

2023-2024

# STUDIO GUIDE

*All About* **Dance**  
*by Kristen*

3038 Graham Rd. Stow, Ohio 44224

# All About Dance

by Kristen

## Welcome

Welcome to All About Dance! by Kristen! We are very excited to be setting off into our 31st season and to have you as a part of our dance family!

## What to expect

Enclosed you will find our studio values, tuition & fees, class information, policies, programs, events and MORE!



## Here for you

Below you will find our contact information. Please feel free to reach out to our office anytime!

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## Our Mission

Excellence in educating dancers, empowering the individual and elevating well-being.

## WE ARE PASSIONATE

It is our objective to inspire a passion for the art of dance in every child who passes through our doors.

## WE ARE COMMITTED

We pride ourselves on providing not only a strong technical education to all dancers, but an environment in which each student will feel achievement and realize their own fullest potential at their own pace.

## WE LOVE AND EMBRACE

The fact that we can provide every student with the opportunity to become a STAR each year during our end of the year recital is something we cherish.

## WE PROMISE

We dedicate ourselves to always give our ultimate best self to our dancers and value all accomplishments, both tall and small, in every student we teach.

Our Values



# Kristen Messner

## Owner, Artistic Director & Instructor

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Hi there, I'm Kristen. Owner of All About Dance! By Kristen here in Stow.

After 40 years of teaching dance to children and adults (31 years right here in Stow), I've learned something incredibly important. When you empower people with movement, you teach them so much more than how to move their body in beautiful ways.

Tenacity, confidence, friendship, perseverance, and professionalism are all life lessons that walk out of the studio hand-in-hand with our students.

I believe that your child deserves to be taught these lessons – and what better way than right here on the dance floor!

**“Teaching kids to count is fine,  
but teaching kids what counts is best.”  
- Bob Talbert**

I believe so strongly in this quote because I get to see it in action. Year after year, students come through our doors and we get the unique opportunity to teach them lasting life lessons through dance.

Thank you for choosing All About Dance! by Kristen as your dance home!

# MEET OUR

# Team.....



**TIARA BROWN**

Enrollment Coordinator

*Tiara is excited to keep all new families feeling welcomed and well-informed!*



**JAIME BAUGHMAN**

Director of Early Childhood Program

*Jaime has been a part of AADbK for 20+ years! She works hard to keep the kinder curriculum fun and exciting!*



**MANDY ELROD**

Director of Acro-Gymnastics Program

*Mandy has been a part of AADbK for 15+ years! She keeps all the acro teachers and classes flipping to the same beat!*



**GINNIANN HUFFMAN**

Competition Coordinator

*Ginniann has been training tappers at AADbK for 20+ years. She teaches our Intensive teams as well and is thrilled to get those feet making some noise!*



**AUTUMN KESSLER**

Director of First Impressions

*Autumn is excited to make her #1 responsibility building a fierce loyalty among all dance families at AADbK.*



**LORI MESSNER**

Office Manager

*Over 20+ years of giving extraordinary customer service with true AADbbK loyalty to every, single dance family who walks through our doors. You need anything at all...see Lori!*



**CHERYL RAUSCHENBERGER**

Performance Imagineer

*Cheryl has been a huge part of AADbK for 15+ years! She brings her imagination and expertise to help create our one of a kind recitals!*



**DANIELLE WISNIOWSKI**

Director of Marketing

*Danielle is in her 30th season with AADbK! She can assure you will always know what is going at the studio and keep you excited and wanting more!*

# MEET OUR

# Team.....



**CHLOE BROOKER**

Instructor

*Chloe is a recent AADbK alumni teaching her own classes this year. She is eager to share her love for dance with her students!*



**HALEY CORLEY**

Instructor

*Haley teaches a variety of subjects as well as our Intensive teams. She is also guiding our student assistants as their liason this year!*



**GLORIA GASSER**

Piano Instructor

*Gloria has been with AADbK for 15+ years and can help any student learn how to play the piano!*



**LANEY HANDSCHUMACHER**

Instructor

*Being a part of AADbK since she was 3, Laney now teachers her own classes as well as our Intensive teams. She can't wait to spread her passion!*



