

## THE MAINE DANCE ACADEMY-SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER 2025

WELCOME TO THE MAINE DANCE ACADEMY! WE LOOK FORWARD TO AN EXCITING YEAR WITH OUR DANCE AND TUMBLING STUDENTS AS WE BEGIN OUR 32<sup>ND</sup> YEAR AT TMDA! **BARBIE** HAS BEEN WRITTEN AND CHOREOGRAPHY HAS BEGUN SO I THINK WE ARE READY TO GET THIS SHOW ON THE ROAD! WE HAVE A LARGE ACADEMY SO WE ALL NEED TO MOVE IN THE SAME DIRECTION THEREFORE **IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT EVERYONE READS THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER.** THERE ARE A LOT OF THINGS THAT HAPPEN EACH MONTH AT TMDA AND THE ONLY WAY TO GET THE INFO OUT TO OUR PARENTS IS THROUGH THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER. THE NEWSLETTER CAN BE FOUND ON OUR WEBSITE BY GOING TO THE MENU BAR IN THE UPPER RIGHT HAND CORNER AND FROM THERE DIRECTING YOURSELF TO THE NEWSLETTER TAB. THE MONTHLY NEWSLETTER WILL BE AVAILABLE TO READ THE FIRST MONDAY OF EACH MONTH (SUNDAY IF I CAN GET THE WEB TO PUBLISH IT). WE WILL REMIND YOU ON FACEBOOK EACH MONTH WHEN IT IS READY FOR VIEWING.

**BEFORE WE START WITH THE NEWS, I WOULD LIKE TO GIVE YOU MY THOUGHTS ON THE UPCOMING YEAR.**

I AM ASKING ALL OF YOU FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF MY DECISION TO "STEP AWAY" FROM THE DAY TO DAY WORKINGS OF TMDA. AS YOU KNOW, I RECENTLY GOT MARRIED AND THE TRAVEL BETWEEN CONNECTICUT AND MAINE IS LONG AND I HAVE BEEN DOING THIS FOR 18 YEARS AND AS MUCH AS I HATE TO ADMIT IT, IT HAS TAKEN A TOLL ON MY BODY. I NEED TO LISTEN TO MY BODY AND FIND A WAY TO STAY INVOLVED WITH TMDA WITHOUT CAUSING MORE HARM TO MY BODY. I HAVE WRITTEN THE ENTIRE SHOW AND WILL WORK HAND IN HAND WITH MY INSTRUCTORS IN THE CREATIVE PART OF OUR PRODUCTION BUT I WILL NEED TO RELY ON ALL OF THEM TO HANDLE THE WEEK TO WEEK CHOREOGRAPHY AND COACHING. THEY ALL WANT TO SEE TMDA PROSPER AND ARE WILLING TO DO WHAT IT TAKES TO KEEP MAKING THE MAGIC THAT TMDA IS KNOWN FOR. MISS DELANEY AND MISS JORDYN WILL HANDLE THE CAST PRACTICES AS WELL AS THE WEEK TO WEEK WORKINGS OF TMDA. THEY ARE BOTH ANXIOUS AND EAGER TO DO EVERYTHING THEY CAN TO SEE TMDA SUCCEED. OUR TEAM OF INSTRUCTORS AND COACHES LOVE WHAT THEY DO AND THEY WILL BE AWESOME AND AMAZING WITH YOUR CHILDREN. I AM NOT LEAVING; I DON'T THINK I COULD EVER DO THAT .... I JUST WILL BE ON THE CREATIVE SIDE OF OUR PRODUCTIONS FROM NOW ON. THANKS FOR YOUR UNDERSTANDING AND YOUR SUPPORT OF ALL OF US AT TMDA!

JORDYN AND KELSIE WILL BE OVER-SEEING THE DANCE STORE THIS YEAR. THEY TOO WANT TO KEEP TMDA RUNNING SMOOTHLY. JORDYN WILL ADDRESS YOUR STUDIO CONCERNS WHILE KELSIE WILL ANSWER YOUR SUPPLIES AND TUITION QUESTIONS. MORE ON THIS FURTHER IN THIS NEWSLETTER. THEY WILL DO THEIR BEST, I PROMISE YOU THAT.

