

# Creative Dance

With Jennifer McGowan



## Dancers Workshop Stow

(a performing dance company of young people ages 8 to 18)

2017-2018

### Goals of the Dancers Workshop:

- To share our love of dance with the community*
- To increase people's awareness of and appreciation for creative and expressive dance*
- To dance amongst a group of friends who respect and admire each other's unique ways of moving*

### Class/Rehearsal

\*Scheduled to meet Thursdays, from 5:30-6:25pm at the Stow Town Hall. In addition to attending rehearsals, dancers are required to attend a dance class at their age level.

\*Perfect attendance is mandatory for members. Rehearsals are like putting together a jigsaw puzzle – if one piece is missing, it is much more difficult to assemble the others and the picture is different. Therefore, to ensure a positive feeling of support and community within the group, **students who miss more than 2 rehearsals in a session will be given an appropriately simplified part in the production.** If a dancer is sick or unable to attend rehearsal please show courtesy by calling in advance so the rehearsal can be planned accordingly.

### Dancers Workshop Membership Fees

\*Dancers Workshop Membership Fees are \$176 for the 2017 Fall session of dance (September-January). This fee includes all rehearsals and performing costs. Class tuition is NOT included. Please see complete schedule of classes for individual class tuition. (Please note, this is a discounted rate for students of the Creative Dance Center. Dancers who attend a weekly class at a different studio are welcome to be a part of the Dancers Workshop; however there is an additional \$30 fee.)

### Costumes

\*Most costumes, other than leotards, pants, and tights, will be provided by me and will remain the property of the Creative Dance Center. Occasionally an additional costume fee will be requested.

### Registration

\*To register please complete the Dancers Workshop Contract and Registration/Release form and return along with non-refundable registration fee of \$25 no later than August 1 so I can plan on the number of dancers. This gives me time to choreograph dances before rehearsals begin. Workshop fees and class tuition will be due in full before the start of the session. Pay in full by August 1 and receive a \$10 discount from total for early payment. All forms/fees can be made payable to Jennifer McGowan, 130 Jewett Street, Pepperell, MA 01463. (No refunds will be given after the start of the session except in the case of injuries and family emergencies.)

### Start of Classes

\*Rehearsals begin August 31, 2017. On August 31, the Junior Dancers Workshop will rehearse from 4:30-7:00pm and the Teen/Tween Dancers Workshop will rehearse from 5:00-7:30pm. It is important that dancers attend this first rehearsal as this is when choreography will be set for individual dancers. Also, we have been having a little potluck to celebrate the start of the new dance year!

### Do you?

- like to dance and learn new steps
- like to perform in front of an audience
- like to choreograph (create your own dances)
- work hard and to the best of your ability
- enjoy working with groups of people
- like making new friends

### Can you?

- concentrate and focus on a task
- be independent
- learn new dances and remember old ones
- Work hard and practice even when you're tired and may not feel like it

### Then Dancers Workshop is Right for You!

### Performance Dates for ALL Dancers Workshop Members

**(Being a part of the Dancers Workshop means being part of a team. Please make sure you can attend these dates before committing to participate.)\***

- Saturday, September 16, 2017, Pepperell Fall Festival (Rain Date, Sunday September 17)
- Friday, December 1, 2017, Nursing Home
- Friday, December 8, 2017, Nursing Home
- Sunday, December 10, 2017, Winter Celebration of Dance at the Stow Town Hall (Sunday, December 17, Snow Date)\*
- Friday, December 15, 2017 (Nursing Home, Snow Date)
- Friday, March 16, 2018, Nursing Home
- Friday, March 23, 2018, Nursing Home
- Saturday, May 19, 2018, Stow Springfest
- Saturday, June 2, 2018\*, Afternoon of Dance -End of the year performance, Stow Hale Middle School  
\*Tentatively Scheduled

### Other (Optional) Performances

- Friday, February 23, 2018, National Dance Week Celebration/Workshop
- Saturday, May 5, 2018, Children's Day Fair, Bolton
- Sunday, Beginning/Middle of May 2018, All day Children's Dance Festival in Boston, MA
- Other Optional Fieldtrips and Dance Shares

\*Please note: if you already know that you have a conflict with one performance or rehearsal, it does not necessarily mean you can't be a part of the Dancers Workshop. Please talk with me before deciding as I would love to have you be a part of the group and it is possible we can make it work! Thanks!

