



# NEWSLETTER

Volume 33, Issue 1

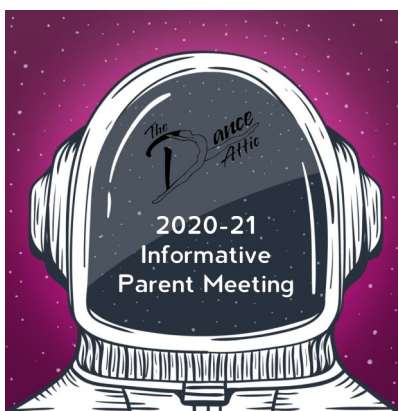
September 1, 2020

## Welcome

Hello Dance Attic dancers and parents! We hope you had a great summer! We are very excited about the upcoming year. We have an amazing staff and we know that our dancers are ready to adapt to our "New Norm" here at The Dance Attic! You will receive a newsletter like this in your email each month. Please be sure to read the entire newsletter because it will contain important information that you don't want to miss. The newsletter will also be on the TDA website [www.thedanceattic.com](http://www.thedanceattic.com)

Please [Click Here](#) for the link to our Virtual Parent Meetings. All Families need to watch these videos to get all information for getting back into dance.

The first few weeks of classes we are all trying to get organized, so please be patient. Please review the [Re-Opening Guidelines](#) that are listed later on in the Newsletter!



## In This Issue

Welcome  
Fall Classes  
Staff  
Online System  
Statements  
Ballet Tech  
Class Changes  
Lost and Found  
Tuition  
Bring a Friend  
Dancewear  
Re-Opening  
Guidelines  
Social DisDANCING  
Important  
Reminders

## Important Dates

9/8 Classes begin.  
Parent meeting first 15 minutes.  
Tuition due

## RE-OPENING UPDATE!

We are OPEN! Welcome home dancers & families!

## Fall Classes

Classes begin Tuesday, September 8th (Monday classes will have their first class on the September 14th [CLICK HERE](#) for a weekly studio schedule for 2020-21. You should have received an email letting you know that schedules were finalized in Jack Rabbit, but please note that this schedule may have to be modified at the end of September depending on enrollment.

The Dance Attic offers a variety of dance styles for all ages. We want you to try new things and see if you like other dance styles. For the month of September you may take any extra classes that you would like to try as long as there is space available in the class. You can choose from Hip Hop, Tap, Lyrical, Acro, and Technique! You must email so they can be added to your class schedule and you will pay tuition for them in September. At the end of the month, decide which ones you would like to keep. We will adjust your schedule and tuition for any classes that you drop. You will receive a credit for September for any extra trial classes that you drop. (This credit does not apply to core classes.) You only pay for the classes you keep so try everything! You may discover a new favorite dance style! You can read the class descriptions on our [website](#).

Back

AND BETTER THAN EVER

# WE ARE #TDASTRONG

## Staff

The Dance Attic has a very talented and accomplished staff. They are excited about the upcoming year and are ready to get started. TDA Staff adapted so well under the end of year circumstances with absolutely no notice, and we are excited to take on this upcoming season together as one BIG dance family! We cannot wait to see you all back in the studio soon! You can read more about them on our [website](#).



Hallie Pardo

Company Director/  
Instructor



Rachel Sandford

Company Choreographer/  
Instructor



Ariana Cruz

Company Director/



Becky Yeager Cox

Instructor All Ages



Melissa Austin

Office Assistant



Wanda Lynam Percise

Owner and Director



Emily Wayne

Instructor All Ages



Bre Thompson

Acro Instructor



# Starting Out Right!

We are so excited to start our 2020-2021 dance season! There have been many bumps in the road, but with your continued support and grace we are able to stand where we are now. So Thank you! Classes have now been finalized and class sizes have been reduced to best reflect

CDC guidelines for Covid-19. Your jackrabbit account will now reflect the correct days and times of your dancers 2020-2021 classes. If your dancer is interested in Acro or any other additional classes, please send an email and we will enroll them in the appropriate classes. There have been changes to the weekly schedule due to enrollment and teacher schedules, so make sure you note the days and times of each class. If everything looks good you do not need to do anything. If you would like to make changes, send an email and let us know what changes you would like to make. Please email changes by ASAP. We will then process all of the requests and send out tuition statements for September. If there are any further updates to classes, you will be notified. Thanks for your patience. Classes will begin September 8, 2020 and we are so looking forward to having you all back in the studio!

