

Dancescape by Joyce



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Dancescape by Joyce on Broadway Studio Handbook

*2011-2012 Dance Year
(New Students 2012)*

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Dancescape by Joyce on Broadway is a school for the arts. We offer group instruction in the dance arts: **ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, lyrical, modern, hip hop, and musical theater dance.** We also offer group lessons in **martial arts**; we have **martial arts** for 6-year-olds through adults. We have a ballroom dance instructor that offers sessions on Friday evenings in **ballroom** and **salsa**. Our studio is also host to **Rhythm Cloggers of Houston** on Sunday afternoons and to **Silambam Houston** (a non-profit arts organization) on Saturday mornings.

Joyce Beck established Dancescape by Joyce in 1993 at 2014 East Broadway in Pearland. Previously the school was known as Joyce's Academy of Dance and was located in Friendswood, Texas, from 1984 through 1993. Many young dancers have come through Dancescape by Joyce and gone on to pursue careers in dance, as well as college degrees in dance and dance education. Ms Joyce has students who have won awards, trophies, and invitations to participate in the Grand National finals of nationally recognized dance competitions. Dancers who have trained at Dancescape have been accepted to major dance companies and are now performing. All of the dancers who train at Dancescape gain poise and self-confidence that will help them to be successful in all their future endeavors. Ms Joyce is a member of Dance Masters of America and the South Texas Association of Dance Teachers, Inc.

At Dancescape by Joyce, we have quality instructors and believe that every child should be challenged and encouraged to achieve his/her goals. We have a ballet-based studio with emphasis on classical ballet and positive reinforcement. We want our dancers to have fun while learning in a structured environment.

Dancescape will have two performance opportunities a year for our dancers. These will be in December and June of each year. The martial arts program will conduct an in-house martial arts exhibition once a year. These are wonderful experiences for your children to perform for you and learn what it's like to be put in the spotlight. These opportunities will help to give them skills that they will use throughout their lives in school, college, and their careers.

IMPORTANT DATES: *Dancescape by Joyce on Broadway*

AUGUST 8, 2011 - ALL CLASSES BEGIN FOR THE 2010-2011 DANCE YEAR

SEPTEMBER 5, 2011 - LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (only Monday holiday observed by studio)

NOVEMBER 13, 2011 - DEADLINE FOR ALL PERFORMANCE EXPENSE BALANCES!

NOVEMBER 21-26, 2011- THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY (studio will be closed all week)

DECEMBER 12th(Monday) -17th(Saturday) - HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE/ STUDENT PERFORMANCES

DECEMBER 19, 2011 - January 1, 2012 - HOLIDAY BREAK

JANUARY 2, 2012 – ALL CLASSES RESUME

MARCH 12-17, 2012- SPRING BREAK

APRIL 16-APRIL 21, 2012 - COSTUME DISTRIBUTION AND PARENT MEETINGS

APRIL 23rd (Monday) – APRIL 28th (Saturday) 2012- PHOTO SHOOT WEEK – BROADWAY STUDIO

APRIL 28th 2012- PROGRAM AD DEADLINE

May 12th & 13th 2012 ...Mother's Day no rehearsals

JUNE 2012 (TBA)- MARTIAL ARTS EXHIBITION / 2:00 p.m. (SATURDAY)

[To be held at the 288 studio]

JUNE 24th 2012(Sunday) – *DANCESCAPE BY JOYCE'S PERFORMANCE OF CENTENNIAL OF MUSIC*

/Stafford Performing Arts Centre

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Fall Classes Begin August 8, 2011

2011-2012 Dance year schedule!

