

# Welcome to *The Dance Shoppe!*

*Milton's Family Dance Studio*<sup>™</sup>

Home of the "Purple Thunder Dance Team"

The Dance Shoppe strives to provide a friendly, fun, and safe environment for all our dancers. Whether your dancer is looking for one class a week in our exciting recreational program or is interested in a higher level of training in our competitive program, The Dance Shoppe has classes suited for everyone. Our highly qualified and experienced staff is dedicated to bringing enjoyment to each child through their passion for dance. Please join us at The Dance Shoppe, where learning is fun!!!

## **Our State-of-the-Art Facility Includes,**

- ✓ 5 Spacious Dance Studios
- ✓ Large Viewing windows
- ✓ Kitchenette / Lunchroom
- ✓ Lots of Parking
- ✓ Free Coffee & Tea
- ✓ Full video monitoring and remote viewing for parents.

## **Our Staff**

Members of our excellent teaching staff are trained and qualified by, Royal Academy of Dance, British Association Teachers of Dance, Dance Masters of America, Performing Art's Educators of Canada, and the International Association of Dance Adjudicators.

**Miss Ruth-Ann Gray, Owner**

**Miss Rachelle Seguin, Artistic Director**

**Miss Lindsey Adamson, Assistant Director**

**Miss Meaghan Boland, Assistant Director**

**“Celebrating 28yrs of Quality Dance Education in Milton.”**

[www.TheDanceShoppe.com](http://www.TheDanceShoppe.com)

We ask that if you have any questions or concerns, you bring them to our attention right away.

**“If you are not happy, we are not happy!”**

***“Everyone can reach for his or her Star!!”***

*Miss Ruth-Ann, Owner*

## **About Us**

Growing up in Milton and living here for over 45 years, I have learned that Milton has a very strong sense of family and community. I started dancing at a local dance studio in Milton at the age of 10. My love for dance grew stronger as I got older, and I knew I had to spread the love of dance to as many people as I possibly could. 27 years ago, I started The Dance Shoppe. Our first location was a small 700 square foot, 1 room dance studio, on Main Street below Troy's Diner. My dream was to create a place where children could come and share my passion for dance. Along with my mother, father, family, and friends The Dance Shoppe was built. Over the years, The Dance Shoppe has grown to over 12,000 square feet. It is now an incredible dance space where boys and girls, young and old, come to learn dance and express themselves. Here at The Dance Shoppe, we pride ourselves in being able to provide a safe and family friendly environment to learn and have fun. We believe everyone can dance, they just need to be given the tools and confidence to shine and be themselves. TDS is thriving now more than ever, and we are excited to see what the future holds. The one thing that has never changed and will never change is our commitment to the students and their families.

The Dance Shoppe is "Milton's Family Dance Studio"! as families return to the studio, year after year, generation after generation. We want our dancers and their families to feel at home when at TDS. Our open-door policy allows families to communicate with us at any time for any reason. It warms my heart to watch so many young dancers grow up, move on, then come back to the studio with their own children.

Our creative and professional staff help us to bring quality dance lessons to many young dancers. My hope is that The Dance Shoppe will always be a safe and fun place for children in Milton and continue to inspire dancers for many years to come.

Milton has given me so much. I feel so very lucky and blessed to be able to work and live in this incredible community.

Come join our dance family and become a member of The Dance Shoppe, "Milton's Family Dance Studio!"

## **Our Facility**

The Dance Shoppe is a bright and family friendly dance studio. We have five large state of the art dance rooms, all with viewing windows and a closed-circuit video system so you may watch all your dancers on one screen. Our 12,000 square foot dance complex has a front and back entrance to make it convenient to park and enter during busy times and inclement weather. Our spacious hallways and kitchenette make for a comfortable family atmosphere and allow you to enjoy your time at The Dance Shoppe. Each dance studio is individually controlled for heat and air conditioning to allow for an optimum temperature for your dancer to train in. The generous girls and boys change rooms/washrooms are both equipped with baby change stations along with lockers and hot and cold running water. The professional décor is both relaxing and tranquil. We are located in an area close to shopping and restaurants, with easy excess to the highway. We encourage you to come in and watch each class so you can see the enjoyment and the development of your dancer.