## TDA Upgrades our Online System!



Jackrabbit Dance

Each month you will receive a statement of your account at The Dance Attic. Your statement will provide detailed information about charges and payments that have been posted to your account. As a reminder, you will be charged for September and

Half of June on your first statement. Your statements will look different than they have in the past. We are really excited about our new program as it is going to be much more convenient for everyone! Staff will be able to do online attendance on our New iPads gifted to the studio at the end of the year, Billing and Transactions can now be done via credit card and accessible online at anytime, and Office staff will be able to make updates instantly in your accounts. Below is an image of what your new itemized Statements will look like when emailed to you. Furthermore, [Click This Link](#) to get more information and guidance on how to work Jack Rabbit. Please be sure to review the Payment Terms policy in JackRabbit regarding automatic payments within our new system.

### Account Summary

Previous Balance as of June 03, 2020	0.00
<b>Fees</b>	<b>180.00</b>
Payments/Credits	- 0.00
<b>Balance as of August 02, 2020</b>	<b>180.00</b>
<b>Current Balance</b>	<b>180.00</b>

### Transaction Summary June 03, 2020 - August 02, 2020

Date	Type	Payment Method	Student	Class/Event	Orig Amt	Discount	Tax	Amount	Balance
06/03/20	Previous Balance								0.00
08/02/20	Registration Fee - Registartion fee		Areliia Pardo		50.00			50.00	50.00
	Note: Welcome to TDA 2020								
08/02/20	Tuition Fee		Areliia Pardo	Combo 7 Ballet	65.00			65.00	115.00
	Note: September								
08/02/20	Tuition Fee		Areliia Pardo	Combo 7 Jazz	65.00			65.00	180.00
	Note: September								

# BALLET TECH

For the 2020-21 Dance Season Ballet will be a technique based class for our A-H Level Dancers. These Classes will focus heavily on technique this year, and will not be receiving costumes.



## Class Changes

As we head into the start of the season, we know that there are bound to be changes in schedules and class placements. Due to enrollment and obvious differences TDA will be undergoing this year, we expect that this year will likely be no different in that we will have to make some changes along the way. We have already made some changes since August 20th - so Please double check your schedules. Please be mindful of the amount of work that goes into these schedules, which was multiplied when considering CDC guidelines for 2020-21 Dance Season. As always, TDA will notify you of any updates or class changes that occur!

## Lost and Found

Dancers are always leaving things behind at TDA. This year, If you lose something we would like for you to follow this procedure. Email the studio on the day of your class and ask if we can locate it. If we are unsuccessful, we will communicate with dancers and families if need be by the next week of class. Please do not ask us to send out an email to the entire studio to locate lost things. Too many things get lost daily for us to be able to do that. Thank you for your cooperation.

## Tuition

Your first statement will include September tuition as well as half of June. Tuition is due on the 1st of each month and is late after the 7th. You will receive an email statement before classes start with a detailed class schedule and tuition total. You may pay your tuition with cash or check at the studio, before the 25th of the month. If you pay with cash, put it in an envelope and write on the outside the dancer's name and the amount enclosed. If you pay with a check no envelope is needed, simply write the dancer's name in the memo line. Both of these should be placed in the locked drop box in the lobby, again by the 25th of the month prior to tuition being due. Otherwise your JackRabbit account will automatically charge your Credit Card associated with your account on the 1st of each month for your total tuition due. This is a new process for TDA and our clients, but with the circumstances of today we knew that we needed to offer online payment methods. If your tuition is not paid by the 7th there will be a \$25 late fee applied. If it is still not paid we will be employing a collection agency to collect the payments. We regret that we have to do this, but we have had a high volume of unpaid and extremely late tuition payments in the past. We want everyone to be able to dance, but in the end this is a business with expenses of its own that rely on your tuition to be paid! Thanks for your understanding and attention to this matter!



## Dancewear

It's always exciting to start a new year and get new dance clothes and shoes! It's important to know what you need before heading out to the dance shop.

Please [click here](#) for the dress code and a list of the shoe styles needed for each class. Please note that you do not need shoes for jazz or lyrical at this time. We may ask you to purchase shoes at a later time, but for now we will dance in bare feet! (Saves a little money!)

