



STUDIO POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

Spring Semester 2019

GENERAL INFORMATION

Harmony Dance is a creative arts ministry for girls to express their love for Jesus through dance. Our pursuit and focus as a dance ministry is to raise up a generation of girls and young women who possess a deep love for the Lord, a solid identity in Christ and a passion for worship! Each class will center on the concept of using our ability to dance to magnify the Lord and show others the love of Christ.

No previous dance experience is necessary for any of our age groups and levels. Quality ballet curriculum will be used as the foundation of our dance program. Our classes and curriculum are designed with a Beginner/Intermediate level student in mind.

We offer Pre-Ballet classes starting at age 3 where younger students will receive age appropriate, stretching, strengthening and creative movement. Starting at Level 3 and up, students will explore Jazz, Lyrical movement and dramatic interpretation..

There is a maximum of 10 students per class – register early to secure your child's spot!

All classes and recitals are held at Highlands Church located at 9050 E Pinnacle Peak Rd, Scottsdale 85255.

CLASS SCHEDULE

Harmony Dance classes for Spring 2019 begin on January 7th and are offered on Mondays and Tuesdays depending on level and age group. Level 1 and 2 classes are 45 minutes in length. Levels 3 and above are 60 minutes.

Level 1 (ages 3 & 4) – Mondays at 10:00am

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Level 2 (ages 5 & 6) – Tuesdays at 4:00pm

Level 3 (ages 7 & 8) – Tuesdays at 5:00pm

Junior I (ages 9-12) – Mondays at 5:00pm

Junior II (ages 12-13) – Mondays 4:00pm

The Spring 2019 semester runs through May 3rd. There will be an end-of-semester recital on (Date TBD) for all participants. A dress rehearsal will be held the evening prior to the recital.

DRESS CODE

All students are required to have their hair up in a tight bun prior to class. We *do* require specific brand, color and cut of dancewear during class because they will also be used for the end-of-semester recital.

Harmony Dance has an account at **Dee's Dancewear** in Phoenix (Bell Rd & Tatum Blvd). You can stop in and ask for the *Harmony Dance Highlands Church Dress Code* and they will be happy to assist you in getting the correct items and brands for our studio as well as the perfect fit.

If you know your student's size, I noted the correct brand and colors if you prefer to order online (the prices between Amazon and Dee's Dancewear are comparable). There is no specific brand of ballet shoe required, but please ensure they are pink in color. All students will be required to have appropriate dancewear by the first class.

Level 1 Pre-Ballet: Light blue short-sleeve leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes

- Leotard: Capezio or BLOCH brand
- Footed Tights: BLOCH brand in *Pink* OR Body Wrappers brand in *Theatrical Pink*

Level 2-4: Black short sleeve leotard, pink tights, pink ballet shoes

- Leotard: Capezio or BLOCH brand
- Tights: BLOCH brand in *Pink* OR Body Wrappers brand in *Theatrical Pink*

Junior Levels: Full length black stretch pants OR pink tights, black tank top leotard, pink ballet shoes. (**note: pink tights will be required for recital*)

- Leotard: Capezio or BLOCH brand
- Footed or Convertible Tights: BOLCH brand in *Pink*, Body Wrappers brand in *Theatrical Pink*

Special Needs Teens and Adults: Black stretch pants and a comfortable t-shirt/tank top, pink ballet shoes. (If ballet shoes do not fit, socks will work for class.)

COST AND FEES

Semester class and costume fees are due upon initial registration.

Levels 1 & 2 (ages 3-6): \$175/semester

Levels 3 – Juniors (ages 6 & up): \$195/semester

STUDENT DROP-OFF / PICK-UP PROCEDURE

Please arrive on time!

We ask that younger students use the bathroom before class begins. We will not have a designated bathroom break during the 45 minute class. *Younger students **must** be potty trained and be able to use the bathroom independently.*

Please arrive 10 minutes before class is over to pick up your student. You are welcome to enjoy the park and picnic area outside the Children's Building while your student is in class, or wait in the 3-year-old classroom located inside the Children's building.

ATTENDANCE

Students are allowed a maximum of 4 excused absence for your student to still be able to perform in the End-of-Semester Recital. To excuse your student from class, please let your instructor know when you will be missing class or email Bonnie Swing at bswing@highlandschurch.org.

We require ALL students to participate in our end-of semester recital (including the dress rehearsal).

ABOUT THE DIRECTOR

Bonnie Swing is the director of Harmony Dance. Herself a dancer from a young age, Bonnie has spent over 20 years receiving technical training with professional studios and worship dance ministries. She pursued her passion for dance by teaching young children, youth and adults ballet, pre-pointe, jazz, lyrical and modern dance for over 10 years. She enjoyed spending many of those years being mentored in the areas of dance studio management, and recently developed a Ballet and Worship Dance curriculum. Bonnie is excited to serve students and families as the Harmony Dance Ministry Director. You can reach Bonnie with any questions at bswing@highlandschurch.org.

ABOUT THE INSTRUCTORS

Amanda Dahl began dancing at Betty Johnson's School of Dance in Phoenix at the age of 8 and fell in love with it immediately. She danced as a part of the school's performing company, devoting 5-6 days a week to ballet, jazz, and tap classes and also traveling to competitions a number of times a year. While at Horizon High School in Scottsdale, Amanda joined the Pom Line at age 16, feeling very prepared from her dance studio experience. She was co-captain her senior year, and then came back to coach the JV line during her freshman year in college.

While teaching at Rancho Solano Private School, Amanda ran their cheerleading program for 5 years. After taking a break to start a family, she feels blessed to now be a part of Harmony Dance. Her love of teaching, coaching and worship perfectly aligns with the mission of Harmony Dance and she looks forward to even having her own daughter participate.