THANKS FOR BRINGING YOUR CHILDREN TO US. THANKS FOR SUPPORTING MY STAFF AS THEY INSTRUCT AND COACH YOUR CHILDREN. I AM THANKFUL FOR THIS WONDERFUL CAREER I HAVE HAD IN DANCE...IT HAS BEEN A BEAUTIFUL DREAM. I AM EVEN MORE THANKFUL THAT IS CONTINUES

THROUGH OUR STUDENTS WHO ARE NOW OUR TALENTED AND CARING INSTRUCTORS. YOUR CHILDREN ARE IN GOOD HANDS AND BARBIE WILL BE ANOTHER JAW-DROPPING PRODUCTION. I HAVE NO DOUBT ABOUT THAT. ON TO THE NEWS!

- 1) DANCE/TUMBLING/BALLET STARTS THE WEEK OF **SEPTEMBER 15, 2025**. DANCE AND BALLET WILL BE ON MONDAY, TUESDAY AND WEDNESDAY WHILE TUMBLING WILL BE ON THURSDAYS. THE COMPLETE DANCE AND TUMBLING SCHEDULE IS:

<u>MONDAY</u>		<u>TUESDAY</u>		<u>WEDNESDAY</u>	
<u>SMALL STUDIO</u>		<u>LARGE STUDIO</u>		<u>LARGE STUDIO</u>	<u>SMALL STUDIO</u>
4-5PM: TABITHA		4-5PM: FOSSE	4:15PM: TEMPLE	4-5PM: GRAHAM	4:15PM NAPOLEON
LARGE STUDIO 4-5PM: COPELAND	5-6:30: MINI TROUPE		TINY TROUPE	5-6PM: HOUGH	ASTAIRE
5-6PM: PAVLOVA	6:30-8: BARYSHNIKOV		NUREYEV	6-7:15: AILEY	PETITE TROUPE
6-7:30PM: LOPOKOVA	8-9:30: COMPANY		TROUPE	7:15-9: CAST PRACTICE	

#### **TUMBLING SCHEDULE - THURSDAY**

<u>LARGE STUDIO</u>	<u>SMALL STUDIO</u>
4:00-4:45PM BILES	RETTON
4:45-5:45PM CONNER	
5:45-7PM KORBUT	
7-8:15PM CHILES	

- 2) All TMDA dancers and tumblers are required to wear TMDA clothing. **This rule applies to everyone and we will strongly enforce this rule this year** . The dance store will be open in September on these days and at these times:  
Monday, September 15, 2025 from 5-7pm  
Tuesday, September 16, 2025 from 4:30-8:30pm  
Wednesday, September 17, 2025 from 4:30-6:45pm  
Thursday, September 18, 2024 from 5:-7pm  
Tuesday, September 23, 2025 from 4:30-8:15pm  
Wednesday September 24, 2025 from 4:30-6:45pm.

In October it will be open the week of SEPTEMBER 29, October 14, and October 28. **The dance store is only open on Tuesday's and Wednesdays except for the first week of dance and tumbling.** We will not open the store on off weeks if you need something as all instructors are teaching and they cannot be asked to leave the class for supply needs. Pointe shoes will need to be fitted on dance store nights as well so

please plan accordingly. **We ask that you allow us to bring in our students into the building first and get them into class before you enter the building for your dance supplies.** It is easier and takes a lot less time for us to start classes with less people in the entrance. On weeks that the dance store is not open, we will be locking the doors in between classes as we cannot monitor who enters the building and we want to keep our students and instructors safe at all times.

- 3) Dance and tumbling tuitions are due on Wednesday, September 24, 2025. Late fees of \$10 per week, per class will start to accumulate on September 25 until the full tuition is paid for. **If you pay your tuition in full by Thursday, September 18, 2025 then you can deduct \$10 per tuition fee that you are paying for.** **The deadline for this early payment credit is only good until the 18th, no late payments will be given this discount.**
- 4) If you wish to make payments through our **Payment Plan** you will need to download the **"2025-2026 Payment Plan & ACH Authorization Form"** from the front page of our website. These are due by Wednesday, September 17, 2025 and we absolutely need a paper copy of this from our families, not an emailed form. **THIS IS THE ONLY WAY THAT WE WILL ACCEPT PAYMENT PLANS.** **KELSEY is the only one who handles these payment plans so you need to pass these into her by Wednesday the 17<sup>th</sup> so that she can make sure you have filled it out properly.** **We will not be accepting monthly Venmo payments for a Payment Plan as this has not worked in the past and we are constantly making phone calls about late payments.** This again applies to **everyone** who wishes to have a payment plan. The deductions will be done on September 22, October 13, November 3, and December 1 for the first semester. Kelsie will electronically debit your bank accounts on the above dates. Your tuition will be divided into 4 payments, for example: your tuition is \$375 for the semester then \$93.75 will be deducted each month on the above dates electronically. If there are insufficient funds, a \$20 fee will be added to your account and a \$10 late fee each week that it is overdue. These fees will be added to your next payment. **Costume deposits are not part of the Payment Plan.**
- 5) Costume deposits of \$75 plus tax (\$79.13) will be added to your first tuition bill this semester. A costume deposit of \$79.13 will be added per class so for example, if your child takes dance and pointe then she/he will have 2 costume deposits added to their first tuition bills. All costume deposits are due by September 24, 2025. No costumes will be ordered unless your costume deposits have been made. Costumes are always ordered the first week of October in order for everyone to have them for our Christmas Show. 1 hour classes will have 2 costumes while 1.25 and 1.5 hour classes will have 3 costumes for the recital. Costumes will run from \$70-\$85 each. There has been a rise in costume prices and I will do my best to purchase the nicest costumes at the most affordable prices. (Company and Troupe will possibly have 4 costumes as they

