

2024-2025

STUDIO GUIDE

All About **Dance**
by Kristen

3038 Graham Rd. Stow, Ohio 44224

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Welcome

Welcome to All About Dance! by Kristen! We are very excited to be setting off into our 32nd 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.

Our Values

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. PLUS... to have fun!



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 (32 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, grit, 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.....



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!



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!



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 31st season with AADbK! She can assure you will always know what is going on at the studio through social media, newsletters, our app, website and more!



LAUREN BAUER

Office Admin

Lauren is eager and excited to help all families on their dance journey!



CHLOE BROOKER

Instructor

Chloe is more than ready for her 2nd season as a teacher! 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!

MEET OUR

Team.....



**LANEY
HANDSCHUMACHER**

Instructor

Being a part of AADbK since she was 3, Laney teaches 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

Instructor

Growing up at AADbK since she was 3, Jordyn is committed in giving our dancers the best environment to learn in! She is excited for her own classes this year!



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 Intensive team instructors!

2024-2025 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

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RECITAL

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

FEES & PRICING

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 and also our AADbK App. [CLICK TO DOWNLOAD OUR APP](#)

MEMBERSHIP FEE:

Upon fall registration, a fee of \$60 per family 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 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.

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.

TUITION PRICES

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

COSTUME DEPOSIT:

There will be a \$75.00 recital costume deposit per recital routine. Ask for a costume deposit payment booklet to make your installments a breeze!

Important Dates

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

RECITAL FEE UPDATE:

We're thrilled to announce some amazing enhancements to this season's 2025 recital experience – all included in your recital fee! Get a digital download of your dancer's performance to relive the magic anytime! Celebrate the experience with a special Recital 2025 Cast Member T-shirt! Plus- trophies, awards, rehearsals, a talented staff and production team, professional sound and lighting crews!

- \$115 for 1 dancer
- \$125 for 2 dancers in a family
- \$135 for 3 or more dancers in a family

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>Me & My Shadow 6 Week Session/\$130</p>				
	<p>Kindercise 6 Week Session/\$130</p>	<p>Kinder Acro 30 min/\$48</p>	<p>Kinder Ballet 30 min/\$48</p>	<p>Kinder Jazz 30 min/\$48</p>	<p>Kinder Tap 30 min/\$48</p>
	<p>Tumble Tots Acro 45 min/\$69</p>	<p>On Your Toes Tot Ballet 45 min/\$69</p>	<p>Tot Bop Jazz 45 min/\$69</p>	<p>Tappin' Tots 45 min/\$69</p>	<p>Tot Hop Hip Hop 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>BEGINNER (Levels I-II-III) AGES 7-9</p> <p>↓</p> <p>JUNIOR (Levels I-II-III) AGES 9-12</p> <p>↓</p> <p>INT/ADV (Levels I-II-III) Ages 12-18</p>	<p>Acro 45 min/ \$69</p>	<p>Ballet 45 min/ \$69</p>	<p>Jazz 45 min/ \$69</p>	<p>Tap 45 min/ \$69</p>	<p>Hip Hop 45 min/ \$69</p>	<p>Lyrical 45 min/ \$69</p>	<p>Contemporary 45 min/ \$69</p>	<p>Pointe 45 min/ \$69</p>	<p>Tech & Skills 60 min/ \$75</p>
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	<p>Acro 60-75 min/ \$75-82</p>	<p>Ballet 60-75 min/ \$75-82</p>	<p>Jazz 60-75 min/ \$75-82</p>	<p>Tap 60-75 min/ \$75-82</p>	<p>Hip Hop 60 min/ \$75</p>	<p>Lyrical 60 min/ \$75</p>	<p>Contemporary 60 min/ \$75</p>	<p>Pointe 45 min/ \$75</p>	<p>Tech & Skills 60 min/ \$75</p>

Class Selection Roadmap

TEEN & ADULT PROGRAM

AGES 13+

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

Specialty Classes

We offer 6 week specialty classes throughout the dance season such as Back handspring and aerial clinics, Butterfly Ballet, and Youth Cheer camps!



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.

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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 in October.

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 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! 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 and 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.



National Honor Society

AADbK is excited to announce our official sponsorship of both a Junior Chapter and a Secondary Chapter in the National Honor Society for Dance Arts! The National Honor Society for Dance Arts (NHSDA) is a program dedicated to recognizing dance students for their outstanding artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement in the field of dance. NHSDA also strives to foster an appreciation for dance as a true art form, worthy of recognition and prestige. Benefits include: accountability, enrichment, mentorship, resume builder, scholarship opportunities, graduate with honors cords, leadership and more!

Interested? Contact us!



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: Bring a Friend Week, Jammin' in Our Jammies (Good Works Project for Stow Bulldog Bags), Holly Jolly Follies, Parents Spotting Week, Wreaths Across America, Gratitude for Grandparents Week and more!



Spotlight Showcase

Our Spotlight Showcase will be a performance opportunity for all dancers ages 6+! Take your pick of a solo, duo, and/or trio! This experience has proven to excel major growth in personal confidence and self-belief and will give dancers an amazing opportunity to design costumes, choose music and work with our fab team of instructors one on one!

[CHECK OUT THE CHOREOGRAPHERS](#)

Showcase will be held Friday, May 2nd 6:30pm at the Little Auditorium in CFHS **[SIGN UP!](#)**



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!

Studio Rehearsal:

Saturday, June 7th & Sunday, June 8th

Staging Rehearsal:

Monday, June 9 & Tuesday, June 10th

Dress Rehearsal:

Wednesday, June 11th & Thursday, June 12

Recital:

Friday, June 13th & Saturday, June 14th



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