Combo Tap classes need tan mary-jane style tap shoes. All other Tap classes should purchase black Bloch "Respect" tap shoes. Other similar styles with a hard sole are also acceptable. (We do not want the flexible split sole type.) If anyone is interested in the heavier professional tap shoes, please email. We may be able to order them if there is enough interest.

All Hip Hop dancers need sneakers for class. Any style will be fine for class. Your instructor will let you know later in the year what type you will need for performance at competition and recital. Please have a pair of shoes that you wear specifically for Hip Hop not just your everyday tennis shoes.

All Acro students should wear leotards and booty shorts to class. No t-shirts or baggy shorts please. The instructors need to be able to see your form and keep you safe.

There are several dance shops in the area that carry the dance shoes. Dance Etc. is located on 401 in Raleigh. The Dancer's Closet (formerly the Dance Exchange) is a dance consignment shop in Wendell. There are also some good websites that we can recommend.



The Dance Attic has masks for you! Check Out our TDA Masks below—\$5.00 for one! Great way to support your team and show off the awesome things you are doing at TDA!

**\$5.00**

# TDA Reopening Guidelines 2020-21



All Dance Families are required to read and know the new procedures in order to return to The Dance Attic. If you have any questions please reach out to us via email at: [info@thedanceattic.com](mailto:info@thedanceattic.com)

Dear TDA Families,

We ask that you read through this document and familiarize yourself and your dancer with our Safety Guidelines for the 20-21 dance season. All Dancers and Parents will have to complete the google survey at the bottom of this page stating that they have read, understand, and agree to these Reopening Guidelines. The safety of our dancers, staff, dancers families, and staff families remain our main focus. We want you to feel safe bringing your kids to The Dance Attic, knowing that we are constantly adapting our policies to best protect our TDA family. Families with younger dancers please make sure to have a conversation with your child prior to their first class talking about dancing with social distance between their friends, keeping their hands to themselves, as well as wearing their masks the best they can! We believe that these guidelines will likely change even more throughout the year and we will update you with any changes that are made to these guidelines. Please note that we can not account for every detail, we can only do the best that we can and take every safety measure possible on our end. If you are hesitant about sending your child to dance, Our online "[Social disDANCING](#)" classes are also an option! The information in this document is not intended to be a substitute for professional medical advice or recommendations from federal, state and local public health authorities. As the knowledge regarding COVID-19 is constantly changing, please also refer to the resources contained in this document and your local public health officials for the most up to date information. Thank you for your continuous patience as we work through the new procedures and systems. Click The Pink Button Below or [This Link](#) to sign off that you have read and understand our ReOpen Guidelines



## For The Parents:

Upon Registering for classes with The Dance Attic via the online web registration and Parent Portal, we require that you read through and agree to all of the policies. We ask that all dance families review the new policy agreement texts in Jackrabbit before entering the studio on September 8th.

When registering for The Dance Attic for the 2020-21 as an "In-House Dancer", you are agreeing to those policies for the duration of the 2020-21 dance season.

When registering for The Dance Attic for the 2020-21 dance season as a "Social DisDANCER" you are eligible to register as an "In-House Dancer" on Dec. 1st if you are ready to come back into the studio. There will be some additional fees associated with this switch.

All lobby areas are closed for parents and dancers during this time. We apologize for the inconvenience, but ask that parents stay in their cars for the duration of class if they do not choose to leave while their child is dancing.

With lobby areas being closed, we ask that any business, financial or other specific questions you need answered must be handled via email or phone call. We are not able to answer these questions during our check in times as we are getting students checked in to their dance locations as quickly as possible. All Parents please avoid asking specific questions during that process.

We recommend that you pack a hand sanitizer on students water bottles so that dancers can wash their hands whenever they transition for water.

We also recommend that you have your children wash their hands and use the bathroom prior to entering the studio.

If TDA feels the need to issue you a warning based on your families ability and willingness to adhere to these guidelines, we will give you one opportunity to try again with our in-house dance season. If more issues arise, we will support you moving to our "Social disDANCING" virtual class program.

## Steps to take before leaving for Dance:

Ask your dancers how they are feeling (If they aren't feeling well - stay home and email TDA for virtual access for the day.)

