

RAZZAMATAZZ DANCE CLUB 2016-2017

About our club:

Razzamatazz Dance Club has been a consistent activity for the youth of Rivers and area for 25+ years. We are a non-profit group run by parent volunteers. We use fundraising to keep our costs low and to be able to offer learning opportunities for our students. Students are given the opportunity to participate in the Brandon Festival of the Arts and/or the Rolling River Festival. They are also given the option to take dance exams and do solos, duets or trios. The majority of costumes are supplied by the club. All dancers participate in our annual recital at the end of April. Our classes run from September thru to recital in April. We offer classes for girls and boys ages 3 & up in a variety of styles. Our classes take place on Mondays, Wednesdays and Thursdays. Our classes are held in our brand new home: downstairs in the Riverdale Community Centre. We have classes on Sundays when we have to make up missed classes or need time to prepare for festivals or exams.

About our instructor:

Our instructor Miss Charlene has been with the club for 20+ years. She has been a loyal and committed teacher for our students over the years. She is trained in Al Gilbert Tap, Jazz & Ballet, ADAPT, RAD Ballet and Zumba and continues to learn new things to bring to our students.

Class Options:

We offer classes in several different styles of dance. For 3-9 yr olds we offer **combo classes**. Combo classes offer students the opportunity to try different styles to get a better understanding of what the styles are and which they like. We start with a ½ hour class for 3 & 4 yr olds where they are exposed to tap, ballet & creative movement. When they get older (5+) we start to lengthen the class and add jazz. Once they reach 9 yrs old they have the option of separate classes. At this age we offer **tap, jazz, ballet & hip hop**. **Lyrical Jazz** becomes an option for dancers who are ready and are taking jazz and ballet classes. **Pointe** is offered for experienced Ballet students who are ready and are taking 2 regular ballet classes per week. We will gladly offer all boy classes in any discipline or combo class if we have enough boys to justify running a separate class.

Costs:

Class Fees: ½ hour class - \$110.00, ¾ hour class - \$150.00, 1 hour class - \$190.00

****\$25 late fee will be applied to all registrations received Sept 12th or later****

Payment accepted in full or as per our 4 equal payment plan. **In the event of voluntary withdrawal from classes there will be no refunds after Nov 1st.** Withdrawals due to injury or moving will be looked at on a case by case basis. **NSF cheques will be subject to a \$25 fee.**

Costume Maintenance fee \$20 per dancer. This is to help with the increasing cost of maintaining our inventory of costumes for our dancers to use.

Fundraising fees: This year we will be doing 2 mandatory fundraisers to help cover rent and other costs occurred throughout the year while keeping our class fees down. Fundraising fees are \$50.00 per child (refunded when fundraising requirements have been completed)

Additional costs (do not apply to all dancers) – Brandon festival entry fees, Dance Exam registration fees, Choreography fees for solos/duets/trios, Class fees for exam prep or catch up classes.

Please note that as a requirement for our room rental agreement all families will be asked to assist with filling canteen shifts at the rink.

Information flow:

We try to keep everyone updated on what is happening by sending home letters or posting information at the dance hall. Please make sure to check for posted notices often. We also send a lot of information via email and on our facebook page. Please make sure that the executive and the teacher have your email address so you don't miss anything important. If you have facebook and have not yet joined our group please do that also. Miss Charlene's email for dance stuff is char_dance@hotmail.com. You can also call or text the cell 204-724-2401, particularly if you have short notice information to pass on.

Class Cancellation Policy:

The decision to cancel classes due to weather or road conditions will be made by 3pm the day of the classes at the latest. If you have not heard by 3pm and are unsure if you missed a message please feel free to contact Miss Charlene or a member of the executive to confirm. If you choose not to attend please let us know. If classes need to be cancelled for any other

reason you will be given as much notice as possible. We will do our best to make up as many missed classes as possible. Sundays are our makeup days. We do not have classes during Christmas and Spring Break. Generally we do not have classes on stat holidays although there are occasional exceptions. We do have classes on school in-service days.

Class Conduct and Attire:

Students should arrive early for class. If you are late please enter the room quietly so you do not disturb the rest of the students. Parents are asked to either drop off your child and return at the end to pick them up or wait quietly in the designated waiting area. Please respect the facility and other groups who may be using the facility at the same time. Leave the area in the same or cleaner state than you found it in. Parents will be invited in to watch on special days throughout the year. If you are going to be away, we would appreciate knowing about it ahead of time whenever possible as it would help us in planning our classes. We expect students to pay attention in class and show respect and consideration for their teacher and fellow students. Dancers are to wear appropriate dancewear and shoes to all classes. This is important to ensure the safety of the dancer and to provide the best learning environment possible. Students not following the dress code will be given a warning and if it continues parents and executive will become involved. Below is a list of appropriate items for different age groups and dance styles. **Hair must be away from the face in a bun, braid, ponytail or for shorter hair, headband or clip.**

Clothing Requirements:

ALL dancers must have a **black tank style bodysuit**. These are often used as a base for costumes and are used for exams. After you have met this requirement then any other coloured bodysuit will also be acceptable for class use. All combo classes and ballet students need **ballet pink tights**. Those taking lyrical will need convertible tights (beige). Tap & Jazz students will need beige shimmer tights for performances. Intermediate and Senior students (and some Junior as discussed in class) are also required to have a skin-tone bodyliner with skin tone or clear straps (available from Pirouette). These items are available at Pirouette. Chiffon skirts and dance shorts are also acceptable for class use. Dance capris are acceptable for Intermediate and Senior dancers for some classes. Baggy t-shirts, sweatshirts, long pants **are not acceptable**.

Shoes:

Combo Classes: Black tank Bodysuit & ballet pink tights are required. After you have your black bodysuit any other coloured bodysuit is also acceptable for class use. A chiffon skirt is also acceptable either separate or attached to the bodysuit. No pants, leggings or shorts for combo classes please.

Pink leather full sole ballet slippers and Beige tap shoes (no high heels and no oxfords) for Pre-school and Mini Dancers. Beige tap shoes (cuban heel ok but no oxfords) for Superstars. No gymnastic shoes or satin ballet shoes please.

Tap Classes: Beige Cuban heel tap shoes. Senior students with teacher's permission and boys – Black Tap oxfords. Only boys and senior students with permission are to wear oxford style shoes.

Jazz Classes: All levels of jazz students are to have beige split sole slip on jazz shoes with the exception of combo classes. If you are just moving out of a combo class and your pink ballet slippers still fit you may wear them until you outgrow them or closer to a performance.

Ballet Classes: Shorts and pants are **not** acceptable. Beginner – pink leather full sole ballet slippers. Junior/Intermediate/Senior – pink canvas split sole ballet slippers. Students at the senior level who are taking Pointe will also need Pointe shoes and ballet pink convertible tights.

Lyrical Classes: Beige convertible tights and beige lyrical ½ shoes for performances. You may have other colours & designs of lyrical shoes for class use. Chiffon skirts and dance shorts are also acceptable.

Hip Hop Classes: Comfortable clothing that are easy to move in. No jeans Clean indoor running shoes or hip hop style boots for classes. Specific style of footwear will be required for performances, to be discussed later.

Boys: Boys should wear a t-shirt and shorts. Black ballet slippers or jazz shoes for jazz & ballet classes, tap oxfords for tap, clean indoor runners for hip hop. For combo and beginner classes black ballet slippers and black patent tap shoes are acceptable.

For more information or to register please contact one of our executive

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