## **Recreational Program**

The Dance Shoppe offers classes from pre-school up to adult. Our programs enhance rhythm skills, coordination, musicality, self-esteem, and the love of dance! Classes are offered during weeknights and Saturdays for your convenience. Pre-school dancers, age 2 years are enrolled into our creative dance program. Dancers 3 years and up can enroll in any of the many forms of dance. Classes vary from 30 minutes a class to 1-hour classes. Students have the option to perform one routine per discipline at The Dance Shoppe's year end recital.

## **Part Time and Full Time Competitive Program**

Our competitive program is designed for dancers who wish to pursue an advanced level of training. The program is divided into teams. The dancers are placed on a team according to technique, level, and age. Competitive dancers represent the studio at different competitions though out the year, as well as at many community events and all Dance Shoppe functions. Competitive dancers strive to achieve their goals, build confidence, and conduct themselves in a sportsman like manner at all times. Contact the studio today to book your competitive assessment.

## **Year End Recital**

The Dance Shoppe is proud to present the year end dance recital on the second weekend in June. This is a production put together of all the dance programs offered at the studio. The dancers present their showcase of hard work and fun in a professional environment, with professional staging, lights and sound. We invite family, friends and the general public to attend this wonderful event. The recital is optional for our dancers, but it is an up-lifting experience that will provide them with memories for a lifetime. Each student is fitted for a costume, ordered especially for your dancer.

## **Dance Examinations**

Many of The Dance Shoppe dancers are offered to take their exams in one or more disciplines. Examinations give your dancer the opportunity to present what they have achieved and be awarded a mark and certificate. Exam students must attend the minimum class requirements in order to be considered for exam classes.

Each exam carries an additional class and fees.

## **Newsletters and Updates**

Newsletters are emailed monthly and as required. It is your responsibility to read these. There are always extra copies of the newsletter at the front desk, posted on the bulletin board, and on our website.

**Tuition:** **CLASSES** run from the second week of September to the first weekend in June.

**Please note:** *Our program is approximately 38 weeks.*

<b><u>Length of Class</u></b>	<b><u>PAID In Full</u></b>	<b><u>10 Installments</u></b>
30-minute class	\$443.41 plus HST	\$44.34 plus HST
45-minute class	\$502.89 plus HST	\$50.28 plus HST
60-minute class	\$562.38 plus HST	\$56.23 plus HST

**Registration Fee:** \*\*A non-refundable one-time registration fee to be paid at registration.

\$25.00 + HST per student

\$40.00 + HST per family

**Discounts:** Discounts will be automatically applied as follows:

10% off 3<sup>rd</sup> class per student

15% off 4<sup>th</sup> class per student

20% off 5<sup>th</sup> class or more per student

### **Payment Plan: 10 Payments/ Installments - Visa / MasterCard**

Pre-Authorized payment. Tuition Fee to be paid in ten (10) equal payments/installments. You must provide either Visa or MC. **The 1<sup>st</sup> payment is due at registration.** Monthly payments will be automatically deducted from your account, on the 1<sup>st</sup> of each subsequent month starting October 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Any outstanding balances will be automatically deducted from your account on July 1, 2022.

## **Cancellation policy:**

### **Cancelling within 30 days of registration or within your first 30 days of classes:**

Within 30 days after your registration date and or first 30 days of classes, a refund of the tuition balance only will be made, or future payments will be suspended. Your cancellation request must be **received in writing (email)** within 30 days of your first class.

### **Cancelling after your first 30 days of classes:**

A cancellation fee of \$40+HST will be charged, and the remaining balance will be refunded, or payments suspended.

