



## *Forest Grove Dance Arts*

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Home of Ballet Forest Grove  
a non-profit Ballet Company

# HANDBOOK 2008-2009

Classes begin Wednesday September 3<sup>rd</sup>!

## HOLIDAYS AND VACATIONS

<i>EVENT</i>	<i>NO CLASSES</i>
Thanksgiving	Nov 27 - 29
Christmas	Dec 22 – Jan 4
Spring Break	March 23 - 28
Memorial Day	May 25

We will have classes on all other Monday and Friday Holidays!

## IMPORTANT EVENTS

Recital Costume Payment	Dec 8 – 13
BFG Nutcracker Rehearsal	Dec 12 Show I 5:00 / Show II 7:00
BFG Nutcracker Performance	Dec 13 Show I 1:00 / Show II 7:00
Costume Handout	April 13 – 18
Recital Pictures	April 27 – May 2
Dance Recital Rehearsals	Show I Friday June 19, 4:00 pm – 6:00 pm Show II Friday June 19, 7:00 pm – 9:00pm
Dance Recital Performances	Show I Saturday June 20, 1:00 pm Show II Saturday June 20, 7:00 pm

For more Recital Information see page 3.



### **COSTUME DEPOSIT**

A \$15.00 non-refundable costume deposit is due at registration. The \$15 is applied to your costume payment. If you chose to not purchase a costume or withdraw from the studio the \$15.00 will be applied as a registration fee.

### **TUITION**

Tuition is due on the student's first class of the month. After the first class, there is a three-day grace period (including Saturday and Sunday). After the third day, tuition will increase \$5.00 **per student**, for that month. **If you are absent from your first class, the late fees still apply.** Please feel free to use the payment box any time of the day to drop off a payment. When mailing in the tuition, it must be postmarked before the grace period is up.

Tuition fees are always the same each month whether there are three, four, or five classes in a month. **It is a monthly rate.** Therefore, in the case of holidays, there are no refunds, credits, or discounts. This also means there is no extra charge for a five-week month. **If tuition is not paid by the third class of the month, students cannot participate in class until the tuition along with the \$5.00 late fee is paid. If tuition is not paid by the fourth class of the month all discounts will be lost and the late fee will still apply.** If tuition cannot be paid by the first class of the month please contact the studio prior to the start of class.

There is a \$25.00 charge for all checks returned to the studio by the bank. After the second time, we will only take cash for your payments. **Checks should be made out to "Forest Grove Dance Arts".**

### **REFUNDS & MAKE-UPS**

There are no refunds or credits given if a student misses a class. Classes can be made up if there is a comparable class. Make up classes must be scheduled within two weeks of the missed class.

### **ABSENCES**

Please be at class as often as possible. Please call the studio when your child or you will be missing a class. If at any time you decide not to return to classes, please call the studio so we can give your spot to the next person on our waiting list.

### **INJURIES**

Although we strive for safety, on occasion, injuries occur. Parents will be notified promptly. **If your child has any medical problems relevant to dance class please inform the instructor.** Please understand that dance training and performance is a strenuous physical activity that involves some risk of injury. As you agreed at registration, Forest Grove Dance Arts and its employees are not held liable for injury that may occur during class, rehearsal, or performance.

### **DANCE BAGS**

Each student should bring his or her shoes in some type of dance bag. **Please do not wear your dance shoes as street shoes.** There are cubbies provided for the dancers' bags. Please use the hooks for coats and light bags only!

### **CLASS TIME**

**Each dance class will end about 3-5 minutes before its scheduled end time.** We do this to ensure children are safely with their parents and the teacher can prepare for her next class.

## **STUDIO ETIQUETTE**

\*Dancers should arrive five minutes before class begins. Dancers arriving late may be asked to observe the class. Dancers without appropriate attire or hair secured properly may also be asked to observe.

\*The instructor is responsible for students during class time only. Please do not drop off students more than 5-10 minutes before class. Dancers, please stay in waiting area until time for your class to start.

\*For the students' safety, we ask that they remain in the building while waiting to be picked up.

## **DRESS CODE**

**Creative Movement:** Pink tights, Pink leather ballet shoes, any color leotard, hair in a BUN or PONYTAIL.

**Pre-Tap:** May go with Creative Movement or Tap's dress code.

**Pre-Ballet, Ballet:** Pink tights, Pink ballet shoes, BLACK leotard, hair in a BUN.

**Tap, Jazz, Musical Theater and Irish:** Black jazz pants, SOLID-COLOR leotard, FGDA T-shirt or close fitted SOLID-COLOR t-shirt, black tap or jazz shoes, hair in a PONYTAIL.

**Acrobatics and Tumbling:** Must wear a LEOTARD and have HAIR UP for spotting purposes. May wear shorts over leotard or tights with ballet shoes. Please no skirts!