have the most dances). The costume deposit of \$79.13 will be deducted from the overall cost of all of your costumes at the time of pick-up.

- 6) As stated above, a \$10 discount will be given per tuition fee if tuitions are paid for by September 18, 2025 and January 14, 2026. **You may pay your tuition fees for the 2025-2026 season through VENMO by searching for @Colleen-DuPlissie.** Tuition costs are as follows:

#### Dance and Pointe Tuition fees for 2025-26:

45 Minute to 1 hour class: \$285.00 per semester  
1 hour and 15 minute class: \$350.00 per semester  
1 Hour and 30 minute class: \$410.00 per semester

#### Tumbling Tuition fees for 2025-26:

45 minute class: \$210.00 per semester  
1 hour class: \$240.00 per semester  
1.25 hour class: \$260.00.00 per semester

- 7) The entire year schedule is as follows: (it is important for everyone to know our scheduled weeks off and what events we have each month so please refer to this schedule often.)

## THE MAINE DANCE ACADEMY-FULL 2025-26 SCHEDULE

SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 17 & 18, 2025: DANCE AND TUMBLING BEGINS

SEPTEMBER 22, 23, 24 & 25: DANCE AND TUMBLING

SEPTEMBER 29, 30, OCTOBER 1 & 2: DANCE AND TUMBLING

OCTOBER 6, 7, 8 & 9: DANCE AND TUMBLING

OCTOBER 13, 14, 15 & 16: DANCE AND TUMBLING

OCTOBER 20, 21, 22 & 23: DANCE AND TUMBLING:

**OCTOBER 27, 28, 29 & 30: HALLOWEEN PARTIES IN ALL DANCE & TUMBLING CLASSES**

NOVEMBER 3, 4, 5 & 6: DANCE AND TUMBLING

NOVEMBER 10, 11, 12 & 13: DANCE AND TUMBLING

NOVEMBER 17, 18, 19 & 20: DANCE AND TUMBLING

**NOVEMBER 24, 25, 26 & 27: NO DANCE AND NO TUMBLING: HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

DECEMBER 1, 2, 3 & 4: DANCE AND TUMBLING

DECEMBER 8, 9,10 & 11: DANCE AND TUMBLING: CHRISTMAS PARTIES IN ALL CLASSES

DECEMBER 14, 2025: CHRISTMAS SHOW AT C-PAC @ 2PM

DECEMBER 15, 2025-JANUARY 11, 2026-CHRISTMAS BREAK, NO CLASSES.

JANUARY 12, 13, 14 & 15, 2026: DANCE AND TUMBLING RESUME

JANUARY 19, 20, 21 & 22: DANCE AND TUMBLING

JANUARY 26,27,28 & 29: NO DANCE AND NO TUMBLING: WINTER BREAK

FEBRUARY 2, 3, 4 & 5: DANCE AND TUMBLING

FEBRUARY 9,10,11 & 12: DANCE AND TUMBLING: VALENTINE PARTIES IN ALL CLASSES

FEBRUARY 16, 17, 18 & 19:NO DANCE AND NO TUMBLING: FEBRUARY SCHOOL BREAK

FEBRUARY 23, 24, 25 & 26: DANCE AND TUMBLING

MARCH 2, 3, 4 & 5: DANCE AND TUMBLING

MARCH 9, 10,11 & 12: DANCE AND TUMBLING

MARCH 16, 17,18 & 19: DANCE AND TUMBLING

MARCH 23, 24,25 7 26: NO DANCE AND NO TUMBLING: MARCH BREAK

MARCH 30, 31, APRIL 1 & 2: DANCE AND TUMBLING

APRIL 6, 7, 8 & 9: DANCE AND TUMBLING

APRIL 13, 14, 15 & 16: DANCE AND TUMBLING

APRIL 20, 21,22 & 23: NO DANCE AND NO TUMBLING: APRIL SCHOOL BREAK

APRIL 27, 28, 29 & 30: DANCE AND TUMBLING: AWARDS WEEK, LAST WEEK OF REHEARSALS AT THE STUDIO. WE WILL MOVE THE SET TO C-PAC.