**MARY BETH HANDSCHUMACHER**

Instructor

*Mary Beth looks forward to connecting with each of her students as they learn and grow!*



**MCGEE HUFFMAN**

Instructor

*As an alumni herself, McGee is confident in training our dancers to their fullest potential! She is also part of our Intensive team staff.*



**KASEY JONES**

Instructor

*Kasey is an alumni of AADbK who is ambitious in giving her students a positive dance experience!*



**LIENEKE MATTE**

Instructor

*Lieneke teaches ballet and pointe and is focused on bringing our students the best possible ballet technique to further them in all other subjects!*



**SARAH MAZZARELLA**

Instructor

*Sarah has spent 20+ as part of the AADbK family and can't wait to build strong beginner skills in all of our students!*



**JORDYN SANCHEZ**

Instructing Assistant

*Growing up at AADbK since she was 3, Jordyn is committed to supporting the Instructors in giving our dancers the best environment to learn in!*



**GABI SPIGELMIRE**

Instructor

*Gabi is thrilled to continue to help our dancers to develop a love and appreciation for dance! She is also one of our amazing Intensive team instructors!*



**MAEGAN WILES**

Instructor

*Maegan, an alumni of AADbK is motivated to make her classes magical, positive and full of energy!*

# 2023-2024 Studio Overview

## Snapshot!

### CLASSES

- 10 month commitment (September-June)
- Registrations accepted all year
- Each class meets 1x per week
- Deadline to be in our recital is February 1st
- Monthly tuition is due on the 15th of the month prior.

### DRESS CODE

Complete dress code can be found online:  
<https://www.allaboutdancebykristen.com/dress-code>

### RECITAL

All classes (except for 6 week sessions, competition classes & tech and skills) will perform in our annual recital held in June.

### FEES & PRICING

Registration fee: \$35/dancer

Monthly Tuition

- 30 Minute Class: \$48
- 45 Minute Class: \$69
- 60 Minute Class: \$75
- 75 Minute Class: \$82
- 6 Weeks Class: \$130/session

Costume Deposit \$75/recital routine

### EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

AGES 18 MO.-7 YEARS

- 18 MO-3 YEARS Me & My Shadow
- 3-5 YEARS Kinder Classes
- 5-6 YEARS. Tot Classes

### LEVELED PROGRAM

AGES 7+

Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Acro, Hip Hop, Lyrical, Contemporary, Pointe & more!

### TEEN PROGRAM

AGES 12+

Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop

### ADULT PROGRAM

AGES 18+

Tap & Jazz



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# Tuition & Fees

All About Dance! by Kristen is proud to offer an online solution for customers to access all of their account information in one place. The Parent Portal allows families to conveniently register for classes, obtain transaction records, track attendance, make payments, and more. The parent portal can be accessed at: [www.allaboutdancebykristen.com](http://www.allaboutdancebykristen.com) and also our AADbK App.

## MEMBERSHIP FEE:

Upon fall registration, a fee of \$35 per dancer, \$60 for two dancers or \$75 for three dancers is due. Membership fees are non-refundable.

## TUITION:

Tuition is a yearly fee divided into 10 equal installments, September through June. Tuition fees are posted to accounts on the 15th of the month prior. Monthly tuition payments are automatically processed to a credit card on file on the first of the month. Tuition is nonrefundable.

### Multi-Class Discount:

- 1st class- Regular Price
- 2nd class- \$2.00 off
- 3rd class- \$4.00 off

### Unlimited Classes:

- \$399/dancer
- \$199.50 for each additional sibling

### Private Lessons (30 min)

- Solo- \$38
- Duet- \$33 Per Dancer
- Trio- \$28 Per Dancer

## AUTO-PAYMENT:

Visit our website at [www.allaboutdancebykristen.com](http://www.allaboutdancebykristen.com) and set up your Parent Portal including your credit card information and choose ePayment. Tuition fees only (no others) will be assessed the 1st of every month automatically.

TUITION PRICES	
CLASS LENGTH	PRICE
30 MINUTES	\$48
45 MINUTES	\$69
60 MINUTES	\$75
75 MINUTES	\$82
6 WEEK SESSION	\$130

## LATE FEE:

Tuition for each month is due on the 15th of the month (through the last day) of the month prior. All payments made on or after the 1st of the month will be assessed a \$15 late fee.

