



## **Harkness Dance Center Guidelines and Calendar**

### ***CELEBRATING OVER 75 YEARS OF DANCE!***

Since 1935, the 92Y Harkness Dance Center has been dedicated to promoting the art of dance. We are committed to the creation, rehearsal and performance of new choreography and to providing classes for students of all ages and levels.

Our children's programs foster the creativity and talent of our dancers while providing a positive experience for their physical, technical and emotional growth. Our instructors are professional dancers, choreographers and teachers. They are experts in their genres and supportive role models for our young dancers.

At the Harkness Dance Center, your child will learn the skills and technique to further their artistic development. More importantly, she or he will be encouraged to love dance and find joy in creative movement.

Here are some tips and guidelines you'll need review before your child's first day at the Harkness Dance Center!

Things to do before the first day:

- An open house will be held the first Sunday before the start of the new semester. The open house is an opportunity for prospective students to tour the facilities and sample demo classes.
- Register for classes at [92Y.org/Dance](http://92Y.org/Dance), over the phone at 212-415-5500 or in person at the 92Y box office located at 1395 Lexington Avenue, New York, NY.
- Upon registration, all students should receive a registration confirmation letter, health & safety form, dress code and calendar.
- Make sure you have submitted up-to-date emergency contact information on the health and safety form for your child.
- Please read and be prepared with the clothing items in the dress code which apply to your child's class(es).
- Be sure you have read the semester calendar and are aware of days on which we do not hold class.

## **Dress Code\***

### **Please note:**

No patterned leotards or tutus are permitted  
Students work barefoot unless otherwise noted  
Ballet slippers must have elastics sewn on across the instep  
Female ballet students should wear their hair in a bun  
Please write your child's name in all dance shoes

### **BALLET I**

**Girls:** pink leotard, Revolution pink tights, Revolution pink ballet slippers  
**Boys:** fitted white t-shirt, Revolution black tights, Revolution black slippers

### **BALLET II & III**

**Girls:** black leotard, Revolution pink tights, Revolution pink ballet slippers  
**Boys:** fitted white t-shirt, Revolution black tights, Revolution black slippers

### **BALLET A**

**Girls:** royal blue leotard (short sleeve), pink tights, pink ballet slippers  
**Boys:** fitted white t-shirt, black tights and black slippers

### **BALLET B**

**Girls:** red leotard (camisole), pink tights, pink ballet slippers  
**Boys:** fitted white t-shirt, black tights and black slippers

### **BALLET C**

**Girls:** navy blue leotard (camisole) , pink tights, pink ballet slippers  
**Boys:** fitted white t-shirt, black tights and black slippers

### **BALLET D AND BALLET FOR TEENS**

**Girls:** black leotard, pink tights, pink ballet slippers  
**Boys:** fitted white t-shirt, black tights and black slippers

### **TAP I & CREATIVE BROADWAY KIDS**

**Girls:** Revolution black leotard (short sleeve), Revolution black leggings, tights or jazz pants,  
Revolution tap shoes  
**Boys:** white t-shirt, Revolution black jazz pants or shorts, Revolution tap shoes

### **HARKNESS REPERTORY ENSEMBLE**

To be announced by teacher

### **HIP-HOP & BREAKDANCING**

**Girls and boys:** solid t-shirt or tank top, comfortable dance pants or sweat pants, dance sneakers or clean athletic sneakers, spin cap

### **ISADORA FOR CHILDREN™**

**Girls:** sleeveless pastel leotard with flowing skirt, or silk tunic

**Boys:** fitted solid-colored t-shirt, shorts

Students will receive further instructions in the first class

### **JAZZ & JR. PERFORMANCE TEAM**

**Girls:** black leotard and black jazz pants, rubber-soled black jazz shoes or jazz sneakers

**Boys:** solid-colored t-shirt, black jazz pants, rubber-soled black jazz shoes or jazz sneakers

### **MODERN I & II**

**Girls:** Revolution black leotard (short sleeve), Revolution black footless tights or leggings

**Boys:** fitted black t-shirt, Revolution black shorts, sweatpants or footless tights

### **MODERN FOR TEENS**

**Girls and boys:** solid color leotard and tights or unitard, dance pants

### **TAP I, II, III & TAP TEAM**

**Girls:** Revolution black leotard (shirt sleeve), Revolution black tights, leggings or jazz pants, Revolution tap shoes

