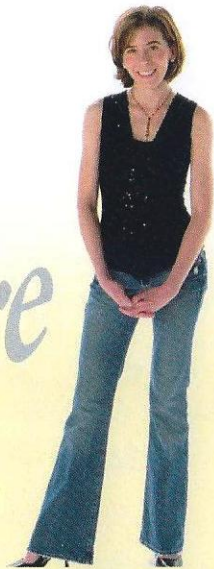


## Michelle Jones/Director

Michelle began her journey in the arts at the age of five as a gymnast. Her love for dance eventually expanded into the areas of tap, jazz, ballet, and pointe. During her second year of dance, she was selected to join the competitive dance troupes at Victoria's Dance and Gymnastics. She was a member of the dance company for over 12 years, and won many nationally recognized awards, including appearances on the Showstopper Televisions East Coast Finals where they were recognized as the second highest scoring group in the US and Canada. Victoria's also had the opportunity to serve as goodwill ambassadors to Russia. Michelle has traveled and competed all over the United States. She has performed at Disneyland, Indy 500 Parade, Pigeon Forge, and for the Indianapolis Pacers. Michelle has a great wealth of experience in the area of ballet as well. She was chosen as a guest soloist to be the Sugar Plum Fairy in *The Nutcracker* along with the Muncie Symphony. Michelle assisted Gay Kroening, a graduate of Texas Christian University, in the ballet and pointe classes at Union Chapel Ministries. Collectively, Michelle studied the discipline of pointe for 10 years. In tap, Michelle has studied with some of the best, including Henry Letang, the teacher of Savion Glover and Gregory Hines, Brenda Buffalino of the Tap Dance Orchestra, and Stepp Stewart, the founder of the Dynamite Dance Competition. Michelle is in her 10th year of teaching dance and spreading her love for the arts. Michelle is a graduate of Muncie Central High School and received her B.A. from Ball State University.



Premiere

## Frequently Asked Questions

### What does your program offer for young students who are just beginning dance?

Preschool Dance is an exploratory class where students are focusing on creative movement and developing their motor skills. Students are exposed to the beginning elements of classical ballet and tap with the hope that it will encourage and foster a love for the arts.

### My daughter/son is interested in joining Dance Company, what does that entail?

Dance Company is for those students who have the desire, skill, and commitment to improving their technique with a more serious focus. Students do compete throughout the year and participate in Nationals every other year.

### If I join Company, do I have to take all of the disciplines?

No, you are able to take the classes of your choice. Although, ballet is highly recommended and encouraged.

### What class do you recommend for my child?

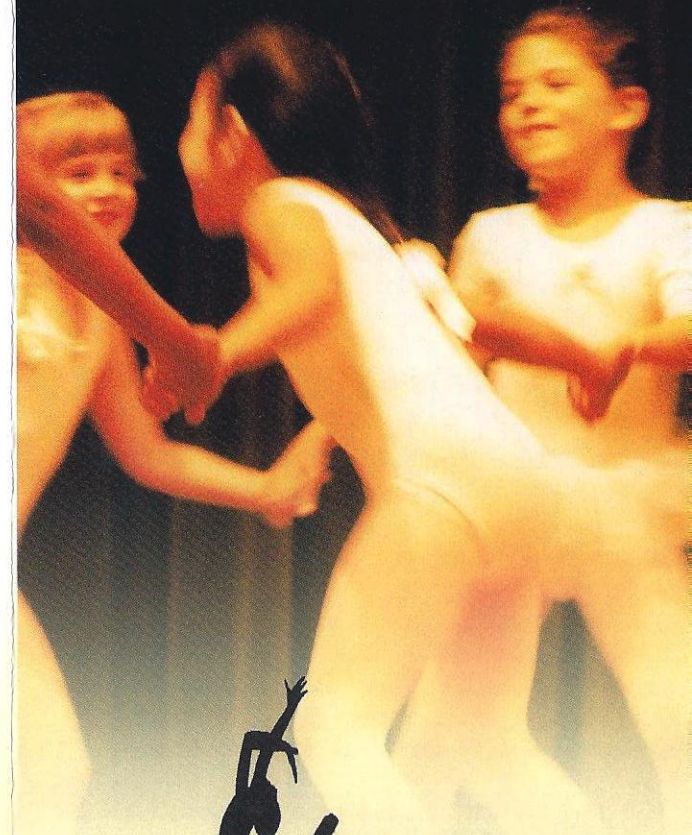
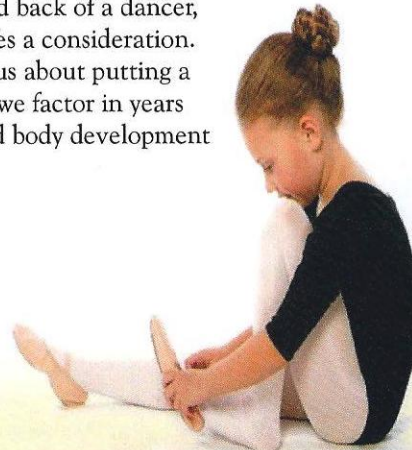
I always recommend ballet to any student, no matter of the age. Ballet is such a highly disciplined art that it will enable a student to pick up any dance form in later years.


