

# Welcome



## OUR MISSION

At The Dance Company we recognize that every student has something to offer the arts and the arts has something to offer every student. Our goal is to inspire self-confidence and lasting love and appreciation for music and movement.

**BUILT ON COMMUNITY**  
**SHAPED BY PASSION**  
**DRIVEN BY EXCELLENCE**

## Celebrating Season 13!

Need help finding  
a class? Check here!



Check out all the  
awesomeness at TDC...  
scroll down



# WHAT MAKES US DIFFERENT

## Technique, Curriculum, Safety

We are proud to invest in our teachers, mentors, and education of our students. We are a More Than Just Great Dancing™ affiliated studio. Our staff is mentored and trained in The Ballet Method, Acrobatic Arts, IDT, Alixa Flexibility and more! The safety of our dancers is our number one priority as a Youth Protection Advocates in Dance certified studio, we background check, and our staff is all first aid and CPR certified. Our staff commits to trainings, and undergo regular guidance through a comprehensive curriculum for each program developed for the dancers specifically at TDC! Our leadership team has been built to better serve you and we continue to commit to constant growth, appropriate development, and excellence!

## Community & Culture

When you walk through the door of TDC you get a genuine experience, a sense of belonging and acceptance, filled with love and laughter, and a nurturing community like no other! We strive to make sure every child and parent feels welcomed, we celebrate differences, we model team work, encourage dream work, and inclusivity is the norm! Giving back is what we do, where ever we can! Rest assured, you will experience more than dance through out your journey at TDC!



# Building Community

At TDC, community is an important part of our culture! Here are some things we do to create and build community! We always welcome suggestions!

## \*Student Feature\*

Is your child doing something awesome in the community or at school? We want to know! Send any amazingness our way for us to share.



*Come for Class. Stay for Community.*

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## Positive Monthly Studio Themes

From class to the lobby and everything in between, you will always see our effort to spread positive messages throughout the studio!

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## Check Me Out

Featuring dancers and acrobats who achieve skills in class and on social media!

3

## Spotlight Student

Featuring 2 students that collectively shine in behavior, technique, dress code, dedication, commitment, being kind, etc each month.

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## Sparkle Cards

Teacher messages sent via the mail when teachers recognize a student in class.

5

## Give Back

Through out the year we hold various charity drives and opportunities for our dancers to give back, you can always find us stepping up when the community needs us!



**Dancers stop by the office your birthday month for a special treat... you can also find a shout out on social media every month!**

## 2022-2023 studio calendar

September 2022

sun	mon	tue	wed	thu	fri	sat
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October 2022

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November 2022

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December 2022

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January 2023

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February 2023

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March 2023

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April 2023

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May 2023

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June 2023

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- TDC Theater
- Holidays/Closings
- Classes/Sessions Start
- Shows/Performances
- TDC Team/Sparkle Squad

- Special Events
- Payments Due:  
Classes - 1st of month  
Teams/Sparkle Squad - 20th of month

September 19: Classes Begin!

October 3 - 8: TDC Goes Pink

October 16: Fall Jr. Theater Auditions

October 21: Sparkle Squad Kickoff

October 21-23, 28-30: Group Team Choreography

October 24-29: Halloween Dress Up Week

October 31: Closed for Halloween

November 4-5: Team Production Camp

November 5: Recital Costume Deposits Due

November 7: Recital Theme Announcement

November 21: Halloween Make-Up Classes

November 22 - 27: Closed Thanksgiving Break

December 5: Holiday Show Payment Due

December 11: Holiday Show

December 12-17: Holiday Spirit Week

December 18: Spring Ballet Auditions

December 19: Memorial Day Make-Up Classes

December 20 - January 1: Closed Winter Break

January 13-15: Fall Theater Jr. Performance

January 21: Winter Gala

January 23 - 28: Parent Participation Week

February 5: Costume Balances & Recital Fee

February 26 - March 4: Closed School Break

March 5: Spring Ballet Payment Due

March 25: Spring Ballet Performance

April 10-15: Luau Week

April 15: Summer Registration Opens

April 23 - 29: Closed Spring Break

May 8 - 13: Break the Dress Code/Food Drive

May 29: Closed Memorial Day

June 9: Last Day of Classes

June 9 - 11: 13th Annual Recital

All dates are subject to change.

