

Pre-School and Early Childhood

Ages 3-6



Thursday 4:00-4:45 Story Time Ballet ~ 3 to early 4 years

What could be better? Only ice cream! We start this class with a ballerina story and then jump up and dance! This is a perfect class for the child who loves stories, music, and movement. This class is taught by one of our most beloved and all-time favorite children's teachers, Rachel Arcadipane.

Wednesday 5:15-6:00 Ballet and Tap Combination ~ 3 to early 4 years

Wednesday 6:00-6:45 Ballet and Tap Combination ~ Kindergarten/1st Grade

These classes enhance basic skills and coordination while providing fun exercises that teach both gross and fine motor skills. With the use of story-telling and fun music – and making use of props like parachutes, ribbon streamers, and wands - we are able to guide the children into the wonderful world of dance. The tap portion of the class teaches simple rhythms while re-enforcing counting and weight changes. Again, this class is prop-heavy, making use of drums, tambourines, and rhythm sticks. Both of these classes are taught by January Wolfe, Artistic Director for the school.

Thursday 4:45-5:30 Ballet Building Blocks ~ Kindergarten

A slower-paced and more focused ballet class for the more serious child. The music is soft and sweet, and the energy in the room is quiet and peaceful. This class is perfect for the child who is eager and ready to learn. Taught by Rachel Arcadipane.

Thursday 5:30-6:15 Ballet for Little Ones with a Tap Introduction ~ 3-4 years

This class is designed for the youngest of our little dancers. If you have a budding little ballerina who loves to turn and twirl, this is the perfect class! A great way to introduce her to music and creative movement under the watchful eye of one of our most beloved children's teachers. The last 10 minutes of every class is tap with counting, weight changes, and leaping and hopping. Taught by Rachel Arcadipane.

Monday 4:50-5:40 Introduction to Ballet Basics ~ 5 to 6 years

This is a more structured ballet class perfect for young children ages 5 to 6, with a focus on introducing basic ballet steps, terminology, stretching, and strengthening, using the R.A.D. syllabus. This class is more of a traditional ballet lesson for the mature 5- or 6-year-old. Instructor is Tamara Buel, an R.A.D.-certified ballet instructor.

Wednesday 4:00-4:45 Children's Contemporary Class

This class is ages 6 and up. An exploration in movement through space and time. Working with music as well as silence to set movement and find centering. This class is taught by Shelby Nelson, Marshall University and 4th Avenue Arts teacher. An amazing class!

Thursday 3:45-4:30 Ballet and Tap Combination ~ 4-5 years

This class is for tiny dancers who have already taken a year of Baby Ballet and are ready to progress to a Pre-Ballet class where simple steps, musicality, balance, and flexibility are still taught in a fun and enchanting environment. Tap also closes out this class. This class is taught by Kinley Zeigler, JADCO Contemporary Dance Company Dance Captain.