

TCH DANCE ACADEMY Est. 1964

The primary goal of the school is to instill in the students proper dance technique through positive and supportive teaching methods

Welcome to TCH Dance Academy, a full service dance studio located in The Community House in the heart of downtown Birmingham. We offer over 50 weekly classes including Ballet, Pointe, Modern, Creative Dance, Jazz and Contemporary, Tap, Ballet Workout and more. TCH Dance Academy provides the highest level of training from a renowned list of teachers and choreographers. Our vision is to be a source of inspiration and guidance for those who wish to make dance a part of their lives.

TCH Dance Academy (248)594-6415 renew@communityhouse.com

Dance Season September 12, 2011- May 24, 2012

Fall Semester begins September 12, 2011- January 28, 2012

Winter Semester begins January 30, 2012 – May 24, 2012

The season culminates with an Annual Spring Performance.

A short summer season is offered in July and August. The summer season offers a sampling of technique classes along with a variety of intensive and recreational dance camps for both children and adults. Students wishing advanced training may also audition for the performance and competition ensemble. A limited variety of recreational dance classes are offered each quarter for those students interested in trying something new.

The first class is a mandatory orientation for both students and parents. Welcome packet will be available on The Community House website www.communityhouse.com or in the Program Department on the 2nd Floor of The Community House. Don't forget to join us on our facebook page for postings that keep you current with TCH Dance Academy news and events!

Tuition:

30 minute class \$156

40-45 minute class \$178

50-60 minute class \$195

70-75 minute class \$212

80-90 minute class \$227

- Tuition listed is per semester. Prices apply to the fall and winter semester only.
- Semester prices remain the same regardless of the number of classes per semester.
- Semester fee includes a \$3.00 building preservation fee.
- There are no refunds or prorated tuition due to absences. No refunds or credits are given once class meets its second week. Participants will be charged \$15 for the first session. All refunds incur a \$10 processing fee.
- Classes may be cancelled due to low enrollment. If a class is cancelled due to low enrollment, TCH will provide a refund.
- Payment plans are available for students taking multiple classes.
- Frequent dancer discount, a \$5.00 semester discount per class when taking multiple classes more than an hour in length. Online registrants are not eligible for discount.
- There are some additional costs involved in recital participation. Fees for dance performance are separate from tuition.

How do I know which class to register for?

Students should register for the style/s of dance class that most appeals to them and then select according to their age level. Students must be age level of class by September 1. For example if the class is Creative Dance for 3 years old, students must be 3 by September 1. Once children arrive and begin classes, the instructors may make adjustments in placement based on student's demonstrated ability at the teacher's discretion.

Classes that are identified with the UDC code are Upper Division Classes. Dance students are accepted to these levels by invitation or audition. These are for students who have dance experience and are looking for more concentrated study. Interested students please contact the Dance Academy Director for placement assistance 248-594-6415 or email renew@communityhouse.com.

How do I register?

Registration can be done online, in person or by phone at The Community House. Tuition fees must be paid at the time of registration. Prices listed are per semester and do not include performance fees.

Can I come in for a studio tour and consultation?

Absolutely, we welcome visitors by appointment! The Director of TCH Dance Academy would be happy to show you our facility and speak with you in regards to your dancer's goals and needs. She can be reached at 248-594-6415 or renew@communityhouse.com to schedule your appointment.

What do I wear to my dance class?

The dress requirements for each class can be found on our website with the class description in the online registration description. Or a complete list of attire for this season can be found below. TCH Dance Academy maintains a dress code to encourage improved concentration and allows the teacher to see how the dancers are using their muscles. Students are required to wear the proper clothing assigned to their level. Watches, jewelry, safety pins should not be worn to class. Dance shoes should never be worn outside. TCH Dance Academy and The Community House are not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please label all personal belongings with dancers first and last name.

Where can I get required dance attire?

Register early and get an Early Bird Discount Coupon available for En'Pointe Dance Wear 250 West 14 Mile Clawson, MI 48017 Good from August 15, 2011 to August 31, 2011.

What happens if I have to miss a class?

There are no refunds or prorated tuition due to absences. Please call or email the Dance Academy 248-594-6415 or renew@communityhouse.com if you will be absent from a class. Students should make up classes missed due to illness or injury. Makeups are offered at the discretion of TCH Dance Academy and must be completed in the current semester. No refunds or credits will be given for missed classes. Technique and choreography are progressive and build from class to class. Excessive absences will inhibit a dancer's growth. Promptness is essential due to the importance of warm up. The instructor also uses the beginning of class time to focus students on their particular goals and tasks to be achieved that day. Late comers may participate at the discretion of the instructor. Students who arrive late may be asked to observe the remainder of the class, as it will not be possible for them to be properly warmed up to join the dance. Students who arrive late should wait in the class entrance until the exercise in progress is complete and the teacher instructs them to join in.

