

Dance for Joy

An affiliate of the ARTifice Foundation

February 2025

Welcome!

We are so pleased to have you join us for our inaugural dance session at Dance for Joy!

Please give our newsletter a quick read through for important dates and information!

Akada Software and Billing:

We are all adjusting to our student portal through AKADA software. They do have a free APP you can download to your device and access your student portal account at any time. Look for AKADA DANCE SOFTWARE in your app store. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email Ms. Amy at amy@danceforjoyga.org.

If you signed up for **reoccurring billing**, that will begin March, 2025. Please email Ms. Amy to confirm you would like your card to be charged automatically at the beginning of the month for tuition.

Spring 2025 verse:

Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness. – Lamentations 3:22-23



Important Dates

February

Feb 17: we DO have class on President's Day

March

Summer classes announced!

Summer registration begins!

April

April 7 – 11: Spring Break – no classes

May

May 19 – Last Monday class of Spring session

May 22 – Last Thursday class of Spring session

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 adults with disabilities.

Looking Ahead

Summer 2025 is just around the corner! Classes will be offered in 2 one-month session options:

Summer Session 1: June 2 – 26

Summer Session 2: July 7 – 31

Each summer session will have 4 classes. Monthly tuition fees will not change! Specific class times and offerings will be announced in March. Mark your calendars now for our summer session! Summer registration will open in March!

Important Links

Classical Training
Christian Character

Website: www.danceforjoyga.org

Email: amy@danceforjoyga.org

Student Portal Link:
<https://portal.akadadance.com/auth?schoolId=5822>