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## EVENTS AND PERFORMANCES



**TDC GOES PINK!**  
OCT 3-8



**DRESS UP WEEK**  
OCT 24-29



**TDC FUN RUN**  
NOV 12



**HOLIDAY SHOW**  
DEC 11



**HOLIDAY SPIRIT  
WEEK**  
DEC 12-17



**WINTER GALA**  
JAN 21



**PARENT  
PARTICIPATION  
WEEK**  
JAN 23-28



**SPRING BALLET**  
MAR 25



**LUAU WEEK**  
APRIL 10-15



**BREAK THE DRESS  
CODE FOOD DRIVE**  
MAY 8-13



**13TH ANNUAL  
RECITAL**  
JUNE 9 -11TH

**STAY TUNED  
FOR THEATER  
SHOW DATES  
TOO!**



**MORE DETAILS ON ALL OUR EVENTS COMING  
SOON!**

# Now Offering SMS Text Support!



**NEW this year! You can now text the studio (during office hours only) at the same number as our phone line 603-864-8374! We will also use texting for important reminders, announcements, closings, and more!**

**Make sure your account is update to receive texts today.**

**Login to your student data base and make sure the first phone number on your account is a cell phone that can receive text messages ASAP or call or text us to update your account.**

# CONNECT WITH US



## SNAG YOUR SWAG!

Make sure to grab all your dance wear and needs at TDC's very own boutique!



## MARK YOUR CALANDAR

Check out the TDC Calendar of upcoming events, announcements, deadlines and more!

## ACCESS YOUR ACCOUNT

1. Go to [thedancecompanyonline.com](http://thedancecompanyonline.com)
2. Click REGISTER
3. Enter Log in Email/ Password

View, Register, Pay, & More!



## FOLLOW US ON SOCIAL MEDIA

#tdc603



## STAY INFORMED

Keep a lookout for our "Monday Minute" posts which will give you an overview on the most relevant information coming up!

Join the TDC Community Facebook group to stay connected with us and other TDC families!



# 2022-2023 studio Policies

## RESCHEDULING & SUBSTITUTION

TDC does require a minimum number of students to enroll in a class in order for the class to run. Because of this, TDC reserves the right to reschedule or combine classes or cancel classes.

TDC reserves the right to provide a substitute or replacement teacher as TDC may deem necessary.

### MAKE-UP POLICY STUDENT/TEACHER:

Classes are not prorated when a student misses a class. Students may obtain written permission from the office to make up a class in a similarly skilled and age level class within 30 days of their absence. No make-up classes are allowed after April 1st.

Dancers are not to exceed 3 make-ups per class.

Should a teacher be unable to teach a class we will first attempt to find a substitute teacher that can provide the same quality instruction as they do. If this is unavailable to them the class will be canceled and a make-up class will be scheduled as soon as possible or refund credit will be issued.

Two year old make-ups: We ask that two year olds only make-up classes between November and March to ensure dancers have adequate time to able to adjust to their classes.

## CLASS WITHDRAWAL

### WITHDRAWAL:

If a child wishes to withdraw from a class or change a class, the withdrawal must be submitted in written form and turned in prior to the 1st of the month. Tuition will continue to be charged until proper paperwork is turned in and is nonrefundable.

### DROP CLASS POLICY:

Any class dropped after registration is subject to a \$25 administrative drop fee beginning Nov 1st. This fee will be automatically debited from your account at the time of the drop.

### PAUSE:

We do not offer an option to pause classes. If your child wishes to drop during a class their spot cannot be guaranteed in a class and a registration fee is charged upon rejoining should space allow.

### INJURY:

Should an injury occur a doctor's note is required and only half month's tuition will be due during the time out requested by the doctor. We welcome students to attend class to observe during this time. If your child wishes to drop during an injury their spot cannot be guaranteed in a class and a registration fee is charged upon rejoining should space allow.

