



DERBY DANCE COMPANY



Newsletter

June 2026

Start unknown, finish unforgettable - Misty Copeland

IMPORTANT DATES

June 1 - 1st day of summer classes

June 4 - Competition team parent info meeting - 6pm

June 23-27 - Dance Nationals in Hot Springs, Arkansas

June 29-July 4 - STUDIO CLOSED FOR SUMMER BREAK

July 6 - Classes resume

July 18 - Competition team 26-27 Auditions



DANCERS OF THE MONTH

These amazing dancers stood out in May

Karagan Ricklefs - She's been working so hard lately. She always has a great attitude and listens in class - Miss Molly

Brynn Sharma - She has been really focusing and drawing my eye in a positive way. She smiles while performing routines in practice. She makes the classes fun for the girls - Miss Bethany

Blakely Reed - She always listens and is never off task. She is kind to everyone else and she's very respectful. She tries hard and puts in a lot of effort - Miss Lucy

Cami Green - Cami is always enthusiastic and excited to learn! She has been working hard and showing so much improvement - Miss Donnette

SUMMER CLASSES

Enrollment is currently open for the summer. The summer session will run June 1-August 31st. We have something for everyone from 2 years of age and up, any skill level. We'd love to dance with you this summer!

PRIVATE LESSONS

Wanting to bring your dance to the next level? DDC will be offering private lessons in June and July. Lessons in ballet, jazz, lyrical, tap and music theatre will be offered. You can book private lessons in 30 minute increments. You can sign up for lessons through your parent portals!

GUEST INSTRUCTOR SPOTLIGHT

RILEY WHITE



Riley White is a student at Oklahoma City University's Ann Lacy School of American Dance and Entertainment, where she is pursuing a Bachelor of Science in Dance Management. She has trained in a variety of dance styles, including jazz, ballet, lyrical, and musical theatre, since the age of five. Riley is excited to support the studio and share her love of teaching with the dancers at Derby Dance Company.

DANCE HAS NO "OFF SEASON"

Dance Students: Think of summer like the "maintenance (and maybe glow-up) season" for your dancing. Dance isn't really a seasonal sport—you don't just hit pause and come back in the fall exactly where you left off—and that's totally normal.

If you take the whole summer off (or only pop into a class here and there), plan on spending the beginning of fall rebuilding—strength, stamina, placement, flexibility, and focus can slip more quickly than you'd think. A good rule of thumb: you might feel like you've lost about half of what you worked so hard for during the year.

If you want a big jump forward, consider a summer intensive plus steady classes when you're home—or stay home and commit to a full class schedule at your studio. That combination is where the magic happens.

What you choose now can affect your fall placement and your long-term progress. Everyone's dance goals are different—so the key is simply making sure your summer choices line up with the dancer you want to be.

If dance is your hobby: amazing. Enjoy it! Hobbies are meant to bring joy, and it's completely okay to take longer breaks.

If you're aiming for a dance career: definitely take a week or two to rest and recharge (your body will thank you). Just know that taking much longer can make the comeback tougher. Either way, you're in charge—choose what supports your goals, and then enjoy your summer with confidence.