Mondays:

4:45-5:45- Beginning Pointe/Ballet(Ms. Joyce)
5:45-6:45- Beginning Ballet(Ms. Joyce)
6:45-8:00-Advanced Pointe/Ballet (Ms. Joyce)
8:00-9:00- Musical Theater Dance (Ms. Joyce)

4:45-5:45- Beg. Tap (Ms. Shanette)
5:45-6:45- Int./Adv Tap(Ms. Shanette)
6:45-7:45- Jazz (6-9yrs)(Ms. Shanette)
7:45-8:45- Hip Hop (Ms. Shanette)

Tuesdays:

10:30-11:30am – 3-4yr Combo (Ms. Joyce)
4:00-5:15 – 5-7yr Combo (Ms. Joyce)
5:15-6:15 – Int. Lyrical(Ms. Joyce)
6:15-7:15- 3-4yr Combo(Ms. Joyce)
7:15-8:30 – Adv. Lyrical (Mr. Keith)

4:45-5:45 – Jazz (7-10yrs) (Ms. Erica)
5:45-7:15- Modern(Ms. Erica)
7:15-8:30- Int. Pointe/ Ballet(Ms. Erica)

Wednesdays:

4:30-5:30- Beginning Ballet (Ms. Melissa)
5:30-6:30- Beg. Lyrical (Ms. Melissa)
6:30-7:45- 5-7yr Combo (Ms. Melissa)

4:15-5:15- 3-4yr Combo (Ms. Renee)
5:15-6:30- 5-7yr Combo (Ms. Renee)
6:30-7:30- 3-4yr Combo (Ms. Renee)

Martial Arts Classes: Wednesdays 6:30-7:30- 6 and up Martial Arts

Wednesdays 7:30-8:30- Young Adult and Adult Martial Arts

Thursdays:

5:00-6:00- Int. Pointe/Ballet(Ms. Joyce)
6:00-7:15- 5-7yr Combo(Ms. Joyce)
7:15-8:15- Adv. Jazz (Ms. Melissa)

5:00-6:00- Beg. Pointe/Ballet (Mr. Keith)
6:00-7:00- Int/Adv Jazz (Mr. Keith)
7:00-8:00- Int. Jazz (Mr. Keith)
8:15-9:30- Adv. Pointe/Ballet (Mr. Keith)

Fridays:

Private Lessons available - \$25 per ½ hour.

Saturdays:

10:00-11:00- 3-4yr. Combo (Ms. Hannah & Ms. Julie)
11:00-12:15- 5-7yr Combo (Ms. Hannah & Ms. Julie)

TUITION

Tuition for dance and martial arts is based on our eleven-month dance year and is the same amount each month regardless of the number of classes per month. You may pay annually, semi-annually, or monthly. We do not bill for monthly payments. If you pay by the 10th of the month, you get a \$10.00 rebate which you take when writing your check. **Payments can be made by cash or check only.**

Tuition is due each month regardless of attendance. A two-week notice of withdrawal is required to stop tuition charges.

RE-ENROLLMENT: When a student drops out of classes without officially withdrawing and stopping tuition, a re-enrollment fee will be charged. A fee of 75% unpaid tuition will be charged to students who re-enroll during the current year.

There will be a \$25.00 fee charged for returned checks and a \$5.00 fee charged for checks returned to the bank for a second time.

All students must be registered with the studio. We are not set up for drop-in and pay-by-the-lesson students.

Registration fee.....\$25.00 per family

Tuition fees are as follows:

3-4-year-old combo class - 1 hour per week————— \$65.00 per month

5-7-year-old combo class - 1 hour 15 minutes per week—————\$70.00 per month

Single-subject classes(ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, modern, hip hop, martial arts)
- 1 hour per week—\$65.00 per month

Additional single classes after 1st subject—————\$30.00 per month - each

Unlimited classes-\$170.00 per child (monthly)

Family Discounts:

\$20 off the tuition for each additional child in a family

\$20 off the tuition for each parent of a child in a family

Any student who is left more than 15 minutes after his or her class time without prior arrangements being made with the office staff will be charged a \$10 child care fee per incident.

DANCE ATTIRE

All dancers are required to wear the same color of dance attire in order for the teachers to see what the dancers' bodies are doing. Dance shirts or sweaters must be either pink or black and are subject to teacher approval.

LEOTARD & TIGHTS

COMBINATION CLASSES (ALL AGES): black long- or short-sleeved leotard, ballet-pink tights (Underpants are not worn with leotard and tights.)

