



We offer a high quality dance education for students age 1st grade thru adult, with an emphasis on dance as a performing art.

Celebrating 29 years of Excellence in Dance Education!
Opus II is the home of Ashland Regional Ballet.

Fall Semester 2010
Upper Level Classes begin September 7th
Lower Level Classes begin September 13th

Classes in

- ~Ballet*
- ~Pointe*
- ~Tap*
- ~Jazz*
- ~Modern Dance*

Opus II Dance Studio Founded 1982

Founder/Artistic Director - Hellie Schussler Studio Manager - Curt Schussler
Faculty - Sarah Cyders, Jennifer Doyle, Hellie Schussler

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FROM THE DIRECTOR

Opus II Dance Studio was founded in 1982, and in 1989 Ashland Regional Ballet grew out of that seed. Teaching dance as a performing art has always been at the heart of our mission.

AS THE TWIG IS BENT, SO GROWS THE TREE

The foundational years of a student's training are the most important. The Opus curriculum provides a solid foundation for the development of full potentials, and provides skills that last a lifetime.

IF IT'S WORTH DOING IT'S WORTH DOING RIGHT!

Few of the students who undertake dance training will become professional dancers, and few parents will have that aspiration for their child. **But that is no reason to minimize the importance of the study. After all, dance education is just that – EDUCATION - and should be thought of as any other form of learning.** In fact, many children learn to play sports without intending to become professional athletes, but you still expect good coaching. They study music without the expectation of a professional career, yet you expect them to learn the basics of music theory. If your child does not wish to become a Scientist you still insist on an accurate education in this and all other academic subjects. **You should insist on no less for your child's study of dance!**

Education is the heart of our mission.

Hellie Schussler
Founder/Artistic Director - Opus II Dance Studio
Founder/Executive Director - Ashland Regional Ballet



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- **Ballet Preparation** – 1st and 2nd grade – once a week – gentle preparation for ballet class and theatrical performance
- **Ballet 1** – minimum age 3rd grade – once a week
- **Ballet 2** – twice a week
- **Intermediate Ballet Levels** – 3 times a week
- **Open Ballet Class (Saturday)** – extra study – intermediate and advanced levels
- **Pointe** – A minimum of three ballet classes per week in addition to pointe class is required. Students must be approved for the class by director.
- **Tap** – minimum age 3rd grade – must be enrolled in ballet class unless special permission is granted
- **Modern** – adding another dimension to movement vocabulary. For dancers with a working knowledge of ballet technique – director's approval required.
- **Jazz** – students must have a working knowledge of ballet technique – director's approval required.
- **Unlimited** – Students may attend any class desired providing they maintain attendance in required class for their level.
 - Adults welcome in ANY class!

Ballet technique is the basis of our curriculum. It develops strength, line, center, flexibility, coordination and a good academic knowledge of dance. Opus students are required to study ballet unless special permission is granted.

OPUS POLICIES

Please follow the rules. It is our belief that every class prepares students for their onstage experience. Courtesy, cleanliness, and orderliness are essential to a smoothly running performance. Please re-read rules regularly. Changes are occasionally made as problems arise.

General Policies

- No gum or candy in class
- No large or dangling jewelry in class
- Hair should be in a bun or suitable secure fashion off the face
- **Do not wear classroom dress on the street – WEAR A COVER-UP.**
- As you wait for your child or your class you must BE QUIET. Do not allow younger non-dancing children to disturb class.

Late-comers

- Late-comers will not be permitted to participate in the class. They are, however, encouraged to stay and observe.

Refunds

- There is no refund for missed classes. However, if you miss a class for a legitimate reason, it may be made-up with another class within the semester.
- Anyone dismissed from class for disciplinary reasons will not receive a refund.

Inclement Weather

- In case of inclement weather, please call the studio. Closings will be stated on voice mail message AFTER 12:00 NOON.

Food & Drink

- As with our backstage policies, no open beverages are permitted – including open cans of pop, cups from fast food restaurants, juice boxes or pouches, and bottles with screw-on lids. **All drinks must be in non-spillable sports bottle.**
- Please eat messy or sticky treats at home or at the restaurant where they were purchased.
- If you eat a meal at the studio clean up after yourselves – including cleaning the table top!

Dress Code

- Ballet (girls) pink tights, pink ballet shoes, black leotard
- Ballet (boys) black or white ballet shoes, sweat pants or black tights, white t-shirt, dance belt.
- Tap, Jazz, Modern a variety of dancewear may be worn providing it does not inhibit movement or hide the line or quality of movement
- In all classes dancers may be asked to remove extra clothing if the teacher feels that it is not appropriate for the class.
- No plastic or parachute pants permitted.

Class Schedule . . . Fall Semester 2010

Upper Level Classes begin September 7th

Lower Level Classes begin September 13th

*Ballet Prep 1 st grade	Thurs	4:30-5:00
*Ballet Prep 2 nd grade	Thurs	5:05-5:35
*Ballet 1	Wed	5:00-5:55
*Ballet 2	Tues Thurs	5:00-5:55 5:45-6:40
Low Int. Ballet	Mon, Tues, Thurs	6:35-8:00
High Int. Ballet	Mon, Tues, Thurs	6:35-8:00
Advanced Ballet	Mon, Tues, Thurs	4:00-5:25
Open Ballet	Sat	11:00-12:30
Beg. & Int. Pointe Advanced Pointe	Tues with extra class of your choice	8:05-9:00
*Tap 1	Wed	6:00-6:30
*Tap 2	Tues	6:00-6:30
Low Int. Tap	Mon	6:00-6:30
High Int. Tap	Thurs	6:00-6:30
Advanced Tap	Mon	5:30-6:00
Beg. & Int. Modern Advanced Modern	Mon Tues	8:05-9:00 5:30-6:30
Beg. & Int. Jazz Advanced Jazz	Thurs Sat	8:05-9:00 1:00-2:00

Ashland Regional Ballet – by audition only

Enrollment in Opus II does not imply membership in Ashland Regional Ballet.