### LATE REGISTRATION:

Should a child not be able to begin classes in September, full tuition is due to hold their place in class or we cannot guarantee the spot otherwise. Same applies for an extended absence during the year. After November 30th, registration is at the staff's discretion based on where a class falls in our curriculum. Those registering late may be responsible for additional shipping costs of costume if they have already been ordered.

## LEVELING

At TDC we all strive for the same goal and that is to help your child become successful in dance. Regardless of whether they are enrolled in our pre-school, recreational, or competitive program!

### PLACEMENT LEVEL:

Students are placed into a class based on age, skill level, and prior experience. Our classes are designed to begin placing students by age, while this does not hold true for every child, most children need two years per level to develop the necessary skills to move up, some more, some less. In 5th grade students (in some teacher recommended cases 4th) are then evaluated and placed accordingly. **Please Note:** Ballet is highly recommended for all ages, however once in juniors/seniors programs it is a prerequisite for any class with the exception of tap and hip hop.

**Note:** It is never too late to begin dancing. While sometimes a child may find themselves in a class with children slightly younger, don't get discouraged! With hard work and determination, they can be moving up before you know it.

## ENROLLMENT & ATTENDANCE

### CLASS ENROLLMENT:

A minimum number of 5 children is required for a class to run. Some exceptions may be made. If a cancellation is necessary, you will be notified and we will assist you in finding an appropriate alternative. If we cannot accommodate your dancer, we will give you a refund.

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#### SMALL CLASS ATTENDANCE:

We do have a small class policy in place. At the teacher's discretion, any class with one student on any given day will be cut in half. Any class with 2 or 3 students in attendance that day will be shortened by 15 minutes. This does not apply to private or semi-private lessons.

#### ATTENDANCE:

For a student to reach their full potential a student must attend class on a consistent basis. It is the responsibility of both the student and their parents that they attend class on time and regularly. We encourage students to arrive early. Children who are injured are encouraged to come and watch class if they are unable to dance. If you will not be attending class, we kindly ask that you make an effort to notify the teacher or the office so they can plan class accordingly.

Frequent absences affect not only the student but the entire class, especially when working on choreography. Consistent absences during recital preparation period (April-June) may result in dancers being taken out of parts of the choreography.

#### PUNCTUALITY:

While we are aware sometimes things happen, this rule is in place for the safety of the dancer. Should any student come to class late they will be asked to sit and stretch on their own. If they are 15 minutes late or more, they may be asked to sit and watch if they are not adequately stretched and ready for class.

#### RUNNING LATE:

In our experiences arriving too late for a scheduled class can cause extreme anxiety in younger children. Prompt pick up especially for younger children cannot be stressed enough. The feeling of being "forgotten" can sometimes ruin a class experience. In addition, often times teachers run from one class to another with no time in between. Should you be running late please call to notify us so we can inform your child and give them the appropriate attention needed so they do not experience the feeling of being forgotten at the dance studio!

#### EARLY ARRIVALS:

In addition, we ask that you do not arrive more than 20 minutes early for your dance class or leave your children alone in the waiting room for more than 20 minutes prior to class!

### INCLEMENT WEATHER

In the event of inclement weather please call the studio and a recorded message will notify you if your class will run that day (by 8am for morning classes and by 3pm for afternoon). **If the schools are closed it does not mean TDC is closed; often times weather varies from morning to evening.** There are no makeup classes due to inclement weather until a second class has been canceled. You are free to join an appropriate class as a makeup if you'd like within 30 days of the canceled class. No classes may be made up after April 1st. In the event that a second class is canceled we will offer a make-up date or refund credit.

### \*NEW\* FRIEND REFERRAL

The best compliment you could possibly give TDC is recommending us to your friends and family as we all work together to grow an amazing dance studio. **As our way of saying thank you for every friend referred you will receive a \$10 credit on your account.** YOUR FRIEND MUST LET US KNOW when registering. The credit may only be used towards classes. We cannot use referral credits for costumes, recital fees, etc.

