

ArtsCaravan

Class Descriptions

"ArtsCaravan" (tap/ballet) PreSchool Class

ArtsCaravan students are read a story at the beginning of each class. Improvisation, theater games, props and costume pieces are used to enhance the story. The class includes songs, routines, ballet and tap, but the steps are taught as part of the story. The program was designed to be a creative introduction to theater and dance that appeals to both boys and girls.

Ballet

Curriculum for beginning ballet students will cover the elementary exercises of classical ballet training, as well as focusing on the development of musical and rhythmic awareness. As students progress, more ballet vocabulary and more complex movement phrases are introduced. Emphasis is placed on teaching the student how to work on improving their technique safely and within their own body placement.

Tap

Beginning ArtsCaravan tappers learn the fundamentals of clean, clear tap sounds. As students advance they are taught a variety of tap steps and styles with an emphasis always on clarity. Intermediate and advanced tap students must take at least two years of ballet or jazz.

Jazz

Students are taught the techniques of jazz, including isolation and strengthening exercises, stretches and combinations.

Combination Tap/Ballet or Tap/Jazz are offered for students ages 8 and under.

Combination Jazz/Hip Hop are offered for all ages.

Hiphop

This dance style emphasizes timing, power, strength and rhythm. Students learn the latest in hiphop and street dance trends. Class includes warm-up followed by age appropriate dance combinations. Emphasis is on developing individual style.

Musical Theater Workshop

Each class starts with a physical warm-up, followed by theater games and improvisation. Over the ten week session the class helps to create a script and design the sets, props and costumes for the mini musical presented at the end of the session. Each week scenes and musical numbers are rehearsed. All class members have parts of comparable size and are in three production numbers.