations that would like a program, please keep us in mind. Performance plays an important part in a child's dance education and self assurance.

Parades Centre students may participate in the annual Graham and/or Burlington Christmas parades. Categories of participation include clogging selected acrobatic Centre Stars Dance Company Centre Stompers Centre Spirit Dancers (6 plus) and Float riders

Dancers (students age 6 and up in all areas of dance such as acrobatics, tap, ballet, jazz, hip hop)
parents and younger students riding the Centre's Float

The new COPA sweatshirt with new logo as of fall 2009 is required for participation in Parades.

Attendance Regular class attendance is vital to a successful dance year. Arrangements may be made to video tape classes if necessary. Students with 4 or more absences after March 9 will need instructor approval to participate in spring performances.

Dancewear Requirements All students are required to be in proper dancewear and appropriate shoes in specific colors to attend class. Correct attire, along with prompt and regular attendance, establishes the attitude that will result in a rewarding class. No jewelry. Hair should be pulled from the face in a bun or ponytail. No jeans, street clothes or gum! Students should wear appropriate outer clothing over their dancewear both to and from class. A small dancewear store is operated at the Centre for shoes and other dance supplies. Special orders can be placed for items not on hand.

Communications Many informational letters are sent home throughout the year. Your tuition bill will be with your child's teacher and handed out monthly. It is your responsibility to tell us if you are not receiving them. Our preference is to utilize emails and our website to view dance notes, get forms, and other additional information. Please give us your e-mail address and the student's name if you wish to receive notes in this manner. Please check the board beside the water fountain to make sure you have received all notes. During dance hours, instructors are available for brief comments only, as lengthy discussions interfere with instruction time. Written messages may be left at the studio. Be sure to include a name and phone number if a return call may be necessary.

DanceNotes A studio newsletter is published every other month during the year and contains important information regarding upcoming events and studio participation in competitions and other performances. Also in the newsletter is information of Centre students, including news of dance related performances outside the studio (talent shows, etc.). If you have material you would like to have included, please leave a note with the information and your name and phone number with the receptionist or drop it in the mail slot outside the office. Be sure to check the spelling of the student name on all Dance Notes - let us know if it is incorrect. We will provide these by an email address and list on website. Please let us know if you are not receiving dance notes.

Observation Classes On two occasions during the year classes are designated for observation by parents. Please keep in mind that this is a regular dance class and not a performance. We ask that you make every

effort not to be a distraction to the students and consider this when deciding whether to bring along siblings who may require your attention. All other class days should provide students with uninterrupted instruction.

Star Books At the start of the year, young students are given a "Star Book" to bring to class. A sticker is added to the book each week as evidence of consistent attendance and participation.

Drop-Off/Pick-Up/Safety Please do not park in the fire zone in front of the studio! Young students should be instructed by parents to wait inside the studio until the person providing their transportation enters the studio. Older students should wait until they can safely proceed to the vehicle after it has come to a complete stop near the door. Please do not leave students at the studio for lengthy time periods - more than 10 minutes before class or 5 minutes after class. If an emergency prevents prompt pick up of your child, please call to advise the student and studio personnel of the situation.

Lobby Your consideration of others is appreciated when waiting in the lobby area. A receptionist will be at the studio the majority of time that classes are held and will accept payments, take phone messages and supervise the area.

Weather Cancellation Class will be held if road and sidewalk conditions permit, **even when schools have dismissed early.** Call

336-228-1553 for a recorded message when weather conditions are questionable.. Studio classes canceled because of weather will be rescheduled.

Study/Snack Area A snack area is available for students with extended dance hours & breaks between classes. Students using this area are expected to be considerate of others by keeping the area clean.. No food or drink is allowed in the dance rooms.

Birthday Parties Call to schedule your specialized birthday party with the style dance fitted for the special child. Our staff provides dance for 45 minutes. The last 45 minutes is used for gifts and refreshments in a room you decorate in your party theme. Tap, Jazz, Clogging, Acro, Ballet ... just give us a theme idea and we'll help entertain and teach. Cost for the 1 1/2 hour studio rental and instructor is \$115 for 10 children (non student \$125). There is an added cost for additional children.

Classes are held on all school teacher workdays.

2009-2010 Calendar

September 7, 2009	Labor Day
September 21-24	Bring a Friend to class
October 1, 2009	Parade Sweatshirt Orders Due
November 16- 19, 2009	Observation Week
November 12, 2009	Costume Deposit Due
November 21, 2009	Burlington Christmas Parade
November 25- 26, 2009	Thanksgiving Holiday
December 5, 2009	Graham Christmas Parade
Dec. 21, 09 - Jan. 3	Christmas Holidays
January 4, 2010	Classes Resume
March 4, 2010	Costume Balance Due
March 15-18, 2010	Observation Week
March 25, 2010	Recital Fee Due
April 5-8, 2010	Spring Break
April 23, 2010	Accounts Paid In Full
May ??, 2010-	Dress Rehearsals and Programs

Staff

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