

DANCE FOR JOY

An Affiliate of the ARTifice Foundation



September 2026

BRING A FRIEND WEEK

We are having a BRING A FRIEND TO DANCE WEEK THIS WEEK! If your friend enrolls in a DFJ class, you will get 10% off October 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. Thank you for sharing your love of dance with your friends!

Studio Phone

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

Scripture Memory Challenge

Don't forget to encourage your dancer to memorize our Scripture memory verse this month! All the verses are in the August newsletter. Each month's newsletter will have the month's verse on the front page – see below!

Dancers can recite their verse to the Lobby Volunteer. They should include the reference as well as the verse. Any translation is fine! They will get a sticker for each verse memorized. Students who memorize and recital all 10 verses will be acknowledged at the end of the year recital!

September

John 1:1 – In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

IMPORTANT

DATES

September 7
Labor Day – No Class

October 12 – 15
Fall Break – No Class

October 26 – 30
Bring a Stuffy To
Dance Week

November 15
Costume Fee Due for
Recital Classes

November 24 – Dec 4
Thanksgiving Break –
No Class

December 7 – 11
Christmas Theme
Week

December 14 – 17
Studio Parent Watch
Week

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.

Dancer's Corner

Each month, we will highlight something our Tiny Tutus and Primary classes are learning!

Tiny Tutus –

We are learning to run in a circle in a single line, instead of as a clump!

Primary 1 –

We are transitioning from a Tiny Tutus class to a “big girl ballet” class!

Primary 2 –

We are learning to keep our heels down when we plie, to grow taller through our spine, and to stretch our knees on tendus!

Primary 3 –

We are focusing on turnout, learning how to polka and balance.

Looking Ahead!

Coming up in November –

For dancers in Primary 1,2, and 3 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 on November 1st. This fee is not covered by scholarships nor is eligible for a discount and is due by November 15th. 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 our recital in May!

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