**Boys:** solid white t-shirt, Revolution black pants, Revolution tap shoes

### **MUSICAL THEATER WORKSHOP**

**Girls:** Revolution leotard, jazz pants, Revolution tights or leggings, Revolution rubber-soled jazz shoes

**Boys:** solid white t-shirt, black pants, Revolution tap shoes

### **WONDERDANCE**

Comfortable, unrestrictive clothing such as leggings, shorts, sweatpants, t-shirts or tank tops

*\*We recommend the Revolution brand for its quality and affordability. Many of these items can be purchased at the Harkness Dance Center store located in the dance center lobby. To place an order or for more store information, email [HChilds@92Y.org](mailto:HChilds@92Y.org)*

### **Class Levels and Age Groupings**

Harkness Dance Center has designed a program that is developmentally appropriate for each age level. We make every possible effort to observe the age guidelines in classes to ensure the best experience for your child and the rest of the class. If you are new to the program, please trust that we will know best how to place your child in classes and that we are flexible if it is later determined to not be the best placement. If your child or teen is joining our graded level ballet program, we ask that they attend the ballet level placement audition at the fall open house or a trial class for the teacher to determine their best placement.

### **Absences and Lateness**

Children and teens are expected to attend class consistently and punctually. Please make every effort to have your child attending every class on time. Please notify the Dance Center office if your child will be absent from dance class for any reason. The sooner we receive the notification, the more likely the teacher will receive the notification before class. There are no makeup classes for absences. If a student arrives late for class, it is at the teacher's discretion as to whether they may participate. The student may be asked to observe if they have already missed the group warm-up.

### **Observation Days**

Please check the semester calendar for the dates of Parent's Observation Week. During this time, parents are invited into the dance studio to observe a normal session of their children's dance class. Observation days are held mid-semester in the fall and occur in the spring for classes not participating in the annual spring concert.

### **Performances**

Students participating in the mid-year showings and end of year concert will be responsible for a minimal costuming fee not to exceed \$20.

### **Mid-Year Showing**

At the end of the fall semester, there are showings for the children's modern, ballet, hip hop/ jazz and tap classes. This informal showcase provides a view into what the students have been working on in the class and gives them a chance to practice performing in a comfortable and familiar setting.

### **Annual Spring Dance Concert**

Every spring, the dance center hosts an end of year concert for classes with students ages 8 and up. The children's dance faculty prepares pieces for the concert during regular class time. This concert usually takes place in Kaufman Concert Hall. Participation in this performance is optional, however please be sure to communicate with your teacher if you will be participating or not.

### **Teen Performance Ensembles Concert**

Each spring, a concert is held featuring the advanced teen performing groups. In this concert these groups perform their entire repertoire created over the last fall and spring semesters. The groups include the Harkness Repertory Ensemble, The 92Y Isadora Youth Ensemble, The Fresh Y Crew and Tap Team. Ballet D and Modern III may also participate if the teacher and students agree.

### **Early-Childhood Parent Supervision**

Please help prepare children for class by arriving early and prompting them to use the bathroom before class starts. Please have them dressed and ready for class to begin. It is common for young children to sometimes have difficulty acclimating to the class activities if they did not arrive and begin along with their classmates. Unless it is a class for both parent and child involvement, we ask that parents remain outside of the studio during class. Please remain nearby in case you are needed for anything, including trips to the bathroom or an emergency.

	SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
JAN		25	26	27	28 Spring Classes Begin	29	30
FEB	31	1	2	3	4	5	6 Winter Dance Convention
	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
	14	15 No Classes- Presidents Day	16	17	18	19	20
	21	22	23	24	25	26	27
MAR	28	29	1	2	3	4	5
	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	27 No Classes	28	29	30	31	1	2
APR	3	4	5	6	7	8	9
	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	17	18	19	20	21	22 NO CLASSES Spring Break	23
	24	25	26	27	28	29	30

MAY	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	8	9	10	11	12	13	14 NO CLASSES 92Y GALA PREP
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	22	23	24	25	26	27	28 NO CLASSES MEMORIAL DAY WKND
	29 NO CLASSES MEMORIAL DAY WKND	30 NO CLASSES MEMORIAL DAY	31	1	2	3	4 Dress Rehearsals  Teen Concert
JUN	5 CHILDREN'S DANCE CONCERTS 12 PM & 3 PM	6 LAST DAY OF MONDAY CLASSES	7 LAST DAY OF TUESDAY CLASSES	8 LAST DAY OF WEDNESDAY CLASSES	9 LAST DAY OF THURSDAY CLASSES	10 LAST DAY OF FRIDAY CLASSES	11 LAST DAY OF SATURDAY CLASSES
	12 LAST DAY OF SUNDAY CLASSES						

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