

Artistic Dance Unlimited

May 2026 Newsletter

It's hard to believe the end of the dance year is upon us. We have enjoyed teaching your children this year and look forward to their recital performances. If you have any questions regarding recital, please email info@artisticdanceunlimited.com. Regular classes will continue through the month of May. The last day of classes will be Thursday May 21st. There will be no regular classes the week of May 25th- 28th in order to prepare for our three recital shows.

Summer Camps



Our summer camp & summer session brochure is available in the ADU lobby and on our website. If you are interested in enrolling in a summer dance camp or July summer classes now is the time! Summer Camp is great fun for our younger dancers and summer session is a great opportunity for students to try new dance disciplines, work with new instructors, or continue mastering technical skills. Space will be limited and is on a first-come-first-serve basis.

Early Bird 2026-2027 Registration



Beginning Friday May 1st, we will start online registration for our 2026-2027 dance season. Registration fees will be \$20 per child for the month of May. All students registering after May 31st will pay a \$25 per child registration fee. To register online visit our website at adudance.com and click the sign-up link on our homepage. If you do not have access to the internet you can register at the office during regular office hours Monday-Thursday 3:00-7:00 pm. Classes for our 2026-2027 dance season will begin August 10th, 2026.

Recital T-Shirts!!



Pre-orders are due May 8th by 10 am. This is a great way to remember the recital. T-shirt sizes are limited! Get yours as soon as possible! Link to order: <https://aduspring26.itemorder.com/shop/home/>

***Thank you to everyone who participated in Picture Week! We look forward to seeing all of our groups in a beautiful display. All pictures ordered will be available for pick up at the dress rehearsal at the Clayton Center.

Attention: Teachers' Assistants – Opening Number Rehearsal will be May 6 for T.A.'s only from 7:45 - 9:15p.m. Ms. Dana will set the choreography for the opening number for all the T.A.'s (no instructors will be needed at the first rehearsal). We will then rehearse on Wednesday's, May 13th, and 20th from 7:45 – 8:15 for instructors and T.A.'s. We will order the T.A. tops for the opening number. **These tops will not be the recital t-shirt so those should be order by the parents. We will get sizes, place one order and charge your account.**

Rehearsal & Recital Day

Dress Rehearsal ~ Friday May 29th & Saturday Morning May 30th

The Dress Rehearsal schedule is posted on our website, adudance.com, under the news and events tab. Please arrive at the Clayton Center 15 minutes prior to your scheduled time wearing your first costume listed on the schedule with hair and makeup done. Dancers not present when the routine is being rehearsed will miss rehearsing that routine. Due to a tight schedule, we will not wait on anyone who is late. **Parents may video during dress rehearsal only; videoing is strictly prohibited at Recital.**

ALL alterations must be completed, and costume pieces secured by dress rehearsal. All buns MUST have a hair net! Please remember no jewelry, no nail polish, and no panties under their costumes.



Recital Day ~ Held at the Clayton Center

Friday May 29th @ 7:00pm

Saturday May 30th @ 1:00pm and 7:00pm

If you haven't paid the RECITAL FEE, please stop by the office, or pay it on-line. All outstanding fees must be paid in full in order for your dancer to participate in recital performances.

ALL DANCERS SHOULD BE BACK STAGE IN ASSIGNED ROOMS 1 HOUR PRIOR TO THE RECITAL TIME

Please remember the use of video cameras is strictly prohibited at the recital. Parents may video during dress rehearsal only. Remember, we do not allow flash photography at any time. Hutson media will provide quality USB drives of the entire recital, included in the recital fee.

Recital Day Tips



- Label everything!!
- Place costumes on separate hangers with the costumes in order of performance.
- Place hair pieces in zip lock bags and pin them to each costume hanger.
- Bring a box/bag to discard "used" costumes in if you have lots of costume changes. This way, previously worn costumes will not be mixed in with those left to wear.
- Pack your dancer a snack and beverage (water is best as it will not stain anything) and an activity bag for small children. **SNACKS WITH PEANUT PRODUCTS ARE NOT ALLOWED BACKSTAGE!**

Parent Volunteers for Recital Day

Parent volunteers are still needed for the recital. If you would like to help backstage with your child's class, please send us an email to info@artisticdanceunlimited.com and let us know what class you would like to volunteer for and which recital show they are in. It is imperative that our 3, 4-5, 6-7 and junior classes have volunteer moms backstage to help the children change costumes. Parent volunteers **must** remain in the backstage area. No one is allowed to view the recital then come backstage to help a class change. This is distracting to the audience. Extra volunteers are also needed for various other backstage jobs. If you can, please lend a hand to help our recital run smoothly. A parent volunteer meeting will be held at the studio on Monday, May 18th at 6:30 pm. If you are a volunteer and are unable to attend the meeting, please let the office know so they can update you on the information. Please remember that **only parent volunteers** are permitted backstage during the show and intermission. Dancers will be secured backstage during the show and intermission. This is done to keep the dancers safe.



