

Creative Dance

With Jennifer McGowan



Dancers Workshop Stow

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

2023-2024

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

*Rehearsals are held Thursdays from 5:45-6:40pm at the Stow Town Hall. Occasionally, an extra rehearsal will be added as needed before performance times. In addition to attending rehearsals, dancers are required to attend a creative modern dance class at their age level. Grades 3-6 meets Thursdays from 4:45-5:40pm and Grades 7+ meets Thursdays from 6:45-7:40pm. (Dancers can bring a nut-free snack)

*Good attendance is important 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 without prior notification 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 \$285 for the Fall/Winter session of dance (September 7, 2023-January 25, 2024.) This fee includes all rehearsals and performing costs. Tuition for the required modern creative dance class is \$225 for the Fall/Winter session. The total for the Fall/Winter session, including class and rehearsal times is \$510 plus our annual family registration fee of \$25 = \$535.00. A deposit is requested to save your place in class/workshop. Balance of workshop fees and class tuition will be due by the first rehearsal; however, payment plans can be arranged. Please don't let money prevent you from participating. I am happy to work with you to make it possible.

Costumes

*Dancers must have a solid black tank/camisole leotard and black ankle-length fitted leggings for performances. Most other costumes 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 (on the back of this notice) along with a Class Registration/Release form and return along with non-refundable registration fee of \$25 and tuition deposit no later than August 13 so I can plan on the number of dancers. This gives me time to choreograph dances before rehearsals begin. 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 September 7, 2023. During the first two rehearsals, the Junior Dancers Workshop (Grades 3-Grade 6) will rehearse from 4:45-7:00pm and the Teen Dancers Workshop (Grades 7+) will rehearse from 5:15-7:40pm. It is important that dancers attend these rehearsals as this is when choreography will be set for individual dancers. Regular class/rehearsal schedule will begin September 21.

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 patient as we learn new dances
- cooperate and be part of a team
- 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 Dancers Workshop Members

- Saturday, Sep 16, 2023, Pepperell Fall Festival, Pepperell Field (Rain Date, Sunday, Sep 17)
- Sunday, Nov 19, 2023, Tentative Extra Rehearsal
- Friday, Dec 1, 2023, Nursing Home Performance
- Sunday, Dec 3, 2023, Winter Celebration of Dance, Stow Town Hall (Sunday, Dec 10, Snow Date)
- Friday, Dec 8, 2023, Nursing Home Performance
- Sunday, March 10, 2024, Tentative Extra Rehearsal
- Friday, Mar 15, 2024, Nursing Home Performance
- Sunday, Apr 7 or 21, Dance Share in Brattleboro, VT
- Sunday, May 5, 2024, Tentative Extra Rehearsal
- May 18 or 19, 2024, Afternoon of Dance, Stow Hale Middle School Auditorium (Waiting for Confirmation)
- Optional Fieldtrips, Performances, and Dance Shares TBD

Please note:

*Being a part of the Dancers Workshop means being part of a team. Please make sure you can attend these performance dates before committing to participate. However, if you already know that you have a conflict with a rehearsal (due to a planned in advance family vacation or school event), it does not mean you can't be a part of the Dancers Workshop. Please talk with me as I would love to have you be a part of the group and it is possible we can make it work! I know that kids are busy with many activities and I want to honor that as best I can. All I ask is that you do your best to make dancers workshop a priority and to please let me know well in advance of any conflicts so I have time to plan and re-work the choreography for dances if necessary. I look forward to having you be a part of The Dancers Workshop! Thanks!

For more information please call 978-433-8349 or check out our website at www.creative-dance.com

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Dancers Workshop Contract

**PLEASE READ AND AGREE TO THE TERMS ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE BEFORE SIGNING.
THANK-YOU.**

**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 learn a lot about dance and feel accomplished after each performance knowing you did your best. You get to share dance with others and make people smile which is an exciting and rewarding experience. And, you get to share laughs along the way!
Be a part of the experience!**

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 creative modern dance 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 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)

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(date)