BALLET CLASSES: black long- or short-sleeved leotard, ballet-pink tights (Underpants are not worn with leotard and tights.)

TAP CLASSES: black long- or short-sleeved leotard, ballet-pink or black tights (Underpants are not worn with leotard and tights.)

JAZZ & LYRICAL CLASSES: black long- or short-sleeved leotard, suntan, or ballet-pink tights (Underpants are not worn with leotard and tights.) Tight black jazz pants or black shorts may be worn with leotard and tights.

BOYS (ALL CLASSES): White t-shirt, black pants or shorts, black socks. (Black sweatpants or black jazz pants may be worn)

DANCE SHOES

COMBINATION CLASSES (ALL AGES): **Girls:** pink ballet shoes, black tap shoes
Boys: black ballet shoes, black tap shoes

BALLET CLASSES: **Girls:** pink ballet shoes, pink pointe shoes. **Boys:** black ballet shoes (Ms Joyce will give your dancer permission for pointe shoes when qualified.)

TAP CLASSES: black tap shoes with low heels for all ages

JAZZ CLASSES: black jazz shoes

LYRICAL CLASSES: tan shoes, either jazz shoes or lyrical sandals

HIP HOP CLASSES: black jazz shoes / NO SNEAKERS!

DANCE CLOTHES AND EQUIPMENT MUST BE MARKED WITH THE DANCER'S NAME.

We are not responsible for dance equipment left at the studio. Be sure you have everything when you leave.

CORRECT HAIR STYLE: Long hair must be pulled back neatly in a bun. Short hair must be pinned back with clips. No loose hair, pony tails, dog ears, or long pieces of hair in front of the ears will be permitted in class. Loose hair (short or long) bothers the dancer and keeps her from concentrating on her dancing, so please abide by this important rule.

MARTIAL ARTS UNIFORMS

Martial arts uniforms for all students are purchased through the studio. The instructor will measure the students for new uniforms and for subsequent replacement uniforms. A nominal fee will be charged for the uniforms and school patch. All belts are provided to the students without charge as they are earned. Shoes are not worn. For ages 6 and up, personal sparring equipment can be purchased through the studio at a discounted price.

OBSERVATION

Viewing windows are provided for each dance room so that you may observe your student in class, and you are invited to take advantage of this opportunity whenever you can. However, we have found that parents can appreciate their student's progress if they observe a class about once a month. **Also, when observing a class, please resist the urge to open the door and make a comment to your student.** This action is very disruptive to the entire class. If there is a problem, please make arrangements to discuss it with the teacher, privately.

ATTENDANCE

ENCOURAGEMENT: Encourage your child in her/his dancing/martial arts. Impress upon her/him that she/he will be taking lessons for the entire year. Dancing and martial arts require perseverance and are no place for "quitters." After the first year, however, if there is no interest, then it is time to discontinue further lessons.

CLASS TIME: Children must be on time to class. Latecomers are disruptive to the other students. Also please be prompt to pick up your children after class; otherwise the boredom of waiting will be associated with dancing.

If your child must leave a class early, please tell the teacher before class, if possible, or speak with the office manager so that she can get your child from class.

MAKE-UP CLASSES: Class lessons missed because of **illness only** may be made up. Contact the office manager to arrange make-up classes. **The make-up lesson must be made up within a month of the missed lesson.**

ATTENTION TO ALL NEW DANCER PARENTS

If your child has any special problems, physical or mental, you are required to have a conference with Ms Joyce before registering.

Holiday Open House / Student Performance- This is your dancer's first opportunity of the year to show family and friends what she/he has been taught the first half of the dance year. We will have chairs in the dance rooms so you can observe class and see a dance routine that your dancer has been taught. Refreshments will be served throughout the week, and each student will be given a gift from Dancescape. Open House takes place the last week of dance before the Holiday Break.

PERFORMANCE

Dear Parents and Students,

For 25 years, Dancescape by Joyce has provided students with an exciting performance experience through its June production. The annual staple of the dance school, the student performance conjures images of childhood and Americana for many. It's a rite of passage for thousands of children, a chance to shine in front of family and friends that they anticipate with nervous excitement.