MAY 4, 2026/4-5:30PM: MANDATORY FINALE PRACTICE/TUMBLING RUN-THROUGH AT C-PAC

MAY 4, 2026/5:30-7:30PM: MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL FOR CAST CHARACTERS ONLY

MAY 6, 2025: MANDATORY FULL DRESS REHEARSAL FOR ENTIRE ACADEMY AT C-PAC

BARBIE, Recital #32 at C-PAC: Friday, May 8, 2026 @7pm

Saturday, May 9, 2026 @ 7pm

Sunday, May 10, 2026 @2pm

SUMMER DANCE CAMP/WEEK INTENSIVE: JULY 13-16, 2026

- 8) You are receiving this Newsletter through our Facebook groups. This group was created so that you can receive news that is pertinent to your group. There is no need to hit the like button or heart button that you have read the messages as this sends messages to the "admins" each time this happens. This group is for updating your class on schedule changes, for receiving your group choreography and class cancellation only. If you have a specific question that the entire group might need to know, then you may ask it here. However, if you need something answered for your purposes only, we ask that you do so to your instructor privately. We do not want to bog this group down with questions that you can find in your Newsletters. You have received your newsletter this month through this group but we ask that you visit the Newsletter Tab for all the new newsletters, the first Sunday/Monday of each month. You will be able to scroll through your "PHOTO" tab of your Facebook Group to find all the videos we will send you over the course of this year. You can play these videos from your phone, iPad, or computer...wherever you can log on to Facebook. **Please do not add any people to this group, you will need to request that addition from us and then we will either allow it or add that addition ourselves.**
- 9) Dance will start receiving choreography the first week of dance. Ballet will start receiving choreography the first week of October. Our goal is to have your class choreography to you by Friday morning of each week. **Choreography is the sole property of TMDA and it is not to be shared or posted to social media.** This choreography is to be used for practice for our students of that class only. If your children miss a week of dance, then they can at least see what we have done in class. It is a great learning tool and it certainly helps your children with their dance experience at TMDA.
- 10) For tumbling this year, we will be utilizing both classrooms for Conner, Korbut and Chiles so that students can be working on different skills at the same time. It will keep the flow going as well as utilizing the time we have with each class more effectively.
- 11) TMDA accepts cash, checks and VENMO for payments. Checks can be made out to TMDA and you can VENMO us at @Colleen-DuPlissie. We do not accept debit or credit cards.

We use both of our entrances for classes. Please make sure you know what door your child needs to enter the building from. If you have 2 children having class at the same time, they still need to enter the door their class is entering from. All outdoor shoes from both students and parents need to be placed in the shoe cubbies at each entrance. Parents will not be allowed into the studio for Parent Watch with outdoor shoes so please help us with keeping our floors clean and safe for our dancers. The doors you will use for entrance are as follows as well as fees for each class:

