

TAHOE PLAYERS DANCE STUDIO

2011-2012

Welcome back from what I hope was a great summer and welcome to those newly joining the studio. I appreciate your business and efforts to give your children well rounded cultural experiences that will be sure to benefit them in the present and future. Tahoe Players would be no where without your continued support of our small local business and it is truly appreciated.

Updates about certain events or educational videos are frequently posted to our Tahoe Players facebook site. I highly recommend becoming a fan of Tahoe Players on facebook to be more that current with what is going on. Our website tahoeplayers.com is also a reliable but not always as fast resource.

Over the summer I have been working hard to improve our curriculum and to help fill Monica's small yet incredibly large shoes. Our new Tap teacher Candy Corbitt is extremely knowledgeable about Tap, children and all other genres of dance. Candy will be teaching all Tap classes and is so far an absolute pleasure to work with and I hope that you are looking as forward as I am to having her with us.

This year two acting and improv classes will be offered one for children 8-12 and one for 13-adult. This class will be taught by Brendan Donovan formerly of Monkey Bone Comedy troupe, Brendan is a talented artist and inspiring teacher. I encourage anyone who thinks their child is a ham to take this class as well as anyone who feels their child could come out of their shell. Acting classes are also wonderful for students struggling in English as well as teens needing to express themselves in a safe environment. Drop in's are welcome to this class.

As many of you know we are now offering Hip-Hop classes taught by Laura Yates who specializes in the pop n lock style choreography and is also classically trained in Ballet and Jazz. Laura is an especially god performer and it will be sure to rub off on her students.

Silks classes are temporarily pauses due to family troubles with our current teacher. We will be offering workshops as well as conditioning classes until the end of October when our teacher Meghan Cooper returns.

Please read through and fill out this packet carefully. I look forward to an uplifting year that will have us all smiling religiously. If there are ever any questions, or concerns please feel free to contact me personally through e-mail or phone.

Appreciatively Yours,

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TAHOE PLAYERS DANCE STUDIO PARTICIPATION AGREEMENT

1. Choosing your payment serves as a binding agreement to pay for the full semester of classes. This automatically rolls over into next semester at the same number of classes and cost unless a written note of change is given before the last week of the semester, regardless of their ability to attend classes. Missed classes can be made up in the same month as the missed class.

Student age 18+ or Guardian must read and initial each line below

- * Tuition payments are due on or before the first day of each month or each class if taking one class. \$5 late fee will be applied to all late payments per class, per, week, each week and every week thereafter until payment is received. Initial _____
- * All returned checks will incur a \$35.00 fee in addition to a \$10 late fee for each week until debt is settled. Additional student/guardian is responsible for all legal fees, court costs, time spent at a rate of \$25 per hour plus any other miscellaneous expenses incurred by the dance studio in an attempt to collect unpaid debt. Initial _____
- * We reserve the right to refuse entrance to anyone (student guardians) due to safety concerns or inappropriate behavior. Students and/or guardian are responsible for replacing broken items at current replacement cost of said item. Initial _____
- * Students with unpaid tuition may not be allowed to participate in class until said fees are paid in full or a payment arrangement has been made. Tuition will continue accruing along with applicable late fees during absence of class. Initial _____
- * Students or parents are expected to call 775-831-0379 or 775-229-3347 if the student is not planning on attending class. All class cancelations made with under 24 hours notice will be charged regardless and are able to be made up Initial _____
- * All private lesson cancelations made in under 24 hours will still be charged. Initial _____
- * Each student who is performing will need to purchase a costume for Winter and June recitals. All items necessary for performances must be purchased through Tahoe Players Dance Studio LLC. unless otherwise told by the director. Initial _____
- * All students will arrive ready to dance or in time to prepare to do so. Students who are not prompt may be subject to auditing the class that day until it is finished. Initial _____
- * Students will wear appropriate attire to all classes and the appropriate uniform color for Ballet class. Initial _____
- * All students wishing to be placed in any class above level 3 must be currently enrolled in a Ballet class and if not must test out of a level 5 Ballet class. Initial _____

BY SIGNING BELOW, ADULT DANCER OR GUARDIAN OF STUDENT DANCER ASSUMES FULL FINANCIAL RESPONSIBILITY FOR ALL TUITION & FEES. ADDITIONALLY, SAID PERSON HAS RECEIVED & AGREES TO READ & ABIDE BY ALL STUDIO POLICIES

STUDENT 18+ OR GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

DATE: _____

I _____ release and forever discharge and agree to hold harmless Tahoe Players Dance Studio and any of its sub-contractors for any liability, claims or demands for personal injuries, sickness, or death, as well as for expenses due to loss or damage to personal property or lost wages. Since dance is a physical activity, injuries may occur. Each student/ guardian has the right to decline participation in which they are not comfortable which or which they feel may be harmful. Each student. guardian is fully responsible for any injuries or harm occurring before, during or after class at Tahoe Players Dance Studio. Student/guardian is also responsible for informing instructor (s) of any physical limitation which may prevent full participation in class. It is requires that all students be covered by their families insurance. If injury occurs, it is understood that the student's own policy is the only source of reimbursement. Additionally, Tahoe Players Dance Studio has permission to use photos/videos taken of the signed student for advertising, sales of media from dance shows and for any promotional purpose.