This production offers our students a professionally directed performance that allows them to present to their families and friends the results of a year's hard work, dedication, and progress.

A big part of the dance training process includes learning through performance. The experience helps build self-esteem and self-assurance and contributes to a sense of confidence. Although performance opportunities can help prepare some students for a possible career in dance, they also contribute to children's success in non-dance activities. That onstage experience can result in better in-school presentations, improved social skills, and strong interview skills for future college or job opportunities. The rehearsal process is a tremendous learning experience as well. It helps the children develop retention skills, and by working with their classmates on a group performance, they learn the positive aspects of working as a team to create the best end result.

Dedication to performance commitments is the responsibility of both students and their parents. We've created this handbook in an effort to clarify what we expect from you in terms of commitments and responsibility to the annual production, the school, and other students and parents.

Important Dates:

By allowing your child to participate in the Dancescape by Joyce performance, you commit yourself and/or your child to the following dates and events.

Date	Activity	Where
April 16-21, 2012	Costume hand out and parent meetings	At the school
	Order forms for Practice DVD's	At the school
	Order forms for program ads	At the school
April 23 th (Monday) - April 28 th (Saturday) 2012	Photo shoot week / Broadway	At the school
April 28, 2012	Program ad deadline	At the school
June 24, 2012 (Sunday)	Dress Rehearsal and Performance	At Stafford Performing Arts Center

Performance Updates

As the season progresses, additional performance information or updates will be posted on the Dancescape by Joyce website, in handouts, and at the school. Make it your responsibility to keep abreast of this important information. It is our goal to make the performance experience organized and exciting for all involved. It's a team effort; students, their parents, the teachers, and the director are key players in the success of the show.

Home Study

To ensure that the students feel confident about their performance, we ask parents and guardians to encourage them to rehearse their recital choreography on a regular basis. An **instructional DVD** of your child's dance will be available for the 3-4-year, 5-7-year, and 6-8-year classes by May 15th. The DVD will have the music, the steps called out by the instructor, and students and/or teachers demonstrating the routines. The charge for a DVD is \$5 per dance(5-7-year-old combo, 2 dances, \$10).

CDs may be purchased of just the music for classes.

The charge for a CD is \$7 for 1 to 3 songs, \$10 for 4 to 7 songs.

Our goal is to make our performance an organized, exciting experience for everyone involved.

Performance Fee

A performance fee is charged each student to pay for the auditorium, scenery, music, and other expenses related to the performance. Attendance and parking at the performance are free.

Please invite anyone you would like to enjoy your child's performance.

This fee is not refundable.

Costumes

We spend many hours determining the correct costumes for each class. They are always age-appropriate and of the highest quality possible. Preschool students will need one costume; 5-7-year combo students have a two-in-one costume; all other students will need one costume for each subject they train in. Costumes include all accessories (hats, gloves, head pieces, etc.). Tights will also be included. Shoes are not included.

Costume/Performance Fee

Manufacturers do not accept cancellations or offer refunds; therefore, *the school does not refund performance/costume fees.* **Costumes will not be ordered until they are paid for in full.**

➤ **Costumes are always age-appropriate and of the highest quality possible.**

***See parent contract for costume and performance fee prices.**

Alterations

Alterations are sometimes needed after the costumes have been distributed and are the sole responsibility of the student's parent or guardian. Please contact the Dancescape by Joyce office for recommended dressmakers.

Distribution

Costumes will be distributed when all outstanding balances are **paid in full**. Costumes will be distributed **April 16-21, 2012**, during class times. Class photos will be taken the week of **April 23-28, 2012**. A schedule of times will be available later.

Withdrawal

No refunds will be made of the costume/ performance fee if a parent or guardian withdraws a child from the school after costumes have been ordered. Parent or guardians may pick up purchased costumes at the school at the time of general costume distribution and up to 15 days after the performance. Costumes not picked up after 15 days will be donated to charity.

Sizing

Costume measuring begins during the first week in November during scheduled class times. Each child will be measured in order to determine his or her proper costume size(s). We add one inch to each measurement to allow for growth.

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