Where are the dance studios and restrooms? Can I watch the classes?

TCH Dance Academy is housed in the lower level of The Community House. The **DeRoy** and **Allesee** Dance Studios are spacious rooms equipped with cushioned wood dance floors covered in the top of line marley dance floor covering for optimum performance and safety. Full length mirrors, wall mounted and portable barres complete the studios. Both studios have observation windows in the hallway/lobby area. Observation windows are open at the discretion of the instructor. Lobby bulletin boards are a great resource for global dance news, dance education postings and will showcase our dance students accomplishments. Located in the lounge of the lower level ladies restroom are storage lockers to place your clothing while you are in class. The dance director's office is located on 2nd floor for private parent/teacher conferencing. Parents with their children may enter the building from the South entrance or Townsend Street entrance; take the stairs to the lower level, the dance studios are on the left. Children and siblings must be supervised by their parent or guardian while in the waiting areas. Parents are invited into the classrooms for observation week each semester; dates can be found on the school calendar.

I am taking more than one class, how do I arrange a payment plan?

Payment plans are available for students taking more than one class a semester. The semester payments are split into two installments. Half is paid at registration the other half is due according to the date posted on the school calendar. Late payments will be charged a \$10 late fee per class. Contact the program department to make payment arrangements. Frequent dancer discount are: \$5.00 semester discount per class when taking multiple classes more than an hour in length. Online registrants are not eligible for discount; you must register through Program Department by phone or in person.

Who are the teachers? How do I communicate with my dancer's instructor?

See the complete faculty bios below. The dance faculty often teaches several classes in a row, and are unable to communicate with you between classes. When students or parents have questions regarding class, curriculum, special events, individual progress, they are encouraged to contact the Director of Dance Academy through her office and she will connect you with an appropriate manner of communication with your instructor. Please provide us with an email address during registration. Studio announcements come in the form of email. Please check the studio bulletin boards for important information. We encourage you to "Like" TCH Dance Academy on facebook to receive any TCH program & weather related updates and inspirations.

TCH Dance Academy Special Programs:

The Community House Ballet Ensemble - “*Building Community through the Art of Dance*”

The ensemble has been organized to provide an enhanced dance training opportunity to local youth, enriching their mind, bodies, and creative spirit through quality artistic endeavors. Students between the ages of 8-18 from all communities in Southeast Michigan are eligible to audition for this new program. Upon acceptance, dancers will learn and prepare classical and contemporary dance works to perform for community events, and educational outreach programs enhancing the lives of the people in our community. As a nonprofit organization we hope to provide unique, creative programs and services through strong partnerships, professional faculty and a diverse community of volunteers.

Two groups of dancers will be selected by audition, the **Junior Ensemble** and the **Senior Ensemble**. In addition to the Junior and Senior dancers, guest artists will be invited to appear in the performances with the ensemble dancers, to lead, mentor and enhance their ensemble experience.

We plan a minimum of one performance per semester as well as a handful of community outreach programs. In addition, interested individuals can arrange to learn repertoire to take to competitions. Competitions will be an elective part of the ensemble and not mandatory.

Workshop - Seminars - Camps - Field Trips

Special dance programs and guest teacher events will be offered to our dance students and families throughout the year. These events will give students a unique opportunity not only to view but also to fully experience the work and methods of major choreographers, master teachers, and directors. The events also serve as a platform for participants to be seen by these teaching artists and college professors for scouting and networking purposes.

Private Lessons

Arrange a private session, tailored specifically to the needs of your child. Students may take the opportunity to schedule private coaching sessions with a member of our esteemed faculty in preparation for a competition, a school talent show, or to brush up on basic techniques. The student will have the opportunity to be given personal corrections, undivided attention and personally guided instruction. Instructors are available in any of the disciplines currently offered. To schedule a session please contact the Director of TCH Dance Academy.

Outreach Programs

Perhaps you would like to bring your Girl Scout Troupe to The Community House. We can do that! Or we can come to you. TCH Dance Academy in partnership with The Community House has launched an outreach program, encouraging children and their families across the Metro-Detroit area to get up and dance. TCH Dance Academy staff and/or student performing groups will visit schools, festivals and community centers engaging members in dance presentations and activities. TCH Dance Academy has brought together some of the finest dance educators to prepare visits that are fun, inspiring and educating. Dance lessons delve into a world of dance styles, which may include jazz, modern, hip hop, ballet, and creative movement. Participants will gain knowledge in technique and be inspired to move. The faculty can tailor their visits to the specific needs and goals of the hosting organization or event. To book your dance event your group leader should contact Director of TCH Dance Academy a minimum of one month before arrival in order to arrange a schedule and program that will best suit your needs and expectations.