Take your dancers temperature and assess as necessary

Pack bag with TDA essentials: 2 masks, water bottle, and dance shoes

Wash dancers hands thoroughly at home, before even entering TDA.

Leave with plenty of time to be on time for your entry into class.



### Policy Agreement

Welcome! Before you get started we need you to agree to our policies.

AGREE TO POLICIES

## Pick Up and Drop Off Guidelines:

Parents must drop off kids maximum 5 minutes prior to their class start time. Parents must arrive 5 minutes before their dancers end time to get their child from class. Please do not arrive early to avoid any unnecessary waiting with large amounts of people.

You will be signaled on your time to come in from staff at the command center. There will be a signal that shows which studios are allowed to enter during each transition. Students will not be able to come up to complete their Check-In until they are signaled to do so.

If you arrive late to class, please call The Dance Attic (919) 556-7755 and someone will come outside to assist you as soon as they can. Having students arrive late or even too early will add more complexity to all the processes put in place.

All Dancers under the age of 8 can have a parent stand with them during their check in process. We also ask that parents wait for students outside of their assigned classroom door to safely retrieve your children after class has ended.

Please use the Map at the bottom of this document to assist in understanding our Pick Up and Drop Off Guidelines.

## Check In Process:

TDA will have parent volunteers working the check in process. Please be respectful of these volunteers during our screening processes during this time.

Students, faculty, and staff should only come to the studios if they have no COVID-19 symptoms and have not had close or sustained contact with a sick person within 14 days.

Students' temperatures will be checked upon arrival at the studio. Students that are reading with high temperatures will be assessed three times. Any students with the temperature above 100.4 per time of third reading at the studio will be sent home. Parents should not leave the studio parking lot until they see that their student's temperature has been cleared.

If they are having symptoms before coming to class, please refrain from bringing your dancer to dance class. We will be offering a virtual option for instances like this.

Dancers need to arrive in their dance attire, with NO extra belongings besides what is necessary.

Dancers will stand six feet apart when waiting for their check in screening. This will be marked with TDA cones that will be spread 6 feet apart.

Teachers will also be assessed upon arrival.

If there is rain, please have your dancer bring an umbrella. We will try to signal one studio at a time to enter to have fewer dancers outside, making the process quicker and easier to shift under the overhang in between the two sides of the studio. For Severe Weather Only - we will make a switch to virtual zoom classes for that time period.





## Mask Guidelines:

Dancers will not be able to enter the studio without wearing a mask until further notice.

We ask that dancers have an extra mask in their bag, in case strings break or if you sweat and your mask is uncomfortable for you to wear.

## In-Class Guidelines:

All Classes at TDA have been altered to allow time in between classes for staff to disinfect each room.

We have altered assigned dance studios for classes/dancers to stay in a limited amount of studios during their time at TDA each day.

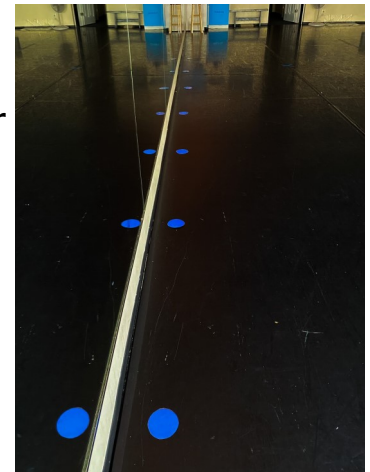
We have limited the amount of dancers in each class to have fewer dancers in the room. Class Placements have been adjusted in order to do so.

Dancers will be assigned X's upon arrival to the dance studios. The X's are spaced out across the room to promote social distancing.

Dancers will have markers on where their bags should go at the beginning of class. Dressing Rooms will not be open, so belongings will stay in the room with dancers at all times.

Dancers will have markers on the ballet barres to promote social distancing for when this facility is used.

There is NO food permitted in the studios. Only water bottles (Labeled with their name would be great) - Water Fountains are not in use due to circumstances. There will be markers for dancers to place their water bottles on during class so that students are not returning to their bags throughout class time.



Dancers will have access to their studio assigned bathroom for emergency purposes. Each studio has their own bathroom designated for dancers in that studio.

Front Desk personnel will be disinfecting after each bathroom use.