### Do you have an annual recital?

Yes, we have a yearly recital in June at Emens Auditorium. It is a great way to showcase your child's progress and see them shine on stage. It is not required, but a great experience for those who participate.

### At what age does a student go on toe (pointe)?

When sufficient strength has been built in the feet, legs, and back of a dancer, then pointe becomes a consideration. We are very cautious about putting a student on pointe; we factor in years of training, age, and body development (bone ossification).



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## Welcome to PDC

It is our goal to provide your child with an enriching dance experience that inspires and fosters excellence. We are committed to providing you with a quality dance education as well as an avenue for children to build self-esteem, establish friendships, and learn discipline. Our studio is Christian based and our classes and staff are guided with those ideals in mind.

- Classes offered for beginners through advanced students.
  - Ages 3-Adult.
  - We teach the following disciplines:  
Tap, Jazz, Ballet, Hip-Hop, Modern, Lyrical, and Pointe

## Class Offerings

**Preschool Dance (Ages 3-4)** - a full hour class with 30 minutes of tap and 30 minutes of ballet. A great introduction to movement, music, and rhythm, as well as body discipline and awareness.

**Tap (ages 5-adult)** - a popular dance form in which metal taps are mounted on shoes and are used to make rhythmic sounds. Various styles abound. Some famous tappers who made the genre popular are Gene Kelley, Fred Astaire, Brenda Buffalino, Gregory Hines, and Savion Glover.

**Jazz (ages 5-adult)** - a very popular dance form. One kind of jazz dance is lyrical with fluid movements. (Jr-Sr. Company age); another is more percussive with accented beats and body isolation movements.

**Ballet (Ages 5-adult)** - a full hour of barre exercises, French terminology, and floor combinations.

**Hip-Hop (ages 9 and up)** - a fairly recent development in dance that started on the streets of big cities. It now has its own vocabulary. Sneakers are the favored shoes.

**Modern** - a style of theatrical dance developed in the 20th century breaking with Western ballet tradition that showcases an individual's self-expression.

**Immanuel Praise** - a class that focuses on choreography for ministry opportunities in the community. You must be enrolled in a separate ballet class to participate.

**Premiere Ballet Etudes (Pre-Company-Senior Company Ballet)** - An advanced class for those students who want to study on a more serious track; you are accepted through auditions or a personal invitation. Non-competitive.

**Dance Company** - An opportunity for those students that display talent and a desire to pursue dance on a more serious level. Admittance by a personal invitation or audition.

## Tuition

Tuition must be paid by the tenth of the month from September through June. After the tenth of the month, a 5% late fee (\$5.00 minimum) will be added to your account each month. No tuition will be refunded for missed classes, inclement weather, or holiday closings. Some months have more weeks than others, which in the end make up for the time we are closed.

Registration Fee - \$20.00 per student/family

Prices vary from \$45.00 - \$50.00 per month

Private Lessons - \$15.00 per half-hour and \$30.00 per hour  
We offer a discount for additional classes for student & family



## Schedule 2009-2010

We will be closed for the following holidays:

Classes start Monday, August 31st  
Labor Day (Monday, September 7th)  
Thanksgiving (November 26th-29th)  
Christmas (December 19th-January 3rd)  
Spring Break (March 20th-28th)  
Memorial Day (Monday, May 31st)

I will also send out reminders via e-mail of the following closings at Premiere.

## Attendance

Students are highly encouraged to attend class. To improve individually and progress with the rest of the class, attendance is essential. Students are also encouraged to do a makeup class within one month for lessons missed. If a student misses excessively, they will not be able to perform in the annual recital.

## Class Attire

### Ballet/Lyrical/Modern Class:

We prefer that 3 & 4 year olds wear a ballet pink leotard and ballet pink tights. Children 5 & up are to wear a black leotard and pink tights. A ballet skirt and legwarmers are optional, but also great for dance class. Please note that we are flexible with colors as we realize that students have items that have been passed down. Hair needs to be pulled off of the face and neck.

### Tap & Jazz Class:

For tap and jazz classes, please do not wear any baggy clothing or school attire. A black leotard and black dance pants work well! We need to see your body lines, feet, and placement. Hair needs to be pulled off of the face and neck.

### Hip-Hop Class:

More informal dress, comfortable clothing to move and dance. Shoes will be determined by teacher. Hair needs to be pulled off of the face and neck.

## Inclement Weather

We follow the Muncie Community School System when closing for inclement weather. I will notify students via e-mail. You also have the option of calling the studio after 12 noon for all weather related announcements. Due to the fact that weather conditions can deteriorate after the release of school, please call before traveling in bad conditions. As always, travel at your own discretion.

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