**TEMPLE:** TUESDAY AT 4:15PM, \$285 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT BACK DOOR.

**NAPOLÉON:** WEDNESDAY AT 4:15PM, \$285 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT BACK DOOR.

**TABITHA:** MONDAY AT 4PM, \$285 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT BACK DOOR.

**ASTAIRE:** WEDNESDAY AT 5PM, \$285 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT BACK DOOR.

**FOSSE:** TUESDAY AT 4PM, \$285 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT FRONT DOOR.

**GRAHAM:** WEDNESDAY AT 4PM, \$285 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT FRONT DOOR.

**HOUGH:** WEDNESDAY AT 5PM, \$285 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT FRONT DOOR.

**AILEY:** WEDNESDAY AT 6PM, \$350 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT FRONT DOOR.

**PETITE TRP:** WEDNESDAY AT 6PM, \$350 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT BACK DOOR.

**TINY TRP:** TUESDAY AT 5PM, \$410 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT BACK DOOR.

**MINI TRP:** TUESDAY AT 5PM, \$410 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT FRONT DOOR.

**TROUPE:** TUESDAY AT 8PM, \$410 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT BACK DOOR.

**COMPANY:** TUESDAY AT 8PM, \$410 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT FRONT DOOR.

**COPELAND:** MONDAY AT 4PM, \$285 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT FRONT DOOR.

**PAVLOVA:** MONDAY AT 5PM, \$285 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT FRONT DOOR.

**LOPOKOVA:** MONDAY AT 6PM, \$410 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT FRONT DOOR.

**NUREYEV:** TUESDAY AT 6:30PM, \$410 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT BACK DOOR.

**BARYSH:** TUESDAY AT 6:30PM, \$410 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT FRONT DOOR.

**RETTON:** THURSDAY AT 4PM, \$210 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT BACK DOOR.

**BILES:** THURSDAY AT 4PM, \$210 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT FRONT DOOR.

**CONNER:** THURSDAY AT 4:45PM, \$240 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT FRONT DOOR.

**KORBUT:** THURSDAY AT 5:45PM, \$260 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT FRONT DOOR.

**CHILES:** THURSDAY AT 7PM, \$260 TUITION, \$79.13 COSTUMES DEPOSIT, ENTER STUDIO AT FRONT DOORS.

12) You will drop off your students at these doors, Temple, Napoleon and Retton will be the only classes that we will allow parents to come into the studio with their children. These parents will be allowed to sit in the locker room to wait for their children, all other students will be just dropped off at the doors. (Once these 3 groups get used to the routine, we will ask that you drop off your children off at the door as well.) Your instructors will call you into the building when they are ready for you. **Please do not allow your children to come into the building until we call for them as we need to get the prior class dressed and ready to go before we can accommodate the next class.** We will lock the doors in between classes when the dance store is not open. When the store is open, we ask that you allow us to bring your children in first and get them into class before you come into the building to use the dance store. **All classes will be released 5 minutes before the next class is scheduled to enter so parents**



**must be waiting for them outside at that time.** Please be on time to pick up your children as we do not have anyone to watch them if you are late.

- 13) **Parents and students must remove their outer shoes and place them in the cubbies upon entering the building.** This is for safety reasons as children with tap shoes and pointe shoes need to have clean, dry floors in all areas. Please make sure you adhere to this very special rule. Please write your children's names in both your outer shoes as well as your dance shoes so that in case they get taken by mistake, we can quickly locate them. **PLEASE DO THIS BEFORE DANCE STARTS.**
- 14) Please make sure your children have gone to the bathroom before entering dance or tumbling class. Your instructors and coaches are not allowed to take your children to the bathroom so please, please make sure they use these facilities before class.
- 15) The first 2 weeks of classes are spent learning our FINALE for BARBIE (Temple will start immediately with their first song). After those initial weeks, we move on to our class choreography. We will let each class know on week 1 which songs they will be dancing to and what shoes they will need. For the first week, everyone will be expected to have some sort of jazz shoe i.e, gore boot, sneaker, ballet flat or paws.
- 16) We have security cameras for the safety of our students. It is important to us that all our students feel safe when attending TMDA.
- 17) We will have a brief **PARENT'S WATCH** the first week of classes during the last 15 minutes of each class. We only have Parent-Watch twice a semester: the first week of dance each semester and the week before our Christmas Show and then our May Recital. It is imperative that we see one parent during this time. **Our studio is limited to our students and parents only so please do not bring siblings into these "Parent -Watches" as we just do not have the space.** We look forward to seeing you all then! **Please wait outside the building until we call you in for Parent-Watch.**
- 18) If you wish to have private lessons during the year, you can do so by contacting the instructor you wish to have private lessons with on Facebook. They will schedule these lessons with you directly. Private lessons are \$30 per half hour and must be paid to TMDA at the time of the lesson.
- 19) Instructors and coaches for this upcoming season are as follows:  
Miss Malerie, Miss Emily, Miss Elizabeth, Miss Delaney, Mr. Chris, Miss Brittany, Miss Jordyn, Miss Allison, Miss Raegan, Miss Mallory, Miss Sadie, Miss Aiva, Miss Adelyn and Miss Monroe. Miss Danielle has decided to focus on other career opportunities this year so sadly have to say so long to her. We wish you all the best Miss Dan and remember that TMDA is always your home!!
- 20) As I mentioned in the **Class List** note, we will not make any changes to any dance classes until the first 2 weeks of dance are completed. We will know by then if we need to move anyone to a different dance class. As for tumbling, Miss Allison will make those determinations probably during the first week of classes and she will notify the



parents of those changes. Thank you for your patience as we re-evaluate some of our decisions.

I think we have covered everything you will need to know before we start dance and tumbling. We will take your questions and clarify things for you during Parent-Watch the first week of classes. We look forward to seeing you all then! Thanks again for being part of our Academy and for celebrating 32 years of TMDA! **BARBIE** WE ARE READY FOR YOU!

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