

Our Annual Calendar of Events

August

Competition choreography camp week. Confirmation of classes. First & Last tuition payments due. Purchase required dance attire, all available at Colts Neck Dance, for your specific fall classes, dancewear, dance shoes; etc.

September

Observation time for teachers to become familiar with students and to secure class placement.

October

Costume and music choices are being decided for our annual recital.

November

Costume deposit of \$75.00 is due. No class changes at this time.

December

Holiday break.

January

Students begin routines for recital. Pictures of costumes are displayed. Costume balances are due.

February

Summer schedule and registration begins.

March

Competition auditions.

April

In house registration is accepted, playbill advertisements are due. National dance week.

May

Last tuition installment due. Picture Day, Ticket Sales, and the Competition Ceremony.

June

Dress rehearsal , annual recital. Summer classes begin.



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Colts Neck Dance & Performing Arts Academy

Brochure & Student Handbook



**17 Years
in Dance
Education**

*Training and Technique
by skilled and certified professionals.*

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The Curriculum

Mommy & Me

2 Years of Age

A wonderful way to introduce your child to dance. The class is 45 minutes with ballet and tap. The parent participates and assists the young student. Student attire: pink leotard, pink tights, white leather Ballet shoes Capezio #200 and white Jr. Tyette Tap shoes Capezio #N625.

Creative Movement

Preschool 3-4 Years of Age

A fun, imaginative and perfect dance class for your toddler. The teachers incorporate the basics including the dance terminology of ballet and tap. The creative movement class is 1 hour in length and it is offered every day of the week. The student attends class without the parent. Student attire: pink leotard, pink tights, pink leather Ballet shoes Capezio #200 and caramel Mary Jane Tap shoes Capezio #3800.

Combination Classes

5-7 Years of Age

A fun yet basic skill building dance class that combines two or three dance subjects. We offer the following options: Ballet/Tap/Jazz class, a Ballet/Gym/Jazz class and a Hip Hop/Jazz class. These classes keep your dance student interested while having a fun time. Student attire: black leotard, pink or caramel tights. *Ballet:* pink leather Ballet shoes Capezio #200. *Tap:* caramel Mary Jane Tap shoes Capezio #3800. *Jazz:* caramel ankle jazz boots Capezio #CG15. *Jazz Gym:* Black leotard, black dance shorts or black dance pants, convertible or footless caramel tights, caramel ankle jazz boots Capezio #CG15. *Hip Hop/Jazz:* Black leotard caramel tights, dance shorts or dance pants with black Fierce Dancesneakers Capezio #DS11.

Artistic Director / Founder

Sheri Ladley-Calamusa

Member of Dance Educators of America

Sheri was born and raised in Clifton, New Jersey. Sheri has trained in all dance syllabus' ballet, pointe, tap, jazz, floor barre, and partnering at NYC's Steps and Broadway Dance Center. As a professional dancer she earned her Actors Eligibility Card and continued her training in Broadway vocal instruction, Skinner speech method as well as Meisner acting technique. Her professional dance career began at an early age dancing with recording artists, cruise lines, off-Broadway shows, industrials, theatrical productions for revues in Atlantic City and Monte-Carlo. Traveling as a professional dancer and taking instruction from international teachers and choreographers has given her the foundation from which she has built her career as a choreographer and teacher. Being a professional dancer has given her the experience of being in a real theater on stage and behind the scenes. Academy students will gain the knowledge and confidence to enjoy the performing arts for recreational enjoyment or perhaps pursue it as a career in their future. Since establishing the Academy in 1995, Sheri has directed, instructed, coached and choreographed for Colts Neck Dance and it's students. Academy students have been accepted to Broadway, High School and College Dance Programs and Dance Teams, Joffrey Ballet School, Walnut Hill Summer Program, Rockette Summer Intensive, local Nutcrackers Productions and many have been awarded scholarships for New York City Dance classes and regional conventions. Sheri along with her family reside in Colts Neck.

Recital & Raintance Competition Company Information

Recital

The Academy performs in an annual production in the month of June featuring all of our classes offered at the Academy. Each class has a dance choreographed by their teacher. A special song and costume is chosen to best suit the class. We perform this routine at a local high school and we are asked to invite our family and friends. You will receive a recital packet filled with information regarding tickets, t-shirts, flowers and your very own dvd of the recital. It is a very special day for all.

Company Dancer

The company dancer needs to be enrolled with the Academy and have an intermediate level of dance ability. The Auditions are held the month of March for the following season. The dancer must have a good understanding of commitment and be interested in the challenge of competing. A dancer must be willing to work hard and be responsible for their placement within the company. Competition classes are scheduled throughout the year. Extra rehearsals are necessary prior to competing. Dancers are judged on their technical performance. Ballet is the foundation for our competition company and is a requirement for all company dancers.