### OUR STUDIO

#### LOBBY:

The lobby is designed for the convenience of our students and their families. All children must be supervised by an adult. Quiet conversation is welcome. Gossip is highly discouraged and will not be tolerated. We encourage parents of children under 5 to remain in the lobby while your child is taking class, especially if your child is not potty trained or is unable to use the bathroom alone as assistance may be needed.

#### LOUNGE AREA:

This area is for students who may have a break between classes, need to grab a quick bite, or relax in between classes. A fridge and microwave are provided in the lobby.

#### DANCE STUDIOS:

No food or drink other than water will be allowed in the dance studios at any time. No street shoes are allowed in the studio or for class.

### HEALTH

We rely on parents to make decisions when your child is sick or injured. A child that is injured is highly encouraged to come observe class, so they do not fall behind on materials. Students should inform their teachers of any injury, illness, or other medical conditions that affect stamina or performance. However, if your child is sick please stay home and get well!

### PARENT COMMUNICATION

Oftentimes it is difficult to communicate with parents on a night in which your child may have class. Conversations between classes are not permitted as many teachers have classes that run back to back. However, we want to make sure that the lines of communication consistently remain open.

**We use EMAIL for newsletters and all important information to assure that parents receive the information as well as to save on the use of paper. If you do not have or use email, please notify us and we will make other arrangements.**

**\*\*** If you are not receiving emails and information from TDC at least once per month, check in with us. We have no way of knowing you are not receiving it unless you let us know.

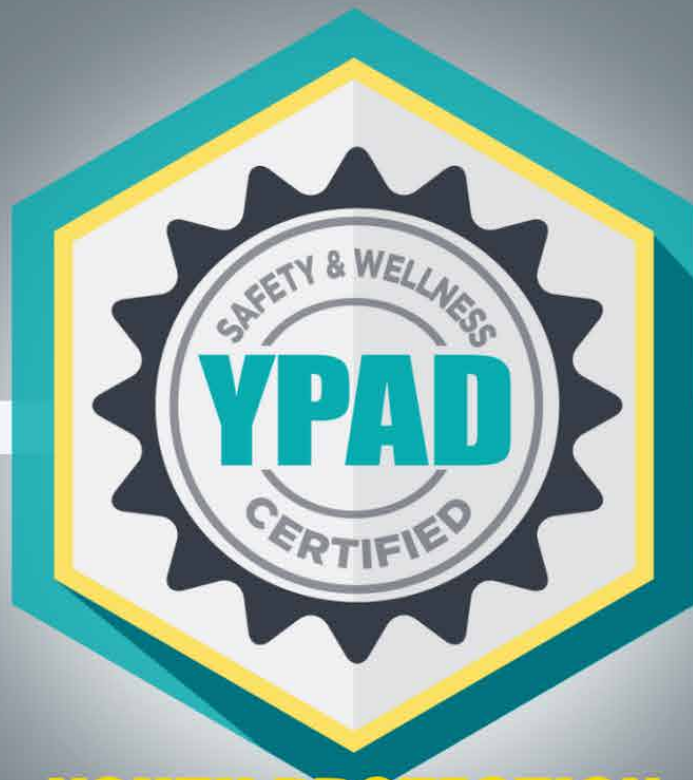
**FYI:** If you SPAM the TDC emails, the database company will set your account to do not send!

The best way to contact us is via email or a phone call during scheduled office hours. We are happy to set up parent-teacher conferences should you have any concerns or questions that need to be addressed.

We also welcome suggestions at any time! Should you have any questions, concerns, or need clarity on anything throughout the year we are here to help!

#### ACCOUNT HOLDER:

We encourage parents to list both parents onto their child's account. In the event we need to discuss an account we will only release information to those on the account. This is especially important in divorce or guardianship situations. We also suggest listing multiple emails when information is intended to be shared amongst family members!