## COSTUME DEPOSIT:

There will be a \$75.00 recital costume deposit per recital routine.

### Important Dates

- November 1st- "Not In Show" notes due
- November 3rd- Costume deposits posted to accounts
- November 17th- Costume deposits processed

## RECITAL FEE:

Each family participating in the recital will have a recital fee of \$25.00 processed on their account February 1st. Recital fees are eligible for a discount simply by volunteering one night of our dance recital.





# Class Selection Roadmap

## EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

AGES 18 MONTHS - 7 YEARS

<p>AGES 18 MO-3</p> <p>↓</p> <p>AGES 3-4</p> <p>↓</p> <p>AGES 5-6</p>	<p><b>Me &amp; My Shadow</b> 6 Week Session/\$130</p>				
	<p><b>Kindercise</b> 6 Week Session/\$130</p>	<p><b>Kinder Acro</b> 30 min/\$48</p>	<p><b>Kinder Ballet</b> 30 min/\$48</p>	<p><b>Kinder Jazz</b> 30 min/\$48</p>	<p><b>Kinder Tap</b> 30 min/\$48</p>
	<p><b>Tumble Tots Acro</b> 45 min/\$69</p>	<p><b>On Your Toes Tot Ballet</b> 45 min/\$69</p>	<p><b>Tot Bop Jazz</b> 45 min/\$69</p>	<p><b>Tappin' Tots</b> 45 min/\$69</p>	<p><b>Tot Hop Hip Hop</b> 45 min/\$69</p>

The following classes require pre-requisites: Hip Hop (taken with jazz), Lyrical (taken with ballet), Contemporary (taken with jazz & ballet), Tech & Skills (taken with jazz), Junior-Advanced Acro (taken with 1-2 other classes), Pointe (taken with Cecchetti)

## LEVELED PROGRAM

AGES 7+

<p><b>BEGINNER</b> (Levels I-II-III) AGES 7-9</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>JUNIOR</b> (Levels I-II-III) AGES 9-12</p> <p>↓</p> <p><b>INT/ADV</b> (Levels I-II-III) Ages 12-18</p>	<p><b>Acro</b> 45 min/ \$69</p>	<p><b>Ballet</b> 45 min/ \$69</p>	<p><b>Jazz</b> 45 min/ \$69</p>	<p><b>Tap</b> 45 min/ \$69</p>	<p><b>Hip Hop</b> 45 min/ \$69</p>	<p><b>Lyrical</b> 45 min/ \$69</p>	<p><b>Tech &amp; Skills</b> 60 min/ \$75</p>		
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	<p><b>Acro</b> 60-75 min/ \$75-82</p>	<p><b>Ballet</b> 60-75 min/ \$75-82</p>	<p><b>Jazz</b> 60-75 min/ \$75-82</p>	<p><b>Tap</b> 60-75 min/ \$75-82</p>	<p><b>Hip Hop</b> 60 min/ \$75</p>	<p><b>Lyrical</b> 60 min/ \$75</p>	<p><b>Contemporary</b> 60 min/ \$75</p>	<p><b>Pointe</b> 45 min/ \$75</p>	<p><b>Tech &amp; Skills</b> 60 min/ \$75</p>

# Class Selection Roadmap

## TEEN & ADULT PROGRAM

AGES 13+

AGES 12+ ▼ AGES 18+	<b>Ballet</b> 60 min/\$75	<b>Jazz</b> 60 min/\$75	<b>Hip Hop</b> 60 min/\$75	<b>Tech &amp; Skills</b> 60 min/\$75
	<b>Tap</b> 6 Week Session/\$130	<b>Jazz</b> 6 Week Session/\$130		

## Specialty Classes

We offer 6 week specialty classes throughout the dance season such as Back handspring clinics, Youth Cheer camps, Fairy Princess camps, and more!