If a student is feeling unwell during class, their parent or guardian will be contacted and the student will be asked to wait in their assigned waiting room spot until they are picked up.



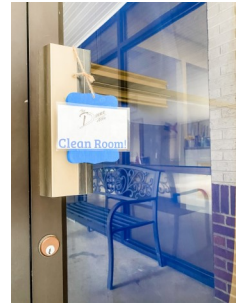


## Transition Guidelines:

With the 10 minute break between classes we will be cleaning and disinfecting all studios and surfaces for each room. (dance floors, door handles, ballet barres, bathrooms etc.) Students will stay in their rooms or transition to their next room if need be with assistance from TDA staff.

Dancers with breaks longer than 10 minutes cannot stay in The Dance Attic. Dancers need to sit in their cars.

TDA Staff will mark rooms as "clean" after every disinfecting transitions with our door markers. Students should not enter rooms until they are marked as complete.



## Not Able to Come to Class Guidelines:

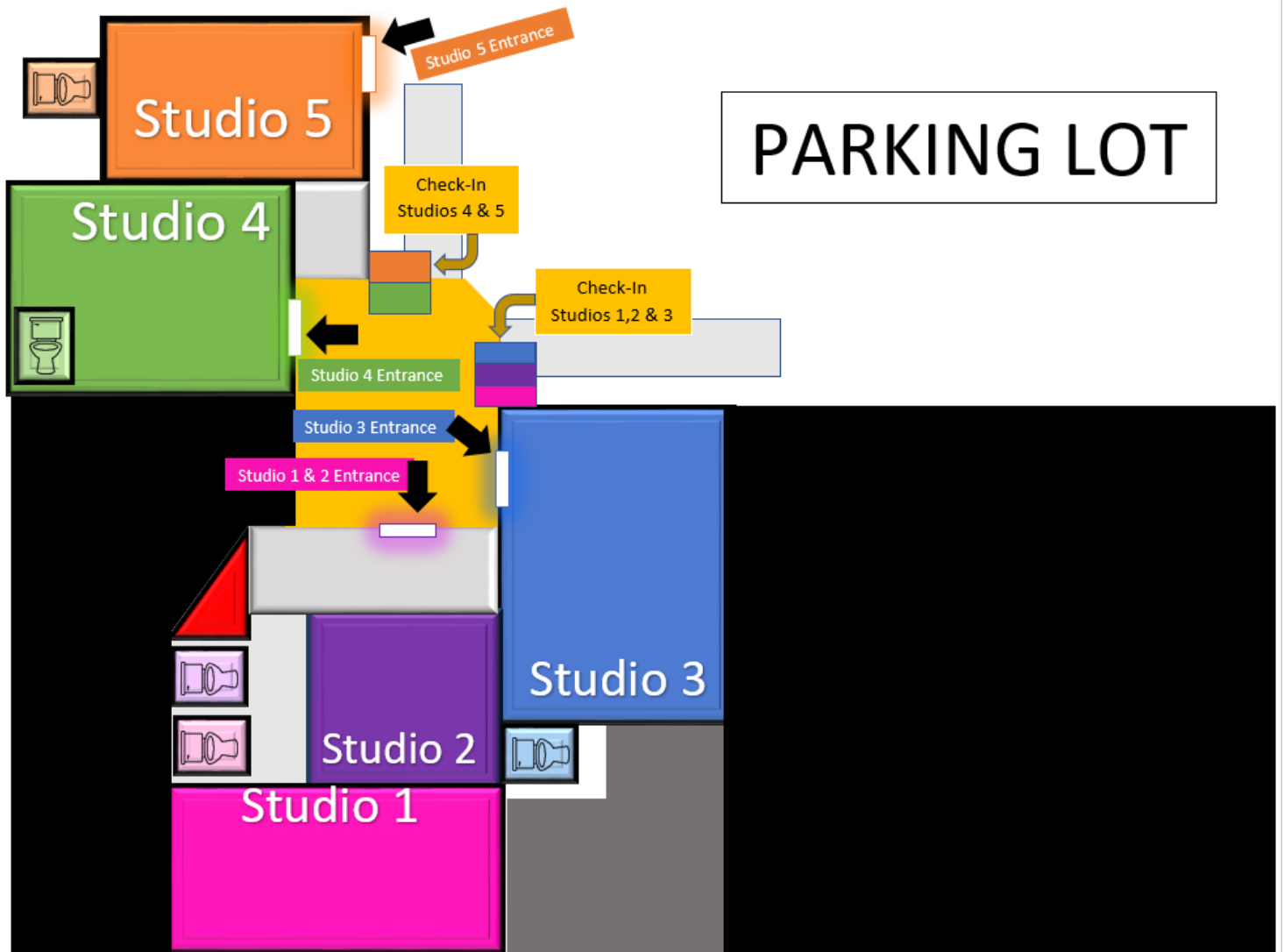
1. Students who are missing their classes can log in to the virtual classes in order to still be able to pick up on choreography if they are sick or have to miss class for any other reason. We would really appreciate Parents helping us out with this, and making the choice for your dancer to stay home if they have any type of symptoms. You will still be considered an in-house dancer and will be charged your regular tuition. In order to be a part of the virtual classes, because of sickness you must email so that staff is prepared to add you into the virtual class that day.

