

## Our Philosophy

Fusion Dance Academy provides a full range of dance instruction programs for all experience levels. Our program is designed to build skill, self-confidence and self-esteem through participation in the art of dance. Every student is encouraged to achieve his or her personal best while enjoying themselves. We believe that expert, innovative and personal instruction, combined with a caring, safe and supportive environment, can create a confident and enthusiastic dancer.

## Kimberly Awbrey

A Teacher and Choreographer for over twenty years, Kimberly has won numerous national and regional choreography awards. Kimberly has choreographed for dancers for the San Francisco 49er Gold Rush, Golden State Warrior Girls, and the San Jose Saber Kittens. She ran the dance program for the Los Gatos Swim and Racquet Club, and taught and choreographed performances for Mitty High School and Harker Academy in San Jose, CA. Since moving to the Rogue Valley in 2002, Kimberly has choreographed for the Teen Musical Theater of Oregon, Miss Rogue Valley Scholarship Pageant and was the Head Coach for the St. Mary's High School Dance Team. Kimberly is currently the Director for the award winning Fusion Force Dance Team. Kimberly's students have won numerous awards, titles and scholarships to conventions, theater arts programs and schools, most notably The Julliard School in New York City. Kimberly has been dancing since the age of five. She trained at the San Francisco School of Ballet in addition to other Bay Area dance studios. She has been a guest judge for numerous regional dance competitions in the Bay Area.

## 2016-2017 Dance Year Calendar

Aug 1	Registration Opens
Sept 6	Classes Begin
Oct 31	Halloween-studio closed
Nov 1	Showcase Performance Fee Due
Nov 23-25	Thanksgiving Break
Dec 19-Jan 2	Christmas Break-Studio Closed
Jan 3	Classes Resume
Jan 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day-Studio Closed
Feb 2	Costume Orders/Payments Due
Feb 20	President's Day-Studio closed
Mar 20-31	Spring Break-Studio Closed
Apr 3	Classes Resume
May 29	Memorial Day-Studio Closed
May TBD*	Showcase Picture Day
Jun 16	Showcase Dress Rehearsal
Jun 17	Annual Dance Showcase
Jun 20	2017-2018 Dance Team Auditions
June/Jul/Aug	2017 Summer intensives and camps

\*Dates subject to change

## End of the Year Showcase

Every student whose tuition/fees are paid up-to-date will have an opportunity to perform on the amazing Craterian stage and show family and friends how he or she has progressed through the year in this

## Class Observations

Observation times are during the first full week of December & the first full week of May. Further observations can be disruptive to the class. Please see the front desk before entering studios.

## No make-up classes or Refunds

Our class fees are tuition based which is why you will pay the same amount each month regardless of the number of weeks of classes. During the year, there are several months that have 5 weeks (an extra class), and therefore we do not pro-rate tuition when we are closed for holidays or inclement weather.

## Expenses

Below is a reasonable description of expense items that can be expected during the dance year.

- Membership Fee- \$35 annually per family
- Regular monthly tuition based on classes per week by family
- Showcase Performance Fee \$75 per Family
- Showcase costume total- \$75-120 per class
- Recital tickets- \$20-25 per ticket
- Photos (optional) - Attendance is requested for group photo
- Dance shoes and clothing
- Recital DVD (optional)

## Dance Descriptions

\*for a more detailed description check our website

**Ballet** is the foundation of all dance; basis for technique, strength, posture and body alignment; consisting of barre work, jumps, slow control and deliberate movements.

**Creative Dance** is a class for 2-3 year olds that introduces ballet and tap while fostering group work, developing coordination and inspiring creativity.

**Hip Hop** is a popular dance style that involves the whole body and is about self expression. It links intricate movements to hip hop beats/lyrics. This style includes popping, freezing and freestyle.

**Introduction to dance** is a tap, jazz and ballet combination class for 4-5 year olds.

**Lyrical** is an adaptation of ballet, jazz and modern/contemporary technique expressing emotion with a focus on body lines.

**Pointé** is an in-depth study on the principles of classical ballet; emphasis on basic pointé technique, barre work and performance styles. Teacher approval needed.

**Tap** is creating rhythmic sounds with your feet; similar to drum and musical instrument sounds; ranging in difficulty from shuffles and flaps to tricks and wings.

**Tap/Jazz** is a basic tap and jazz combination class for 7-8 year olds

**Acro** is floor gymnastics: somersaults, back handsprings, round-offs, and aerials all with dance elements.

**Beginning B-Boy** is for young dancers wanting to try Breakdancing.

Classes per week	Monthly Rate	Family Savings	Monthly Rate
1	\$50		\$50
2	\$100	\$5	\$95
3	\$150	\$15	\$135
4	\$200	\$30	\$170
5	\$250	\$50	\$200
6	\$300	\$70	\$230
7	\$350	\$100	\$250

*Additional classes after 7 are an additional \$20 each*

- The class tuition rates listed above reflect the total number of classes attended per week by all family members of one family.

- Class fees are based on 45 min. classes. Classes with additional class times may have additional fees.

- Full tuition schedule listed on website & at the studio

- Private dance lessons are \$35 per ½ hour

### Tuition Policies

- Payment is accepted by check, money order, cash or credit card.

- Tuition remains the same amount from September through June regardless of the number of classes in the month.

- Tuition is always due on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each month and is considered late if not received by the 10<sup>th</sup> of each month.

- Payment received after the 10<sup>th</sup> incurs a \$15 late fee which should be included with that tuition payment.

- Students will be charged and responsible for payment of tuition unless written notice received before the 1<sup>st</sup> day of the month. (Drop forms are available at the Studio and online or send an email.)

- A penalty fee of \$35 will be applied for insufficient funds (ISF) and is payable immediately.

### Dress Code

**All Classes** -Hair must be worn in a controlled fashion, away from the face. NO JEANS in any classes. All dance shoes should be put on after arriving at the studio and taken off before leaving.

**Ballet** -Girls: Solid color leotard, ballet pink tights, ballet pink ballet slippers. Leg warmers and form fitting ballet sweaters are permitted until dancers are warmed up. NO booty shorts, NO underwear! HAIR MUST BE IN A BUN, COMPLETELY SECURED. Boys: Black ballet shoes, black sweats or shorts and a white t-shirt tucked in.

**Creative Dance and Introduction to Dance- Girls:** Pink ballet shoes and black tap shoes: any style or color dancewear. Boys: black ballet and tap shoes with sweats or shorts.

**Hip Hop-** jazz sneakers or clean athletic shoes. Any sweats, shorts and/or comfortable clothes.

**Jazz-** tan jazz shoes and any form-fitting style or color dancewear.

**Lyrical-** lyrical, ballet or jazz shoes and any form-fitting style or color dancewear.

**Tap-** Black tap shoes and any form-fitting style or color dancewear. To avoid scratching the metal tap, do not wear tap shoes on concrete or cement.

**Tap/Jazz Combo-** Black tap shoes and black ballet or slip-on jazz shoes any style or color dancewear.

**Acro-**Leotard or crop tops and booty shorts only. No loose clothing, t-shirts, tank tops, or shorts. This is for dancer and instructor safety.



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*Fusion Dance Academy is the premier Medford dance studio offering Oregon youths and adults a full range of expertly taught dance instruction in Hip Hop, Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Lyrical, Pointé, Tap/Jazz Combo, Creative Dance, Introduction To Dance, Breakdancing, and Acro.*

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