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Essa Dance Arts provides creative instruction in dance to Angus and the surrounding areas. We are proud to be celebrating our 10th season of inspiring young dancers. Devon Copeland is the Artistic Director of Essa Dance Arts. She has 30 years of dance experience, more than 17 years of teaching experience.

General Information

Our classes run weekly on scheduled days and times at our studio in the Rainbow Plaza in Angus. We are located across the parking lot from Giant Tiger. When class is in session parents & siblings must wait outside the instruction area. We have a scheduled *Bring a Friend Week* in October, as well as two *Parent Presentation Days* in December and March. You are welcome to photograph and video these weeks as well as watch the class inside the studio. Please respect the artistic integrity of the classes by limiting your recordings to these days.

Please make sure that little ones have visited the restroom before class. All dancers must be able to remove their dance outfits and use the washroom on their own. This may mean their dancewear is just shorts and a t-shirt, but will enable the instructor to continue teaching the class if a break is needed.

Parents of students younger than 6 years of age must remain in the studio or the immediate area, while class is running. If the student is 7 years or older, parents may leave so long as they are back before the class ends. Essa Dance Arts can not watch any child left unsupervised so please do your best to be on time for pick up.

Students should arrive about 5 minutes before their class begins so they can remove outerwear and put their dance shoes on. The instructor will invite the students in when it is time for the class to begin. Students may wish to bring a small bottle of water or juice with them for brief breaks.

In June, there will be a year end performance at the Nottawasaga Pines Secondary School in June 2017. All students are encouraged to participate in the performance as it builds performing skills as well providing a showcase for the result of their hard work in class. Each class will be taught a routine to present. Selected students may be invited to learn additional routines; if so private or semi-private rehearsals may be required. It will be necessary to purchase a costume (around \$50) for each routine the dancers participate in for this show and for tickets if you wish to attend.

Payment & Registration

The year's tuition includes 32 weeks of instruction at a set day and time and two rehearsals and a performance on stage in June. Please note that no student shall participate in the recital unless their account is in good standing.

Please include your dancer's name on cheques or on an envelope with your payment inside. Payments can be made in full (in September), semi annually (in September and February) or monthly (9 payments due on the first class of the month) by post dated cheque, cash, or pre-authorized Visa or MasterCard. We also accept email money transfers to essa-dancearts@gmail.com, you can use the dancer's name as a password. Please note that monthly tuition payments are the same every month, regardless of how many classes are in that month. There will be no monthly payments collected in January, it will be made in June instead due to our modified schedule. They reflect a payment towards the annual tuition, not payment for that particular month. A student's place in the class can only be guaranteed for the whole session if cheques are on file or a pre-authorized payment form is signed. Any NSF cheques must be replaced immediately with a \$25 surcharge. Repeated incidences will result in immediate payment of the remainder of the tuition. In the event of financial hardship, please contact me and we will work out a payment plan.

We do not charge a registration fee. New dancers may be added to the class until December, so please tell any friends or family who may be interested. The class schedule is subject to change based on registration. We will do my best to keep it as close as possible to the registration schedule. In the event of low registrations a class may be cancelled and an alternate may be substituted.

Holidays & Winter Break

Please see the attached schedule for holiday breaks. We will be skipping one week in September and taking a winter hiatus from December 26, 2016 to January 29, 2017. Classes that run on Mondays will not run on Statutory holidays, but run on the Wednesday of that week instead. The recital date will be posted in the lobby when booked.

Waiver of Liability & Photo/ Video Release

All Parents/ Guardians will be required to sign a waiver of liability, as well as a release to video classes and/ or recitals and to use any photographs taken for publicity purposes. We will have professional portraits taken of each class after they receive their performance costume. Families will have the opportunity to purchase DVDs and portraits for themselves as well.

Communications

Instructors have a brief break between most classes if you need to discuss something urgently. You can email essadancearts@gmail.com any other questions or concerns. If any information taken at registration changes let us know as soon as possible so we can update your contact card. Occasionally updates and reminders will be posted in the lobby, watch for these and if you have older students remind them to check for you, or take a phone picture of reminders.