Student/ Guardian Printed Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Parent, guardian, or student please provide all pertinent information regarding the dancer including any special needs, medical, or family issues, including allergies. All i=information will be kept confidential.

CLASS PLACEMENT

From the very beginning all students are taught in a nurturing environment in which developing self-awareness, confidence and individuality are as important as developing artistry and technique. As your child progresses into levels 4, 5, and 6 young students have the greatest potential for securing technical strength, musical sensitivity and artistic awareness. The varied curriculum and progression of levels allows for the development of a strong, versatile dancer. In addition, students will have an opportunity to perform in the performances and competitions, if they decide to enroll.

HOW DO I KNOW WHAT LEVEL MY CHILD SHOULD BE IN?

Students are carefully placed in the appropriate level based upon technical skills, physical development, strength and age. Length of study is not necessarily a criterion for placement. The physical and artistic well-being of the student is the main consideration in determining level placement. It is not unusual to spend more than two years in the same level. Teachers are available by appointment only to discuss the students placement.

We use a level based system that spans 1-6. The average age for each level is stated, however in some cases may not be the appropriate level for your child. To properly place your child we recommend they participate in placement classes. Placement classes are not mandatory just helpful to plan your child's year of dance without having to move them around.

Ballet class is mandatory for all students wishing to participate in competitions and classes above a level 3, uniforms have designated colors per level and are to be worn for each Ballet class. Skirts are not required, please choose your color of skirts, tights etc.

1	3-5	LIGHT PINK 
2	5-7	LIGHT BLUE 
3	7-9	FOREST GREEN 
4	9-12	BURGUNDY 
5	13-15	BLACK
6	16+	BLACK OR BLUE

*Required dance attire is available for at Tahoe Players Dance Studio. Items may be purchased a la carte or in a pre packed dance bag containing, leotard, 2 pair of tights, waistband, hairspray, hair gel, composition book, mechanical pencil, and bobby pins. \$40 for large bag level 3+ and \$35 for levels 1&2

PERFORMANCES

Winter Showcase

December 2nd at the Cal-Neva showroom 4:00–5:00 p.m.

The winter showcase is to display the hard work of those classes or solo students who have pieces finished in November, this will not be every class however it would be wonderful to have the whole studio watch.

Tickets go on sale Nov. 1st and are \$10.00 per seat

- * All students wishing to perform self choreographed pieces or other forms of performance art should speak to Lily no later than October 14th.
- * Costumes will cost \$30 plus shipping. Some costumes may be made or purchased locally for less.

End of the year recital

June 16th at the Cal-Neva showroom 5:00–7:00 p.m.

Dress rehearsal June 15th, 10:00 -12:00 a.m.

Tickets for the end of the year recital go on sale April 16th and cost is \$25 for adults and \$10 for students with student i.d.

- * Theme for the end of the year recital will be announced at the Winter showcase.
- * All students enrolled in monthly classes will be in the end of the year recital.
- * All students will be expected to attend as many classes as possible during the second semester as they will be practicing for the recital during class.
- * Costumes will be under \$60.00 for all classes. If you are unable to pay for costumes please speak to Lily as soon as possible.

EDUCATIONAL OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES

Although we are in the mountains we are not far away from one of the best Ballet companies in the country the San Francisco Ballet. The 2012 season is very exciting and we really should make an effort towards attending at least one of their magnificent performances. Going on a trip to San Francisco would be a great time to take class at ODC, the most popular and diverse dance studio in the area. A trip encompassing a 1 night stay, gas, food, the Ballet, and Dance class would cost under \$500 and the more people who attend the cheaper.

Below are some options for Ballets that would be extremely rewarding to watch please circle one below if you are interested in arranging a trip.

Romeo & Juliet

Mar 6 – Mar 11

Don Quixote

Apr 27 – May 5

The Nutcracker

December 16th

Raymonda – Act III, RAKU

Ashley Page World Premiere

Mar 23 – Apr 3

DANCE TEAM

Competition teams have not yet been formed please circle yes or no if you would like to be contacted about being involved in dance/talent competitions. If you are unsure about participating there will be a meeting scheduled where we will watch a competition video and talk about our options for the year. Ages 7 and up are welcome to participate.

YES

NO

DISNEY WORLD SUMMER DANCE CHALLENGE

Disney World is hosting the 2012 Summer Dance Challenge which is a competition, workshop, and performance experience July 11-14, 2012. Any age and level is welcome to participate in this super fun and educational trip to Disney World!

Dancers are not pressured to compete or perform however the workshops and theme park alone are worth the trip. The more people we can get to attend this trip the less cost it will be, parents, siblings, and friends are welcome to join in the same package and are not obligated to any activities. Disneyland also offers a hand tailored workshop that can be arranged according to our schedule. The

Disneyland performing arts workshop is another great way to learn because it would be just our group participating. If you are interested or in or just curious and would like to have more information please circle:

YES

NO