

DANCE FOR JOY

An Affiliate of the ARTifice Foundation



September 2025

BRING A FRIEND WEEK

We are having a BRING A FRIEND TO DANCE WEEK September 29 – October 2nd! In class next week, your dancer will receive ONE (1) invitation to give to a friend. The friend needs to bring this invitation with them signed by their parent/guardian giving them permission to try the class. If your friend enrolls in a DFJ class, you will get 10% off NOVEMBER tuition! This discount does not apply if you are on scholarship. If you would like to bring multiple friends, please check with Ms Amy first for class size. Only one discount is permitted per family. Ask your dancer who they would like to invite! We will have so much fun!

Studio Phone

Need to reach Ms. Amy? Our Studio phone has the ability to call or text! 770-370-9192

COSTUME FEE

For dancers in Primary 1 and 2 Ballet and Tap, Ballet Joy, and any adults who would like to participate in the recital, a costume fee will be charged to your account in November. This fee is not covered by scholarships nor is eligible for a discount and is due by December 1st. This costume rental fee will cover the rental of a recital costume as well as pair of recital tights for the dancer to have for picture day and recital in May!

There is no costume fee for Mommy & Me, Tiny Tutus, or Tap for All classes.

*2025/26 Season Scripture:
Psalm 149:3
Let them praise His name with dancing*

IMPORTANT DATES

September 29 – October 2:
BRING A FRIEND WEEK

October 13-16:
Closed – Fall break

November 18 – 30:
Closed – Thanksgiving
break

December 15 – 18:
FAMILY WATCH DAY

December 22 – January 4:
Closed – Christmas Break

January 5:
Classes Resume

The Story of Dance for Joy

On April 1, 1996, the dance studio that I grew up in and cherished announced they were closing. It was called Dance for Joy. I promised myself that one day, I would re-open it. I would give children and adults a safe space to study classical ballet. The vision may have shifted a bit since then but the heart is still there.

When my family relocated to Gainesville in July 2023, I looked for a studio where I could teach that aligned with my values as a believer, a Cecchetti trained teacher, and a mom. I could not find anything within an hour's drive, so after prayer and talks with my husband, we decided to launch The Artifice Foundation.

The Artifice Foundation is an umbrella organization that seeks to provide Christian artists with a safe place to receive quality classical instruction to grow in their artform. We started with dance, as that is the closest artform to my heart, but soon to follow will be drama, music, and visual arts. In a world where many Christian artists have to choose between their convictions and quality training, we feel there should be a place where Christians do not have to choose.

Dance for Joy is our first program to launch in the community. We want dancers of ALL abilities and ages to have access to quality dance training including classical ballet, tap, modern, and ballroom. In addition, we are the only studio in north Georgia to offer Tap for All, which is an inclusive seated hand tap class geared to seniors and persons with special needs.

In loving memory

Joyce H. Scott

Founder of Dance for Joy, Atlanta, GA

July 4, 1941 – June 8, 2025

