

Ballet School of Chapel Hill 2025 Summer Camps and Workshops

Arts & Dance Camp (Ages 3-7) *Adventures in the World Around Us!*

June 23–July 25, Monday – Friday, 9:00 am-12:00 noon

\$255 per week (\$127.50 deposit for each week)*

“Lunch Bunch” option, 12:00 noon-12:45 pm, \$20/week, Monday – Thursday (pre-registration required)

Under the direction of Ballet School faculty Gabby Halley and Elizabeth Zander, we have lots of fun and exciting new adventures planned for our campers this summer! Campers will be divided into two age groups: 3-4 and 5-7 to tailor projects and activities to specific developmental levels. Each week a different theme will offer your camper the opportunity to discover dance, art, music and storytelling in our creative studio space along with our outdoor playground area. Campers will dance each day – exploring creative dance with Ms. Gabby or Ms. Elizabeth and creative rhythm tap with Robin Vail. No worries about tap shoes, we can often fit even our youngest dancers! On the last day, campers will share what they have learned in dance classes for family and friends. Maximum enrollment each week is 10-14 depending on age group. A light snack of juice and crackers is provided each day. Lunch bunch is offered Mon. – Thurs. for campers choosing to stay an extra 45 minutes for lunch. Lunch bunch campers will need to bring a bag lunch each day. (Please note that pre-registration for lunch bunch is required prior to the first day of camp to allow for scheduling of staff). Be sure to join us this summer as we explore the world around us!

Week 1: June 23-27 (ages 5-7) *Nature Explorers!*

Week 2: June 30-July 3 (ages 3-7) *Under the Sea!***

Week 3: July 7-11 (ages 3-4)* *Superheroes Among Us!*

Week 4: July 14-18 (ages 3-4)* *Fables and Fairy Tales!*

Week 5: July 21-25 (ages 5-7) *Into the Jungle!*

*Slightly older sibling that would like to enroll with 3–4-year-old sibling may enroll as a participant/helper.

**Please note this is a shorter week due to the July 4th holiday; tuition is pro-rated.

DANCE & MUSICAL THEATER CAMPS FOR THE NOVICE TO BEGINNER AGES 7-11

DANCE EXPRESS

June 16-20 (Ballet, Jazz and Modern) 9:00am-12pm (Week 1)

June 23-27 (Rhythm Tap, Jazz and Hip-Hop) 9:00am-12pm (Week 2)

A dance camp for the novice to beginner. Ages 7-11

\$270 per week (\$135 deposit for each week)*

Week 1: students will explore ballet, jazz and modern with Brittany Harlan, Helen Hickey and staff. Week two, students will explore rhythm tap, jazz and hip-hop with Robin Vail, Laci McDonald and Jose Velasquez. Designed especially for the novice or beginner, Dance Express dancers will receive daily technique classes in each genre in addition to learning about other related topics such as dance history, terminology and choreography. Week 1 dancers should wear a leotard, footless tights and bring ballet and jazz shoes if available. Week 2 dancers should wear a leotard, jazz pants and bring sneakers, jazz shoes and tap shoes if available (the studio will try to provide tap shoes). Students will participate in a short informal performance on the last day for family and friends. **Dancers should bring a light snack and water bottle each day.**

IT'S SHOWTIME!

A Musical Theater Camp for Ages 7-11

July 7-11, 9:00-12:30

\$315(\$157.50 deposit)*

Under the direction of Laci McDonald and Michael Meyer, campers will dance, sing and act daily to create a musical theatre review. Campers will learn proper physical and vocal warm-ups, explore musical theatre choreography and songs, while creating an original short script. Campers will also assist with costumes, props and set design. Family and friends are invited to attend the performance! For the daily rehearsals, campers should wear comfortable clothing and **bring a light snack and water bottle each day.**

INCLUSIVE WORKSHOPS

DanceAbilities Workshop with Laci McDonald

Open to students of all abilities ages 8+

July 14-18, 10:00-12:00

\$180 (\$90 deposit)*

DanceAbilities students will explore various ways to create movement and rhythm while making new friends! Join Ballet School faculty member and partner, Laci McDonald and her staff of student volunteers for a week of dancing! The workshop will culminate with a short showcase performance for friends and family members on the final day. We welcome and encourage parents and/or community support person(s) to accompany students if extra assistance is needed.