## If Circumstances Get Worse Guidelines:

1. If your child is showing any symptoms of any illness, please keep your child at home for the week. Please email TDA staff and we will help you transition to virtual dance until they are ready to come back.
2. If anyone in your family/household has been confirmed Covid Positive, you will be responsible for your quarantine process within your family for 14 days.
3. Students, faculty, and staff with medical conditions that place them in a higher risk category for COVID-19 infection, or who come into frequent contact with someone in a higher risk category are strongly urged to continue participation virtually rather than in the studio for the time being.
4. 4. If anyone at The Dance Attic tests positive for Covid, Staff or Dancer, TDA will close for 24 Hours for a professional cleaning. There will be NO classes, live or virtual for 24 Hours.
5. 5. If your child tests positive for Covid-19, please inform TDA immediately so we can adhere to our policies for our dance family here at TDA. Students will not be allowed back into the studio until a negative Covid test result.
6. 6. If a student in a class tests positive for Covid-19, all classes that the dancer was in would be sent to virtual dance classes for 14 Calendar days and we re-evaluate case by case depending on exposure within the studio.
7. 7. If a teacher in a class tests positive for Covid-19, ALL TDA CLASSES will be pushed to virtual dance for 14 Calendar Days. TDA Staff members who test positive for Covid will not be allowed to re-enter the studio until they have a negative Covid-19 test result. All classes will push to virtual classes for those 14 days and links will be sent out in these circumstances and we re-evaluate case by case depending on exposure within the studio.
8. 8. If we are forced to close the studio facility down - we will switch to virtual zoom class, but will do our best to try and stay on our regular weekly schedule.

# THE DANCE ATTIC

## PICK UP AND DROP OFF MAP





## Looking for a Virtual Dance Option?

The Dance Attic is SO excited to announce that we will be offering a Virtual Option for dancers this year! For many reasons, we know that some families may feel that virtual is the best option for them. Kids these days need a social as well as physical outlet and TDA is excited to bring that to dancers anywhere!

TDA has taken many protocols to get dancers who are comfortable being back in the studio, back to "in-house" dancing. With that being said, we understand if you want and need other options! This is why we are so excited to announce the Registration Period for The Dance Attic's "Social DisDANCING" program has opened!

Our **Social DisDANCING** program will be offered via a Virtual Platform at the start of the year and you will be a part of our regular TDA schedule! Just like our in-house classes, we will assign you to different classes based on age and level after you register via this [Online Web Registration Link](#). We ask that all of our **Social DisDANCERS** register by September 1st (the sooner the better!), so that we can integrate you into our staff schedules and rosters. If you are interested in registering for "Social DisDANCING," we ask that you send us an email with your age, level, and what styles you are interested in and we can let you know what days and times would be available for you. When you register there are four different Social DisDANCING.

If you want to go ahead and register and let us place you accordingly that works as well! Dancers will be learning and dancing with our in-house dancers via live stream for each class through their screen. Based on enrollment we will decide if we will have dancers connected into our in-house virtual classes or if we will separate them into their own classes.