Recital Day Tickets

The Recital tickets can be purchased through the Clayton Center for the Arts. Ticket prices are \$20 each with general admission.

The box office link to purchase tickets is: <https://claytonartscenter.com/event/artistic-dance-unlimited-light-up-the-dancefloor/>

The Clayton center Box office hours are: Wednesday through Friday 10a – 4pm (in person sales)

ADU Dance Company

Dance Company Auditions!

Dance Company is a fun and wonderful experience for the serious-minded dancers. It is extremely hard work and a physical & financial obligation for both students and parents.

THERE WILL BE A \$25 AUDITION FEE DUE AT TIME OF AUDITION

- *Tiny Company – New Tiny's will be selected and will receive a letter by June 30th
- *Mini Company auditions will be on Wednesday July 29th, 2026 from 4:00-5:00pm.
- *Junior Company auditions will be on Wednesday July 29th, 2026 from 5:00-6:00pm.
- *Intermediate Company auditions will be on Wednesday July 29th, 2026 from 6:00-7:30pm.
- *Senior Company auditions will be on Wednesday July 29th, 2026 from 7:30-9:00pm.

Tiny Company: (recommended age 4 – 6) Returning Tiny Company members may audition for Mini Company. New Tiny Company members will be BY INVITATION ONLY. Invitation letters will be emailed out by June 30.

Mini Company: (recommended age 7 – 9) Returning Mini Company members or students age 7 & up, must audition in order to be placed on a company. Returning Company members MUST audition for Mini Company first but may also audition in Junior Company if desired.

Junior Company: (recommended age 9 – 12) Returning Junior Company members or students age 9 & up, must audition in order to be placed on a company. Returning Company members MUST audition for Junior Company first but may also audition in Intermediate Company if desired.

Intermediate Company: (recommended age 12 – 14) Returning Intermediate Company members or students age 12 & up, must audition in order to be placed on a company. Returning Company members MUST audition for Intermediate Company first but may also audition in Senior Company if desired.

Senior Company: (recommended age 14 – 18) Returning Senior Company members or students age 14 & up, must audition in order to be placed on a company. Returning Company members MUST audition for Senior Company.

There will be a mandatory parent meeting of all company levels (Tiny/Mini/Jr/Int/Sr) from 5:30-6:30pm on Tuesday July 28th, 2026. If you are interested in Dance Company and are not presently a member, please contact the studio and speak to Alette or Ursula for information and instruction on which audition time you will need to attend.

Dance Companies – Tiny, Mini, Junior, Intermediate, Senior -- All dance company members are required to take at least one ballet class per week and one jazz class as well as other class requirements depending on level. Dancer's auditioning must have had a minimum of 2 years dance training and be at least 6 years of age. Please understand that not everyone at auditions will be accepted. Present Dance Company members must audition each year.

***For questions and information regarding Dance Company Auditions email Alette or Ursula or view the Dance Company info on our website www.artisticdanceunlimited.com.

Dance Company Reminders:

REMINER

Upcoming Nationals Rehearsal Schedule – Fees are due by May 31th

Wednesday, June 10th & June 17th, 2026

Tiny with extras 4-5pm, \$20

Mini with extras 4-6pm, \$30

Junior 4-6pm, \$30

Intermediate – 5-7pm, \$36

Senior – 5-7:30pm, \$40

Congratulations to ADU Dance Companies

We are so proud of you all for your hard work and outstanding performances thus far! Congratulations to all your awards from our 2026 Competitions and Good Luck at Nationals in June!!

The ADU instructors will be available for private lessons this summer. If you are interested, email the studio with the teacher you are requesting at info@artisticdanceunlimited.com. We will contact you to schedule. Space and time are limited.

We have enjoyed teaching all of our students this year! We hope to see everyone return for summer Camp, summer session, and classes in August 2026. We thank all the parents and grandparents for your support this year. It has been a joy to share our love of dancing with our students.

Alette, Ursula, and the ADU staff wish you all a safe and happy summer!