### **Cancelling by TDS:**

Should the need arise for the studio to ask a parent to withdraw a dancer; a refund of the tuition balance only will be made and or the monthly installments discontinued.

**If The Dance Shoppe is unable to begin classes on Monday September 13<sup>th</sup>, 2021 due to the Covid-19 crisis, programs will be moved to an online (ZOOM) format. If this occurs, customers will be entitled to a full refund of their tuition if they so choose. An email will be sent from the studio advising everyone should this occur.**

Should The Dance Shoppe be forced to close due to municipal/provincial/federal guidelines at a later date, classes will be moved to our online format. The following will also be applied:

A) TDS will firstly attempt to make up any missed classes. All tuition fees will still be applied in this case.

B) Should TDS not be able to makeup missed classes, a credit may be applied to the dancers account to reflect the amount of tuition for the classes missed. Monthly payments for tuition will be suspended.

C) All other fees are non-refundable and will be evaluated case by case for the possibility of a credit. This includes but is not limited to costume deposits, birthday party deposits, competitive entry fees etc. These credits are largely dependent on our suppliers.

# Dance Programs Offered

**Creative Dance: Age 2 years** - Based on technique from the BATD, DMA, PAEC and CDTA syllabi, dancers are working on controlled movements which combine gymnastics with Ballet and Creative Movement. The focus is on building strength, flexibility and alignment through dance technique along with working gross motor skills.

**Acro: Age 3 and up** - Based on technique from the BATD, DMA, PAEC and CDTA syllabi, dancers are working on controlled movements which combine gymnastics and jazz. Dancers will practice strength and stability through conditioning, walkovers, balances and more.

**Ballet: Age 3 years and up** - Based on technique from the RAD syllabus, dancers are taught classical elements along with character and free movement work. Focus is on building strength, flexibility, and alignment through ballet technique. Dancers will participate in both bar and floor work.

**Hip Hop: Age 3 years and up** - Based on street style dance and choreographed to contemporary music using styles like hip hop, funk and free-style. This type of dancing is seen in music videos.

**Jazz: Age 3 years and up** - Based on jazz technique from the BATD, DMA, PAEC and CDTA syllabi, dancers are working to achieve various jumps, turns as well as increase their flexibility.

**Musical Theatre: Age 7 years and up** - Based on the portrayal of a character through lip syncing, this form of dance incorporates elements of jazz technique along with drama.

**Tap: Age 3 years and up** - Based on tap technique from the BATD, DMA, PAEC and CDTA syllabi, dancers are working progressively with different rhythmical elements, in conjunction with different steps to build a vocabulary of movement

**Contemporary: Age 10 and up** - Based on a combination of techniques including Jazz, Ballet and Modern. Dancers are working to portray a character or tell a story through their movement and expression.

**Dance Attire:** *No jewelry, no jeans or non stretch attire, and competitive performance shoes and tights will be posted later.*

