

## Class Descriptions

### Tumble Bugs & Twirling Tots

Imagination Dance, pre-ballet, jazzy dance, elementary tumbling, multi-cultural dance, French terminology, songs & theatrics for 2½-3½ yr olds (Tumble Bugs) and for 3½-5 yr olds (Twirling Tots). The little ones are a smash hit in adorable costumes at our Spring Performance in the Historic Elsinore Theater each year.

### Pre-Ballet

A little taste of “real” ballet training (positions, turns, jumps, deportment, and terminology) mixed with a big measure of Imagination Dance, movement exploration, dramatics, encouragement & fun for children 4 yrs to 1<sup>st</sup> grade.

### Ballet & Jazzy Dance

Learn some of this beautiful, historic movement system (classical terminology, positions, steps, placement, alignment, deportment etc). We combine elementary levels of ballet with jazz, lyrical or Irish dance to expose students in grades K – 4<sup>th</sup> to different dance forms early in their dance training. Emphasis is on developing overall grace & coordination. (These classes are less “serious” than classical ballet.)

### Irish Dance

Reels & jig steps. Moving on to slip jigs & treble dancing (hard shoes) with skill acquisition. A theatrical combination of Irish Set, Step & Ceili forms as well as lyrical dancing. We welcome energetic students K – adult.

### Irish Hard Shoe “Tap”

This Irish form of “tapping” is as exciting as it is challenging with compelling rhythms & music! There is a real sense of group performance because you can hear your fellow students making the same sounds you make. Entry into Irish Hard Shoe classes is after a certain skill has been achieved in soft slippers (ghillies).

### Jazz, Hip Hop & Lyrical Dance

Basics to advanced levels of jazz, rhythmic hip hop & lyrical dance. Learn to move, stretch, turn & jump like a jazz dancer. Emphasis on flexibility, technique, showmanship and maintaining absolute symmetry with one’s class/teammates. Turns, tricks & kicks set to great music for hard-working students 3<sup>rd</sup> grade – teen. Great preparation for HS Rally Squad or Dance Team!

### Classical Ballet & Pointe

This is the lovely foundation of all theatrical dance. For girls, the training eventually leads to pointe dancing & partnering. Boys train for the athletic jumps, turns, strength & partnering required of male dancers. Intermediate/adv students perform in an original ballet that opens our Historic Elsinore Theater Gala with a different dance story each spring. In these classes, effort, commitment & excellent attendance are expected. Extra classes & rehearsals in the spring for that year’s Ballet Story are at no charge, but students are expected to attend. Please join only if committed to faithful attendance. Entry to upper levels is by teacher recommendation.