*Dancers Workshop will be hard work at times but will also be a lot of fun! You get to meet new people and make wonderful friends over time. You get to work as a team. You get to share dance with others and make people smile which is an exciting and rewarding experience. You get to learn a lot about dance and life. You get to feel accomplished after each performance knowing you did your best and share a lot of laughs along the way! Be a part of the experience!*

For more information please call 978-433-8349 or check out our website at [www.creative-dance.com](http://www.creative-dance.com)

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Dancers Workshop Contract:

PLEASE DO NOT SIGN UNTIL YOU HAVE READ AND AGREE TO THE TERMS ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE. THANK-YOU.

Dance Member:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, have read and understand the information stated above and agree to abide by this contract. I agree to attend weekly rehearsals, extra rehearsals scheduled before performance dates, and performances. I also agree to attend the required technique/choreography class for my age level. I will arrive at class and rehearsal on time ready to actively participate and promise to do my best. I understand that I am working as part of a team and I will do my part to help the team succeed. I understand that the joy of being a member of The Dancer's Workshop comes through hard work and dedication and willingly accept the challenge.

\_\_\_\_\_, (member signature), \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Parent Guardian:

I, \_\_\_\_\_, give permission for my child, \_\_\_\_\_, to participate as a member of The Dancers Workshop, and I understand the commitment involved. I agree to get my child to weekly rehearsals and performances on time. If my child is sick and or unable to attend rehearsal I will call in advance to inform the teacher so she can plan accordingly. I will do my best to promote and support The Dancers' Workshop in any way I am able. I give permission for my child to have his/her photograph appear in dance brochures, flyers, social media, and other publicity to promote The Dancers Workshop and Jennifer McGowan's Creative Dance Center. I understand that my child's name will remain anonymous and that the photograph will be used for Creative Dance Center purposes only. I have read and understand the information stated above and agree to abide by this contract.

\_\_\_\_\_, (parent/guardian signature), \_\_\_\_\_ (date)

Registration Form:

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_
Date of Birth \_\_\_\_\_ Grade \_\_\_\_\_
Parents \_\_\_\_\_
Address \_\_\_\_\_
Phone Number (Home) \_\_\_\_\_
(Cell) \_\_\_\_\_
Emergency Contact and Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_
E-mail \_\_\_\_\_

Dancers Workshop Fee \$176.00 (Thursdays, 5:30-6:30pm)
Dance Class Location \_\_\_\_\_ Day/Time \_\_\_\_\_
Class Tuition \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Registration \$25.00/ per family
Discounts \$ \_\_\_\_\_
Family Discount: Deduct \$70 from total for more than 1 Dancers Workshop member in family.
Early Pay: Deduct \$10 if pay in full by August 1. No other discounts apply.
Total Due \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Does participant have any health conditions or medications of which the dance instructor should be aware? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your profession ? (I like to reciprocate business when possible \_\_\_\_\_)

Do you have any special talents/interests you may wish to share during the year or at performance time? (ex. Musicians, artists, sewing, etc.) \_\_\_\_\_

Siblings names/ages \_\_\_\_\_

For new students, where did you hear about the Creative Dance Center? \_\_\_\_\_

Assumption of Risk Agreement and Release:

Realizing and understanding that all reasonable precautions are being and will be taken to ensure the safety of the undersigned's child/ren and/or participants, the undersigned assumes all responsibility for and all risk of damage or injury that may occur to the undersigned and/or the undersigned's parent's/guardian's child or children as a participant in or leader of any activity occurring under the auspices of Jennifer McGowan's dance/theatre projects while attending activities, participating in activities or using dance studio's facilities or following instructions in or out of the dance studio location. In consideration of being accepted as a student and/or participant and/or leader and/or teacher in or out of the dance studio location and/or being a parent or legal guardian of a student and/or participant at the dance studio location, the undersigned hereby releases and discharges the dance studio and all its associated studios, schools, host organizations, sponsors, its owners, employees, and agents from all claims, demands, rights or causes of action, present or future, whether known, anticipated, or unanticipated; and resulting from or arising out of, or incident to, the undersigned's use or undersigned parent/guardian's child/ren's use (or intended use) of the dance studio location or facilities or equipment, or transportation or vehicles in such a place or as a result of, or incident to, engaging in Jennifer McGowan's dance activities or otherwise participating in such dance activities anywhere. In addition, I give permission for myself or my child(ren) to have my/his/her photograph(s) appear in dance brochures, flyers, social media, and other publicity for Jennifer McGowan's Creative Dance Center. I understand that my/my child's name will remain anonymous and that the photograph will be used for Creative Dance Center purposes only. Thank-you!

I have read and understand and sign the forgoing Assumption of Risk Agreement and Release

This \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ (parent/guardian or adult participant)