Laci McDonald is a dance teacher and choreographer for Durham Academy's Upper School and is also the school's Special Olympics Co-Coordinator. Laci has been a volunteer with Special Olympics Durham County for 16 years working closely with Special Programs Coordinator for Durham County, Kristen Randall. Laci holds a BFA in Dance Performance and an MBA from ECU.

BALLET INTENSIVES:

Pre-Professional Ballet Intensive

June 16-20, 10:00am-3:00pm (1 hour break for lunch)

\$420 (\$210 deposit)*

Completion of Ballet 5 or above required.

This program is an exceptional opportunity for aspiring dancers to cultivate and hone their artistry and skills. The intensive offers classes in ballet technique, pointe, variations, contemporary techniques, choreography and body conditioning. We hope you will join us for this rewarding experience!

Pre-Pointe Workshop featuring *Swan Lake & Giselle*
June 23-27 (Week 1); July 7-11 (Week 2), 9:00am-1:00pm
 \$360 per week (\$180 deposit)*
 Completion of Ballet 2 or above required.

Dancers will receive a daily ballet technique class and additional classes in modern, jazz, character and other related topics such as ballet history, terminology and injury prevention. There will be an informal showing on the last day for family and friends. **Students should bring a light snack and water bottle each day.**

Intermediate Ballet Workshop featuring *Swan Lake*
July 14-18 (Week 1); July 21-25 (Week 2), 9:00am-1:00pm
 \$360 per week (\$180 deposit)*
 Completion of Ballet 4 or above required.

Dancers will receive a daily ballet technique class and additional classes in pointe, modern, jazz, character, and other related topics such as ballet history, terminology and injury prevention. There will be an informal showing on the last day for family and friends. **Students should bring a light snack and water bottle each day.**

Fall Ballet Warm-Up
August 11-15, 10:00 am-12:00 noon
 \$210 (\$105 deposit)*
 Completion of Ballet 5 or above required.

HIP-HOP and CONTEMPORARY JAZZ INTENSIVES

Hip-Hop Workshop with Jose Velasquez
June 16-20 9:30am-12:30pm
 \$270 (\$135 deposit)*
 Open to students who have completed Hip-Hop 1.

Dancers will learn fun hip-hop and street dance steps, combinations and routines. In addition, students will also explore the history of hip-hop, artists and choreographers through videography and a variety of materials. Students should wear clothes easy to move in and sneakers. **Students should bring a light snack and water bottle each day.**

NEW & EXPANDED Jazz Intensive with Laci McDonald, Kristin Duncan, Brittany Harlan and Helen Hickey
June 23-27 10:00-3:00 (1 hour break for lunch)
 \$420 (\$210 deposit)*
Completion of Int Contemporary Jazz+

Join Mrs. Laci, Mrs. Kristin, Ms. Brittany and Ms. Helen during this week-long intensive providing dancers exposure to various styles and skill-training. Dancers can expect to dive deeper into contemporary and jazz techniques, improvisation, and choreographic principles. Building strength and consistency of leaps and turns, developing body awareness and confidence through partnering and lift techniques, expressing themselves through a series of combinations, the dancers will spend the week trying all, being challenged and having fun!

RHYTHM TAP INTENSIVES

Adv. Rhythm Tap Intensive with Emily Shoemaker
 July 7-11 Save the dates! Details coming soon!
 Completion of Tap 4+

*A deposit is required upon registration for any camp or workshop with the tuition balance payable on the first day of each session. Deposits are refundable until two weeks before the start of each camp. There are no refunds for absences. Camps or workshops that do not meet our minimum enrollment requirement may be cancelled with a full refund of all deposits. Families not currently enrolled in the Ballet School will be charged a one-time summer registration fee.

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