**Hip Hop:** Modest comfortable active wear (no midriff showing). May need to have jazz shoes for recital.

## **RECITAL**

### **COSTUME PAYMENT**

Costume payment will be due December 8 – 13 to ensure delivery by early April. The costumes will cost approximately \$40.00 to \$50.00 minus your \$15.00 deposit. **You may pay for your costume in advance prior to the date.** Students will purchase tights to go with their costumes for \$7.00 to \$12.00 during the month of February. This will help to ensure the correct shade of color for pictures and performance.

### **RECITAL PICTURES**

Recital pictures will be taken the week of April 27-May 2 during our regular class time. All students are asked to participate regardless of purchase or not. This will guarantee the class with an "All Class Picture".

### **PERFORMANCE**

Forest Grove High School will be our venue again for the Recital. The studio will be divided into two performances June 20, 1:00 and 7:00 with rehearsals on June 19. **The students will only perform in one performance with the exception of our company members who will perform in both shows.**

We are proud of our recitals and appreciate a deep commitment from the parents, students and staff to produce a professional level production.

More information will follow in the coming months.



# Forest Grove Dance Arts

## Instructors & Assistants

**Patricia Petersen** Miss Patty is starting her 22<sup>nd</sup> year of instructing experience in Ballet, Lyrical, Tap, Jazz, Creative Movement, Acrobatics and Pilates. Her dance training began at the age of 3 and continued through college where she attended “Cornish College of the Arts” then “Spectrum Dance Theatre” both in Seattle, WA. At the age of 23 she opened a dance studio “Dance Academy of Kent” with approximately 400 students in Kent, WA for approximately 10 years. Miss Patty has served on the faculty of “Maddox Dance Studio” in Warrenton, OR as well as “Northwest Conservatory of Dance” in Hillsboro, OR. She has traveled with “I Love Dance” as a Competition Judge, toured with “Manhattan Dance Project” as a staff member, stage directed and choreographed for “Little Ballet Theatre’s, The Nutcracker Ballet” for 8 years and choreographed for USA Level 8 Gymnasts. Miss Patty has had several students who have been recognized at the National Level as well as going on to dance professionally with various ballet companies and on Broadway.

**Kelly Martorana** Miss Kelly is starting her 15<sup>th</sup> year of teaching dance. Her training began in Des Moines, WA at her mom’s dance studio at age 3. After many years of training in Tap, Jazz and Ballet she began teaching for her mom at age 18. While pursuing her career in tap, Miss Kelly has attended various workshops and conventions taking instruction from great tap artists. She has studied under Art Stone, Al Gilbert and Mallory Gram. Miss Kelly has received many awards at the national competition level for her outstanding tap performances.

**Bethany Hanson** Miss Bethany is starting her 19<sup>th</sup> year of teaching dance. Miss Bethany has had the opportunity to train with many great dancers. In the area of tap and jazz she has studied under Judy Ann Bassing of New York and Bruce Steggman, and in ballet Peter Paulition, a student of Mikhael Baryshnikov and Barb Hemion of UNM. Miss Bethany’s interests and experience in the performing arts has included working with and performing for Mary Beth Kisner and Lyn Cramer of Chi Town Jazz Dance Company of Chicago and a Lutheran Liturgical Company while in high school. She has also sang and danced in a Cabaret show under the direction of Christine Grable, a former lead in “Chorus Line” on Broadway. Miss Bethany has choreographed and stage-managed at her local high school, university and opera house.

**Jan Hoekstra** Miss Jan started her dance training at age 8 in Honolulu, Hawai’i. As a young dancer her most memorable performances included; The Macy’s Day Thanksgiving Parade, Aloha Bowl, Pro Bowl and Knott’s Berry Farm as well as national competitions in Texas, California and Hawai’i. She is a graduate of University of Oregon with a B.S. in Psychology and Sociology with a M.A. in Human Development, Emphasis on Early Childhood Development. While at UO, she took dance technique courses in ballet, tap, jazz and modern as well as dance theory courses. She is starting her 2<sup>nd</sup> year of teaching at Forest Grove Dance Arts.

**Jennifer Ferrell** Miss Jennifer is a sophomore at Pacific University majoring in Biology and a minor in Dance. Starting at age 4 to the present, she has danced for a variety of studios. The majority of her dancing career was taught at Mainstreet Dance Studio, which is now New Vision Dance Center for 11 years. She enjoys Lyrical, Modern, and the fast pace of Hip Hop, but her main focus was Jazz and Ballet, which she studied Ballet for 10 years, and Pointe for 6 years. Hip Hop became a bigger part when Jennifer was on Liberty High School’s Dance Team for 4 years where she was senior captain and choreographed many routines.

### **Forest Grove Dance Arts Assistant Teachers**

Some of our classes have assistants to help keep the classes running smoothly and to provide students with individual attention. Our assistants are students chosen from our advance classes. The assistants for 2008-2009:

Liza White, Rose Remick, Morgan Winfield, Garrett Petersen,  
Jeananne Kelsey, Haley Rose Vandervelden, Kori Flanagan,  
Autumn Remick, Julia Khoury and Hannahdavita Doll-Schmitz.