## YOUTH PROTECTION ADVOCATES IN DANCE®

**The Dance Company is one of the first New Hampshire area dance studios to earn a safety certification with Youth American Protection Advocates in Dance. The certification marks our commitment to keeping kids happy, healthy and safe in dance, theater and acrobatics.**

YPAD is the nation's only dance certification program focusing on both safety and wellness for students. To earn the designation, studios must complete two training tracks. The first track centers on dance safety and educational best practices. It focuses on background checks, CPR and First Aid, abuse awareness and prevention, injury prevention and response, and safety and emergency preparedness. The second focuses on the wellness and development of youth dancers and covers social media, social media safety, today's dance culture, developmentally appropriate artistry, body image, nutrition, disordered eating, bullying, and conflict resolution. Only studios who complete both tracks are eligible for this complete certification.

YPAD was founded in Los Angeles in 2012 by hip hop professional Leslie Scott Zanolitch and her husband Joseph Zanolitch as a response to negative trends toward commodifying and exploiting youth and adults in performing arts. In 2014, industry professional Misty Lown became its visionary sponsor, and her More Than Just Great Dancing affiliation program became YPAD's first certified organization. Lown's studio, Misty's Dance Unlimited, also became YPAD's first certified dance studio. YPAD leadership transitioned to Lown in 2019.

The Dance Co is beyond proud of the 15 members of our team that dedicated nearly 20 hours each completing not only the training this summer but also becoming First Aide and CPR certified. We continue to serve more than 600 children in our community each season. Our ultimate mission at TDC continues to focus on building the best business practices, community involvement, teacher training, and quality curriculum for our students and the performing arts community!



# 13th Annual Year End Recital

Recitals are often considered to be the highlight of a dancer's experience each year! While the thought of rehearsals, costumes, and dancing for a large audience may seem overwhelming at first, participation in an annual recital is an incredible opportunity that harvests a variety of benefits for both the dancers and their families. It truly is an opportunity for your child to shine!

5 Benefits to participating in recital include:

*Boost Confidence, Promote Team Work, Provide Goals, Build New Skills, Create Memories!*

**November- Recital Theme Announced and Show Dates/Times Confirmed**

Recital will be broken up into multiple shows. The show your child is in will be determined by the staff of TDC. All leveled classes can anticipate they will likely be in more than one show. We make every effort to get dancers and siblings in the same show but cannot guarantee this.

**November 5th – Costume Deposits Due**  
A deposit of \$50 per child per class. See details below for class costs.



If your child is having doubts please come speak to us... we want recital to be a fun memory, not a scary one!

**December 15th – Last Day to Opt Out of Recital**

While recital is highly encouraged, it is optional. If you wish to opt out of recital or change your mind you must notify us by this day. All costume deposits are non-refundable. Once costumes are ordered you are responsible for the entire cost of the costume should you opt out after this date.

**February 5th – Recital Costume Balance Due**

The \$30 Recital Fee includes a studio tee shirt for each child as well as a yearbook for the current dance year.

**February – Students begin recital routines in class each week.**

Attendance becomes crucial during this time. These routines encompass the technique and dance styles the dancers have been working on in class all year.

**June 9-11th- 13th Annual Recital Nashua North High School**

**Tickets- Recital is a full length production and tickets need to be purchased to attend for audience members. Ticket Day takes place in May and will be announced soon.**

## Recital Participation Fees

### Rates Per Costume:

**Age 2:** \$50

**Ages 4 and under:** \$67

**Kidlet, Mini, Intro to Acro:** \$70

**All other classes:** \$80

\*Costumes do not include tights.

### **Recital Fee:**

A \$30 recital fee includes a studio tee shirt, a yearbook, and digital download of the recital.



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*proudly presents*

# Our 2nd Annual SPRING BALLET

A complete full length  
ballet experience



# Adventures in WONDERLAND

Featuring: All TDC Ballet Classes Mini and Up  
Auditions: For Lead Characters Only

Cost: \$50 Participation Fee per dancer per class

Where: Keefe Auditorium- Nashua \*tentative

When: 03/24 and 03/25

## Auditions 12/18 @ TDC

More details coming soon!