- **Creative Dance:** Any style dancewear and or shorts & t-shirts will be permitted. Hair pulled back off the face in a ponytail. Bare legs and bare feet are appropriate for this class.
- **Ballet: Age 3 and 4** - A solid color body suit, (black, blue, or pink). Pink ballet tights or bare legs with ankle socks can be worn. Hair is to be in a bun (if possible) or pulled back off the face in a ponytail. Pink Ballet shoes are to be worn. A Ballet wrap skirt is optional.
- **Ballet: Age 5 and 6** - Lilac Mondor Bodysuit #1635 bodysuit, with pink ballet tights (Mondor style #345, #310, #314, #316, #319) or pink ankle socks Mondor #167. Hair must be in a proper bun, with hair net and bobby pins. Pink Ballet shoes are to be worn. Wrap over skirt - colour to match leotard; Mondor style #16100.
- **Ballet: Age 7 - 12** - Purple Mondor #3546 bodysuit with pink tight pink. Hair must be in a proper bun, with hair net and bobby pins. Pink soft ballet shoes in satin, canvas, or leather, with pink elastic.
- **Ballet Boys & Graded RAD Ballet Boys**- A solid white T- shirt, black bike pants or leggings, black or white ballet shoes with black or white socks.
- **Graded RAD Ballet Girls: Pre-Primary & Primary** - Lilac Mondor Bodysuit #1635 bodysuit, with pink ballet tights (Mondor style #345, #310, #314, #316, #319) or pink ankle socks Mondor #167. Hair must be in a proper bun, with hair net and bobby pins. Pink Ballet shoes are to be worn. Wrap over skirt - colour to match leotard; Mondor style #16100.
- **Graded RAD Ballet Girls: Grades 1 to 5** - Purple Mondor #3546 bodysuit with pink tight pink (Mondor style #345, #310, #314, #316, #319). Hair must be in a proper bun, with hair net and bobby pins. Pink soft ballet shoes in satin, canvas, or leather, with pink elastic. Character skirts and Character shoes will be required for graded Ballet classes only.
- **Vocational Ballet Girls:** - Any style Sleeveless leotard - black, Waistband (optional) - 2 cm elastic, the same colour as leotard, Tights: pink (Mondor style #345, #310, #314, #316, #319), Soft pointe shoes or soft ballet shoes - pink with ribbons. Pointe shoes (pointe work section) - pink with ribbons
- **Acro:** Any style dancewear will be permitted but must be suitable for dancing. Hair is to be ponytail or bun. Bare feet are required.
- **Tap:** Any style dancewear will be permitted but must be suitable for dancing. Hair is to be ponytail or bun. Tap Shoes are required. *Black Tap Shoes for all recreational tap recital dances.*
- **Hip Hop:** Any style athletic wear is permitted but must be suitable for dancing. Hair is to be in a ponytail. Dancers are to wear, clean running shoes. *Black running shoes for all recreational Hip Hop recital dances.*
- **Jazz:** Any style dancewear will be permitted but must be suitable for dancing. Hair is to be in a ponytail or bun. **Shoes:**
  - **Age 3 to 6** – bare feet.
  - **Age 7+** - a jazz shoe. *Black jazz shoes for all recreational jazz recital dances 7 +*
- **Musical Theater:** Any style dancewear will be permitted but must be suitable for dancing. Hair is to be in a ponytail or bun. Jazz shoes are required. *Black jazz shoes for all recreational MT recital dances.*
- **Contemporary:** any style dancewear will be permitted but must be suitable for dancing. Hair is to be in a ponytail or bun. - bare feet

# *Dates to Remember 2021/2022*

Subject to change! See: [www.thedanceshoppe.com](http://www.thedanceshoppe.com)

Classes Begin	Week of Monday September 13th
Thanksgiving Monday	Studio Closed Monday October 11th
Halloween	Studio Open Sunday October 31 <sup>st</sup>
Christmas Break	Studio Closed: Monday December 20 <sup>th</sup> to Sunday January 2 <sup>nd</sup> Classes Resume: Monday January 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2022
Family Day	Studio Closed Monday February 21st
March Break	Studio Closed March 14 <sup>th</sup> –20 <sup>th</sup>
Good Friday	Studio Closed Friday April 15 <sup>th</sup>
Easter Saturday	Studio Open Saturday April 16 <sup>th</sup>
Easter Sunday	Studio Closed Sunday April 17 <sup>th</sup>
Easter Monday	Studio Open Monday April 18 <sup>th</sup>
Victoria Day	Studio Closed Monday May 23 <sup>rd</sup>
Picture Day & Dress Rehearsal At the Studio	Sunday June 3 <sup>rd</sup>
End of the year Recital The Milton Theatre for the Arts	Friday, Saturday & Sunday June 17th to 19th

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