Competition and Performance Opportunities

The company competes in several regional competitions and one has a requirement to attend workshops. We believe attending these workshops to be an inspirational and resourceful experience. These competitions are held throughout the season. The company dancers may also be invited to perform locally for a worthy benefit or cause throughout the year. The company gathers for our annual Holiday party as well as our annual Awards Ceremony.

The Curriculum: 8 & Up

Ballet

Ballet is the foundation of dance. Through ballet all other dance forms may be found. Ballet students will learn each Level of Ballet Curriculum. Students are also given the opportunity to experience ballet as they perform during our annual recital. Student attire: All students must wear a bun cover/net with all hair secured. No dangling jewelry. Pink tights and pink Ballet shoes Capezio #CG2002 for beginners; Capezio Split Sole #2033C or #2027 in LPK for intermediate to advanced dancers. Leotard colors will depend on your class level. Level 1 a mint cap sleeve leotard, w/ a mint skirt. Level 2 is a lilac cap sleeve leotard. (Upon teacher approval); Level 3 is a bluebell camisole leotard with a wrap skirt. Level 4 a front pinch coral leotard camisole or cap sleeve with a wrap skirt. Students interested in pointe may discuss with the teacher the process and length of time to be introduced to the pre-pointe ballet class. Specific dance wear available at the Academy.



Pre-Pointe*

A primary introduction to working in your pointe shoes. The student must have learned basic technique and legs and feet are proficiently developed in ballet. Students must attend ballet 2 days a week. The student will be given the opportunity upon teacher recommendation

Pointe*

Class for the advanced ballet student. Performing ballet movements en pointe to achieve use of the toe while learning an effective series of steps to achieve a sense of lightness and speed. The student is to wear a specific level leotard or black with pink tights and pink pointe shoes.

Ballet leotards may be ordered in your child's required level color in camisole or cap sleeve thru Colts Neck Dance Wear. Order forms are available at the front desk.

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Tap

Traditional forms, new styles with upbeat and rhythmic sounds. Percussive footwork, important disciplines for developing the mind body coordination. Student attire: a black leotard, caramel tights, dance shorts or short pants. Beginners: Caramel Mary Jane Tap shoes Capezio #3800. Intermediate: Caramel Extreme Tap shoes Capezio #CG55. Teens: Caramel Tap Flexmaster Capezio #CG16. Seniors: Caramel Tap Jr. Footlight Capezio #561.



Jazz

Fun and challenging, jazz technique has disciplined warm ups, terminology and routines. Jazz technique incorporates various combinations and different styles. Student attire: a solid leotard with tights, dance pants or dance shorts and caramel ankle jazz boots Capezio #CG15 for beginners to advanced dancers.

Lyrical

Lyrical is for the intermediate ballet and jazz dancer. Lyrical holds the song within the movements. Technical combinations show the dancers strength and agility. A blend of ballet, contemporary and modern. Student attire: a solid leotard, footless or convertible tights and Tan "The Adage Turner".

Hourly Instruction Per Week	Monthly Installment Due on the 1st	Annual Tuition 10% off if paid in full by Sept. 1st
1.0 hour.....	\$70.00.....	\$700.00.....
1.5 hour.....	\$105.00.....	\$1050.00.....
2.0 hour.....	\$140.00.....	\$1400.00.....
2.5 hour.....	\$176.00.....	\$1760.00.....
3.0 hour.....	\$204.00.....	\$2040.00.....
3.5 hour.....	\$238.00.....	\$2380.00.....
4.0 hour.....	\$272.00.....	\$2720.00.....
4.5 hour.....	\$306.00.....	\$3060.00.....
5.0 hour.....	\$330.00.....	\$3300.00.....
5.5 hour.....	\$363.00.....	\$3630.00.....
6.0 hour.....	\$396.00.....	\$3960.00.....
6.5 hour.....	\$429.00.....	\$4290.00.....
7.0 hour.....	\$448.00.....	\$4480.00.....
7.5 hour.....	\$480.00.....	\$4800.00.....
8.0 hour.....	\$512.00.....	\$5120.00.....
Unlimited Classes...	\$544.00.....	\$5440.00.....

This page is our annual tuition fees based on instruction Sept thru June. Please refer to the hourly instruction your family will be receiving per week. The Academy accepts MC/Visa, checks and or cash. You may pay at the desk, over the phone or by mail. Annual tuition may be paid in full or monthly installments.

- 1.) If **paid in full** by **September 1st** you will receive the month of May installment **free**.
- 2.) If paying by monthly installments, **payment is due by the 1st of every month**. The Sept. and June payments are due upon registering. The last installment is due May 1st.