# Don't Cry Dry Your Eyes!

Don't worry crying happens!

Our staff is here to turn that frown upside down and make dance a positive and fun experience for your little dancer!

## 3 Common reasons children may cry at dance class.

### 1- New Environment

Dance lessons expose children to a new place with exciting new stimuli including sights, sounds, textures, and friends.

2. Age- Children develop their social and emotional cognitive skills at their own pace. We encourage you to give your child time to adjust to new situations. On average it takes about 6-8 weeks for kids to feel entirely comfortable.

3. Separation Anxiety-your child may cry as they explore separation anxiety specifically if this is their first time away from a parent, the concept is new, or if they are really shy. This is totally normal and expected. We promise it does get better! If it doesn't the staff at TDC will work with you on what your next steps should be or if your dancer needs a little more time!

### *Helpful Hints for your first few weeks!*

Dance classes are fun and full of energy. Give your child the time they need to adjust to the excitement. We kindly ask that you don't force them in the room. They may need a moment to regroup and then try again. If they don't participate in the first few classes, that's ok! We suggest practicing and creating a quick goodbye routine to help ease your child into class. And if they need you in anyway we will be sure to come and get you!

Sometimes parents need time to adjust too! Try watching your dancer on the Closed Circuit TV's rather than the windows, seeing your in the window can distract all the dancers and lengthen everyone's adjustment period. If your child needs you in the room we allow this for the first 4 weeks of class (3 and under) with the ultimate goal for them to be able to attend class alone. Ideally quietly sitting against the wall is best but if they need you to participate that's ok. Parents only no siblings (infant exceptions).

Our staff is prepared and equipped to help your child ease into class. Every child is different and we want this FUN new experience to be successful for them too!

Together with time and patience, everyone will enjoy the magic of dance!



# PRE-SCHOOL THEMES

Children love to pretend, whether in dance class, at home, on the playground, anywhere they can! For this reason, creating monthly themes is particularly successful with children under the age of 5. It also creates universal consistency amongst all of our preschool classes! Each month our classes will focus on a new theme. Parents this doesn't require anything on your end or any pre planning, just provides a glimpse into your dancer's class and the fun themes we will focus on!

OCTOBER: FUN IN FALL 

NOVEMBER: CIRCUS 

DECEMBER: THE NUTCRACKER 

JANUARY: WINTER WONDERLAND 

FEBRUARY: I HEART YOU 

MARCH: ANIMAL ACTION 

APRIL: FULL OF FLOWERS 

MAY: SUNNY DAYS 

# BRING A FRIEND!



INVITE YOUR FRIENDS TO  
EXPERIENCE THE FUN OF DANCE  
CLASS. BRING A FRIEND TO TRY A  
CLASS DURING THE MONTH OF  
SEPTEMBER OR OCTOBER. IF THEY  
ENROLL YOU EACH RECEIVE A  
**\$20 CREDIT!**