Class Schedule may be changed due to overfull or insufficient enrollment.

*Indicates classes beginning the week of **September 13**. All other classes begin **September 7**.

Dates For Your Calendar!

Aug 15
Concert In the Park

Aug 21
Open House .. 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Sept 7
Fall Semester Begins .. Upper Levels

Sept 14
Fall Semester Begins .. Lower Levels

Sept 26
Nutcracker Auditions .. 2:00

Oct 1 & 2
Choreography Showcase

Nov 22 – 27
Thanksgiving Break

Dec 11
Final Day of Fall Semester

Dec 11 & 12
The Nutcracker
Renaissance Theatre, Mansfield

May 20 & 21
29th Annual Spring Concert
Hugo Young Theatre, Ashland University

Opus e-mail List

Would you like to receive your Opus announcements and reminders via e-mail? If you are the parent or guardian (or grandparent, Aunt, Uncle) of an Opus dancer I would be most happy to communicate with you through e-mail. If you would like to be on our e-mail list please:

- Send an e-mail to me at opusarb@zoominternet.net
- In the subject line write *parent of "your dancer"*
- In the message write - *Please put me on your Opus Student e-mail list.*

I will then be sure that I have your e-mail address correctly entered in my address book and we will be ready to communicate.

Electronically yours, ~Hellie Schussler~

Tuition (per semester)

Lower Levels Begin September 13

Ballet Prep	\$102
Ballet 1	115
Ballet 2	207
Tap 1& 2	108

Basic Rates for Experienced Dancers Begin September 7

Ballet, Jazz, Modern	1 class per week	\$ 124	
	2 classes per week	224	
	3 classes per week	335	
	4 classes per week	447	
Tap 3, 4, 5, & 6	1 class per week	108	
	2 classes per week	195	
	3 classes per week	292	
Unlimited	5 or more classes per week	505	does not include special guest teachers

Single Class Rate	18
Registration Fee	25 waived if your registration reaches us before August 21, 2010

Enrollment Instructions:

**Complete registration form and mail with payment to:
Opus II Dance Studio, 130 E. Main St., Ashland, OH 44805**
Registrations may also be deposited in mail slot adjacent to 2nd St. entrance.

OR you may fax your registration to 419.903.0602.

Non-refundable minimum down payments:

- **New students and those taking 1 class per week** – total due with registration
- **Returning students taking multiple classes** - \$85 with registration – Balance due in full before the final day of the semester.
- **Families** - \$85 for the 1st student plus \$35 for each additional student with registration – Balance due in full before the final day of the semester.

PLEASE NOTE:

Accounts must be paid in full on or before the final class of the semester. **LATE FEES will apply on accounts which must be billed post-semester.**

Accounts with a history of late payments may be required to pay full tuition before acceptance.

Take 10% off if your account is paid in full by September 11, 2010. Applies to multiple class accounts only.

Registration Form is on next page.

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PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY - Thank you!

Student Name _____ Age _____
Address _____
City _____ Zip Code _____
Phone #1 (____) _____ Phone #2 (____) _____
e-mail _____
School _____ Grade – Fall 10 _____
Parents/Guardians (please print) _____

Class(es) desired – please circle all that apply

Ballet Prep Ballet Pointe Tap Jazz Modern Open Ballet Unlimited

Number of BALLET classes you would like to attend per week? _____

If class you choose is unsuitable for your level of development you will be placed in a more fitting class.

I prefer to receive confirmations and school notices via: **e-mail** **surface mail**

Payment Method: _____ Check/Money Order (enclosed) in the amount of \$ _____
(Make checks payable to **Opus II Dance Studio.**)
_____ Cash enclosed in the amount of: \$ _____
(Please use cash only when paying on site. Please do not mail cash)
_____ Credit Card - Please charge my card in the amount of: \$ _____

- See TUITION AMOUNTS and PAYMENT OPTIONS on previous page (page 4).
- If you are unsure of your tuition total please remit the MINIMUM DOWN PAYMENT. You will be notified your balance due with confirmation of your registration.

We accept Visa, Master Card, Discover.

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EXP. DATE / MONTH/YEAR

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Please sign and date at the bottom. Registration will not be accepted unless signed and dated by responsible parent or guardian.

- I give permission for Opus II to charge my credit card (if listed above) for tuition expenses.
- I hereby release Opus Dance Studio, Inc. from loss or injury resulting from participation in these classes.
- I also understand that tuition must be paid in full regardless of attendance.
- I give permission for my photo or video, or that of my son/daughter, to be included in promotional material for the school or affiliated companies. (Student name or personal information will not accompany publicity photos.)

Signature _____ **Date** _____
(If under 18 years of age, parent or legal guardian must sign)