All **Social DisDANCING** dancers are required to register for at least Ballet Tech and Jazz, but can add additional classes such as Tap, Lyrical, Hip Hop, Technique, and Acro to their virtual schedules. Upon registering, we ask that you sign up for the **Social disDANCING** package that you want to commit to, and email us at [info@thedanceattic.com](mailto:info@thedanceattic.com) with additional classes you would like to take beyond the minimum requirement for your membership and we will enroll you accordingly. If you are new to TDA or even if you haven't checked it out recently, head over to our website [thedanceattic.com](http://thedanceattic.com) to see what we are all about!

**Social DisDANCERS** will be offered a "Special Topics" the first month with a TDA Staff member to talk about various Dance Topics to interact with one another. If this goes well, we will offer more throughout the year.

## Breakdown of Costs: \* \$50.00 Registration for all Social DisDANCER memberships

### Pre Ballet Social DisDANCER Membership - (3-5 Year olds)

\$20 a month for a 45 minute virtual class where you will see your teachers and dance friends in class through your screen at home! Dancers will receive a Dance Attic T-shirt upon registration!

### Combo Social DisDANCER Membership - Ballet/Jazz and any additional classes (6-12 Year olds)

\$40 a month for required Ballet Tech and Jazz minimum + \$20 for each additional class you select to take. Dancers will see their teachers and friends through their screen at home! Dancers will receive a Dance Attic T-Shirt upon registration!

### A-H Social DisDANCER Membership - Ballet/Jazz and any additional classes (13-18 Year olds)

\$40 a month for required Ballet Tech and Jazz minimum + \$20 for each additional class you select to take. Dancers will get to be a part of something in a safe way that inspires social interaction, physical activity, emotional outlet, and an opportunity for creative expression.

We are hoping to offer this as an option for families who feel like this is the best option for them right now. Furthermore, we are going to open up a window in the last week of November for families to decide to make the switch to in-house dance classes at the start of the New-Year. This decision will need to be finalized by December 1st. If your dancer decides to make this switch we will do our best to integrate dancers at full capacity in order to let them perform, compete, be involved in recital and participate in all "normal" TDA events that are able to happen at that time. There will be fees associated with this switch, one of them being that your tuition would obviously cross over to our typical tuition plan for all classes. With that being said, we also understand if you feel as though you would like to commit to **Social disDANCING** for the entire 2020-21 TDA Season. We do plan to hold a virtual recital and end of year program of some sort for all **Social disDANCING** dancers, and to involve them as much as possible with all things TDA!

We hope that all families understand that all TDA Staff wants is for these kids to be dancing, in whatever capacity works best for them. Here at TDA, we are always evolving and adapting to forever changing circumstances to keep these kids engaged and having an outlet to help guide them through such uncertain times.

**Ready to Register to be a TDA Social DisDANCER?** Below are your next steps:  
Online Web Registration Selection

Pay \$50.00 to Register

Email [info@thedanceattic.com](mailto:info@thedanceattic.com) if you would like to add any additional classes to your schedule.

A Confirmation email and schedule with more details will be sent to you as we gauge enrollment in our program

Complete [THIS Google Survey](#) acknowledging your agreement.

We look forward to dancing with you... from a distance!

# Important Info and Reminders

- The 2019-2020 calendar is posted on the website. Please note important dates
- Always check the website for important information including the monthly newsletter. Announcements are emailed and posted on our Facebook/Instagram as well! The Dance Attic website is a very helpful resource for knowing what is happening at the studio! We are also on Facebook! Check both often for upcoming events, pictures, and much more!
- Write your dancer's name on all dance gear (shoes, bag, jacket, etc.). All items will be donated to Goodwill in January and June.
- We still have a few spots available for little dancers ages 3-5 (preschool age). If you know anyone that would be interested, send them to the Dance Attic!
- Just a reminder that electronic devices (cell phones, apple watches, ipads, etc.) are not permitted in class. Please leave them zipped up in your dance bags.
- Please do not chew gum at the studio. If you have gum, please make sure you dispose of it properly in the trash can.
- T-shirts will be distributed the 1st or 2nd week of class. Please put your child's name inside their shirt when you get it.

## The Dance Attic Wanda Percise owner/director

1241 South Main Street  
Wake Forest, NC 27587

(919) 556-7755

Email: [info@thedanceattic.com](mailto:info@thedanceattic.com)

Visit us on the web at [www.thedanceattic.com](http://www.thedanceattic.com)