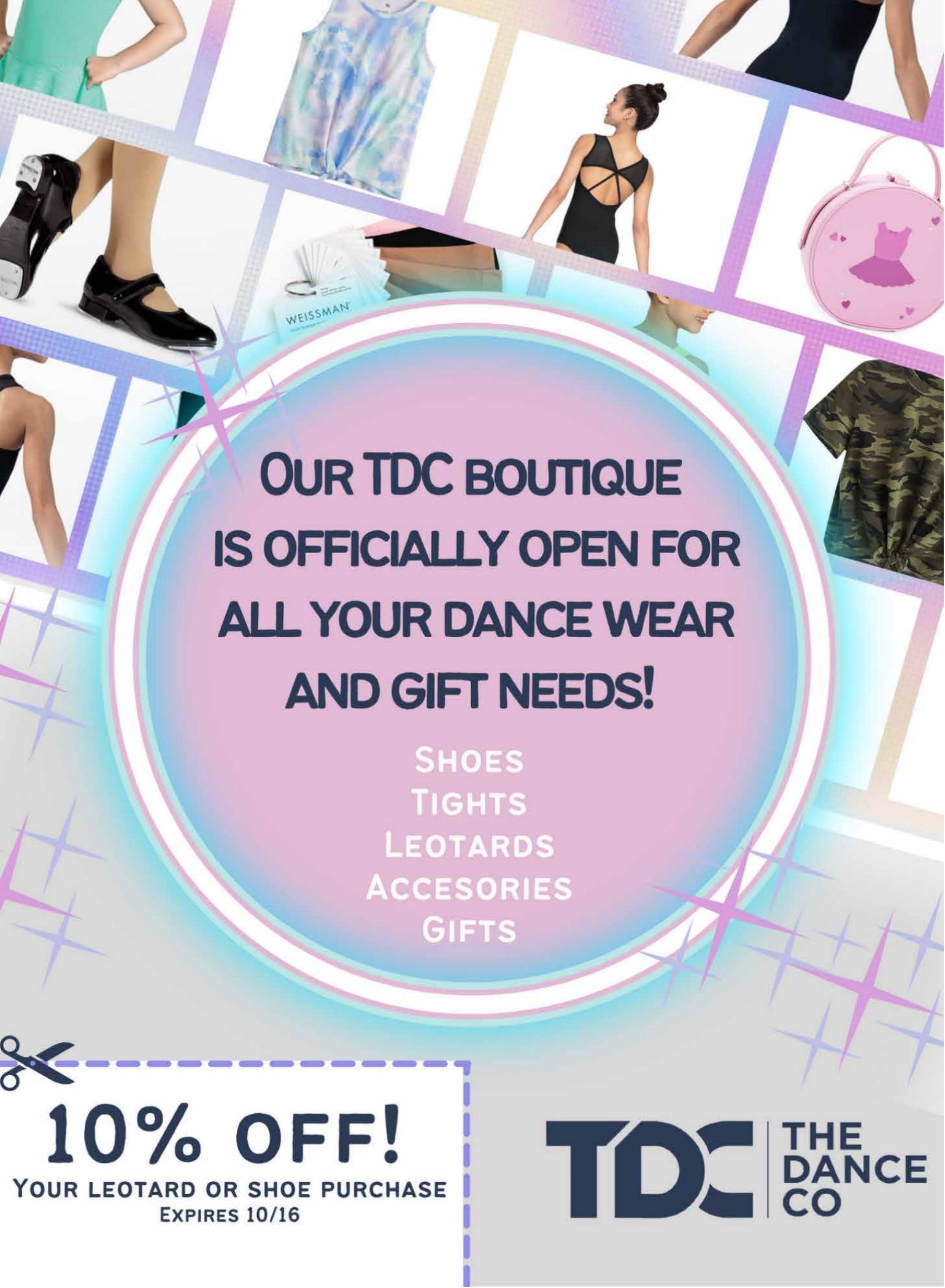
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Bring Card when trying class- One per student- Cannot be combined with other offers-  
Credit applied towards June Tuition- Friend must be new to TDC to obtain credit

*For Office Use Only*

# BRING A FRIEND CREDIT

Date \_\_\_\_\_  
Referring Student \_\_\_\_\_  
New Student \_\_\_\_\_  
Class Joined \_\_\_\_\_  
Credit Applied \_\_\_\_\_



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IS OFFICIALLY OPEN FOR  
ALL YOUR DANCE WEAR  
AND GIFT NEEDS!**

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**WORK** in  
**PROGRESS** 



**Shows and Dates Coming  
Soon ....we promise!**

*Broadway Kids*

SESSION 1

SESSION 2 WILL BEGIN IN JANUARY STAY TUNE!

## **Best of Broadway**

**A musical theater review  
complete with in house  
performance medley**

**Session 1**

**10/11 to 11/29**

**Tuesdays**

**Ages 4-7. 4:00-4:45**

**Ages 8-10. 4:45-5:30**

**Cost \$125**

*Performance 12/3 \*Tentative*

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**Broadway Kids**

Whether it's your 1st year  
with us or your 15th,  
we are glad you're here and hope you  
enjoy every step along the way.

Welcome to the TDC family! 