# Studio Policies

*We are grateful for the opportunity to work with your children! Please familiarize yourself with the studio policies that help out studio run safely and efficiently.*

## **DRESS CODE**

At All About Dance! by Kristen, we believe that abiding by a dress code gives students a sense of belonging to our family as well as creating an identity for our studio in the greater community. Complete and updated dress code can be found online at <https://www.allaboutdancebykristen.com/dress-code>



## **CLASS ATTENDANCE**

If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent due to holidays/vacations, commitments, or school trips, please let us know or log into your customer portal to report absences. Make-up class are available.

## **OBSERVATION OF CLASSES**

Parents are invited and encouraged to observe their child's progress during the scheduled Observation Weeks. This is a fun way for your child to show what they are learning in class and see what the classroom experience is like! Two visitors per family may attend. This year our first observation week will be for our Holly Jolly Follies week- December 13th-19th.

## **INCLEMENT OF WEATHER**

If the weather is questionable please expect an e-mail confirming any studio closures. Updates will also be posted to our social media. Closings will be announced on WKYC-TV 3 I-Alert, WEWS-TV5 or any of their affiliates. When classes are cancelled, make-up class options will be e-mailed out.

## **DROPPING A CLASS/WITHDRAWING**

If the decision is made to discontinue your child's lessons, the studio must be notified immediately. Tuition will continue to be charged until the student has officially dropped the class and notified the office.

# Student Assistant & Apprenticeship Program



Student Assistants (ages 12+) and Apprentices (ages 11+) have an opportunity to assist the teachers in the classroom. Our student assistant program allows them to help with classroom organization, demonstrate technique, and assist teachers where needed. Our student assistants are held to high standards of dance training. They must display good character, exemplary conduct, have a positive attitude, and carry good grades in school. We are accepting applications for both apprentices and future student assistants all throughout the year!

## Delegates of Dance



### PERFORMANCE COMPANY

Be a part of our high-energy Delegates of Dance Performance team! Our Delegates perform at many venues throughout the Akron and Cleveland area and usually travel out of state to perform at venues like Walt Disney World every two years. They assist at fun studio events and work together to develop community service projects. Registration for the Delegates of Dance begin in May each year.

## Intensive Team

### AWARD WINNING COMPETITIVE DANCE PROGRAM

Challenge yourself to reach new heights in an encouraging environment that focuses on being the best dancer you can be. Be a part of our award-winning Competition Team! We offer a variety of competition dance groups including solos, duos, or trios. Our competition teams kick off the season with their very own Winter Gala Show and continue to perform throughout the year, attending competition's, conventions, workshops, and more! Auditions for the AADbK Competition Team are held in May each year.



# Studio Events

AADbK offers many events throughout the year for families and students to grow connections within the studio and community! Some of our favorites include:

Jammin' in Our Jammies (Good Works Project for Stow Bulldog Bags), Holly Jolly Follies, Wreaths Across America, Gratitude for Grandparents Week and Doggy Dancer Day (Akron Humane Society).



# Solo Spotlight Showcase



AADbK is proud to announce our first showcase of solo dancers! Our "Solo Spotlight" Showcase will be a performance opportunity for all dancers ages 6+!

The solo experience has proven to excel major growth in personal confidence and self-belief and will give dancers an amazing opportunity to work with our fab team of instructors one on one! More Info to come but **SAVE THE DATE: Friday, May 3rd at Cuyahoga Falls HS Little Auditorium!**

# Annual Recital

**OUR PROFESSIONAL BROADWAY  
STYLE PRODUCTION!**

So much more than a recital, our year-end dance productions are sure to teach your child confidence and pride for all their hard work. Each year, we produce an original dance production of the highest professional caliber both onstage and "behind" the scenes on the stage.

**THE BEST WEEK OF OUR LIVES!**

All About Dance! by Kristen's annual recital will take place Friday, June 7th and Saturday, June 8th, 2024 at Cuyahoga Falls High School. Mandatory rehearsals begin June 1st-June 6th (schedule will be out later in the season).



*Should you choose to sit the recital out, "not in show" notes are due by November 1st.*

# *All About Dance* by Kristen

*"AADBK is everything we didn't know we needed for our girls! The smiles leaving every class are worth every penny! The entire staff is so helpful and energetic. You can tell they pour themselves into their jobs! Recital season is incredibly organized and it shows! There are so many wonderful things to be said about AADBK and the few I've mentioned are just a start!"*

*-Abby McLain*