Attendance

It is necessary for students to attend class on as regular a basis as possible, for sustaining flexibility, practicing memorization and for consistency in class lesson plans. If you do miss a class, check with us for an alternate, regularly scheduled class to make up for the lost lesson. Tuition will not be reimbursed for missed classes. It is not necessary to contact us to miss a class, but if the student comes to class with illness / injury, or if any other special situations arise which may affect the student, her behaviour, or her ability in class, make sure you let your instructor know.

Inclimate Weather/ Rescheduling of Classes

In circumstances where the weather and road conditions will pose a threat to safety each client will be emailed and / or phoned by 3pm. Please ensure that we have your correct and up to date information, and that you do check email and voicemail before proceeding to class. Generally we'll follow the lead set by the local schools and buses. We will also change our voicemail message to inform you of cancelled classes. In the event that we need to cancel classes the families shall be notified in the same manner, with as much notice as possible. In both of these circumstances, we will reschedule the classes to take place on an alternate date. In some cases students may be invited to participate with another class on a different day or time.

Dress Code

Please dress your dancers comfortably so that you can both move freely and be observed by the instructor. Have fun with colours and designs! Hair should be pulled back securely. No jewellery, earrings or long skirts should be worn as they can get caught and cause injury. Students should wear a body suit and tights, or dance pants/ shorts and a snug t-shirt / tank top. Dance sweaters are fine as long as they are tight fitting, and skirts/ tutus may be worn as long as they fall above the knee. In the winter the studio can be chilly early in the night so make sure you have a sweater with you. Leg warmers and track pants for warming up in are fine. No jeans or pj pants please. Dance clothing colours are your choice!

Dance Shoes

Ballet, PreDance or Creative students require pink gymnastics slippers or pink/ peach ballet slippers. The drawstrings on the shoes should be pulled to a comfortable tightness, knotted and the extra length cut off. Elastic should be sewn on the instep of each shoe.

Jazz requires a pair of jazz oxfords or gymnastics slippers.

HipHop dancers may wear CLEAN running shoes or dance sneakers.

Contemporary /Lyrical dancers have the choice of the following footwear: ballet slippers, jazz oxfords, "foot undies" or "bearpaws".

Dancewear & shoes can be purchased in Barrie at Spirals, Skater's Choice, Payless Shoes, Walmart & Sears.

Class Bundles

Remember that when you take two or more classes with us, you get a discount! Families with more than one dancer also qualify. Dance more, save more!

Ballet Slippers



Gymnastic Slippers



Jazz Oxfor



Tap Shoes



Tap Shoes



Lyrical/ Contemp Shoes



Jazz Oxfor



SPECIAL DATES

Mon. September 12	Classes Start
Mon. September 19– Thursday Sept 22	No Classes– Instructor not Available
Mon. October 10– Thurs. October 13	Bring a Friend Week
Mon. October 10	No Classes– Monday Classes run on Wed. October 12
Mon. November 21– Thurs. November 24	Hat and Socks Day
Mon. December 5– Thurs. December 8	Parent’s Week
Mon. December 19– Thurs. December 22	Holiday Spirit Day
<u>Mon. December 26– Friday January 27</u>	Winter Break– No Classes
Mon. January 30	Classes Resume
February	Semi Annual Payment Due
Mon. February 13– Fri. February 17	Red & Sparkle Day
Mon. February 20	No Classes– Monday Classes run on Wed. February 22
Thurs. March 2	Costume Payment Due
Mon. March 13– Thurs. March 16	Classes Run Normally/ Show Your Green Day
Mon. April 10– Thurs. April 13	Parent’s Week
Mon. April 17	No Classes– Monday Classes run on Wed. May 19
Mon. May 22	No Classes– Monday Classes run on Wed. May 24
May TBA	Recital Tickets on Sale
May TBA	Picture Day
May TBA	Opening/ Closing Rehearsal
Mon. May 29 - Thurs. June 1	Last Week of Classes
June TBA	Dress Rehearsal

Please Note:

Monday students have four holiday Mondays, where classes will be run on Wednesdays instead.

This year classes will run normally on the March Break and continue further into June to make up for the longer Winter Break.