**A \$15.00 fee will be charged to your account for each payment made after the 15th of the month. We like to be paid for our services in a timely manner. Thank you. *No exceptions to this policy.*

**Note: There are no refunds, we do not adjust tuition rates.*

**Delinquent checks will be charged a \$25.00 fee.*

*Our office staff is available during regular class time.
The Academy looks forward to being of service to you and your family.*

To Register

Registration Form

To register for classes at the Academy you must complete a registration form, read the school policies sign and return the form. You will need to fill out one form per child. There is \$25.00 registration fee per child. Please read through the remainder of this brochure to become familiar with our school policies and our calendar year. Fall classes begin **Tuesday September 6, 2011.**



Student/Sibling Safety

- Each student is asked to be on time for class and in the correct attire with hair neatly swept back and away from the face. The dance shoes should fit properly; not too big or too snug. No street shoes are allowed in the classrooms.
- While in the classroom, there is no running and no hanging on our ballet barres.
- Children must be accompanied to and from the Academy. We ask that siblings remain inside unless a parent is watching them. Do not leave your child unattended outside for liability reasons as the owner of the building has property cameras and will call the authorities.
- Please be responsible for your child's behavior and safety while on our premises and in the shopping center. This includes in the restrooms, waiting areas, parking lots and nearby stores.
- Dancers who are injured need to inform their teacher, or the front desk staff and are asked to please forward a doctors note with further instructions on restrictions.
- Parents are encouraged to view through our viewing windows. Please allow others to catch a glimpse and keep in mind the students can hear their family members talking and this can prove to be distracting.
- We would like to give your child the best opportunity possible for a safe and fun filled dance environment.

The Curriculum: 8 & Up

Gym/Jazz

Half of the class is tumbling and flexibility and the other half is a jazz class. It's fun to practice rolls, cartwheels, walkovers etc. with jazz moves. Student attire: leotard and shorts with convertible or footless tights with caramel ankle jazz boots Capezio #CG15.

Hip Hop

Step by step instructions for students wanting that cool urban feel. Great music and fun. Funky dance steps, up to date music and combinations of hip hop dance. Leotard / tank top with cargo pants and black Fierce Dancesneaker Capezio #DS11. No street shoes permitted.

All required footwear is sold at Colts Neck Dance.

Class Information

The curriculum described meets one day a week from the months of September to June. Class length of time is one hour, (unless otherwise stated in the description). You have many classes to choose from. If you are interested in more than one class we can accommodate your requests.

The annual production featuring all of the classes and their routines is during the month of June. It is not mandatory to participate in the annual recital however, we encourage everyone to join us. It is a nice way to close out the school year and it is a rewarding experience. We usually have 4 separate recitals all on the same day. We do our best to place siblings in the same show although there are no guarantees. Every Academy student enrolled will be presented with a trophy the last day of their class.

Thank you for choosing Colts Neck Dance & Performing Arts Academy.

Our Philosophy

Your child is seeking a fulfilling hobby or perhaps serious training and you want the best. Where and with whom you entrust your child's training is a very important decision. Proper training and technique is essential for a child's education because what they learn today remains with them for a lifetime.

Educating your child in dance and the performing arts is a responsibility we take very seriously. We offer a positive atmosphere with quality instruction. Our professional teachers have been chosen because of their reputation and training. We are committed in working together with you and your child to help them achieve their dreams and personal goals.

The Academy

We are conveniently located at Morello Plaza, 410 Route 34 South in Colts Neck. A receptionist will greet you and keep you informed as you wait for your child in our spacious waiting area with theater chairs. A dancers hallway to place dance bags, sit and change shoes lead to two spacious classrooms. Well equipped with two-way glass for viewing, sprung hard wood flooring, professional sound system and theatrical lighting in both classrooms.



Colts Neck Dance Wear is now available for your convenience at the Academy. We offer assistance and competitive pricing for dance wear including foot wear and body wear. The required dance wear is outlined within our curriculum descriptions.

Artistic Director/ Owner

The artistic director Sheri Ladley–Calamusa creates the curriculum and scheduling of classes, manages teachers and places students. She also produces and directs the annual recitals.

Office Personnel

Our friendly and advisable front desk personnel are always available for your convenience. Ready to provide all the necessary information or answer any questions or concerns you may have. Our desk has someone available during regular class times 6 days a week. Please call 732-866-3930 to speak to our front desk.

The Academy Instructors

Quality training and technique is provided with our professional instructors. Interviewed by the director, they are qualified to teach their designated syllabus'. Many of our teachers have award winning credentials. They are highly motivated to give our students a positive and educational experience. Your child will learn the true fundamentals of dance.

Teachers Assistants

You may find a teachers assistant within your child's class. These dancers have been trained at the Academy and are participating in a work study program we offer. They are given a unique opportunity to assist the teacher and are learning a great deal of experience. They are extremely helpful to our students.