



In Step with...

The Dance Refinery

September 2025 Edition

This year marks an incredible milestone—our 50th anniversary! Looking back on five decades of dedication, growth, and countless memories, I am overwhelmed with gratitude. Reaching 50 years is no small feat, and it's only possible because of the unwavering support and trust from you—our wonderful families. Thank you for believing in me and in our devoted staff, and for allowing us to be part of your children's lives through the joy of dance.

–Miss Lynn

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Meet the TDR Golden Anniversary Staff:

Executive Director: Lynn Herrick

Office Manager: Alyssa Farris

Office Staff: Breanna Davis, Briana Dwenger, Krissy Hart, Kelli Miller, Trish Roberds

Depot Staff: Olivia Basham, Karen Friend, Margaret Hurrle

Dance Instructors: Alexis Apers, Sophie Barnes, Kyla Barnhart, Taylor Belch, Brooklyn Burbrink, Kevin Carmichael, Breanna Davis, Hannah Duncan, Stephanie Garner, Aria Hall, Melissa Herrera, Nancy Herman, Peggy Jeffers, Kelsey Jennings, Lily Paul, Drew Phillips, Trish Roberds, Sasha Simpson, Stephanie Tetreault, Brie Williams

Gymnastics/Tumbling/Gladiator Instructors: Taylor Belch, Brooklyn Burbrink, Collin Calhoun, Kevin Carmichael, Briana Dwenger, Aria Hall, Kelsey Jennings, Lily Paul, Abigail Pennington, Kaitie Schultheis, Brian Wesselman, Jacob Williams, and Peter Yao

Assistants: Claire Adkisson, Taylor Allen, Sophie Barnes, Bailee Grace Brown, Hannah Duncan, Finley Harpp, Ariel Holmes, Claire Hoover, Lily Paul, Samantha Patterson, Audrey Purdy, Gianna Spoolstra, Reese Stropes, Elise Teague, and Kendal Vondielingen

**CONGRATS
Katy Lampert**

Our \$50 Golden Anniversary
Drawing Winner!

WELCOME BACK TDR ALUMNI:

Aria Hall & Drew Phillips

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TDR Parents Corner:

FAQ

Check out our
answers for TDR
common
questions!

- **Does TDR have a dress code?**
 - **YES!** Please see our dress code requirements in the Fall/Winter/Spring 2025-26 schedule packet (pg. 4-5) or visit our website under the schedule tab!
- **If I miss a class, can I make it up?**
 - **YES!** Call or email to notify us in advance of the absence and we can assist you in scheduling a make up lesson.
 - Performing group/Rec Performing Group, & Gymnastics team practices (above XCEL Bronze) **CANNOT** be made up.
 - If you do not attend a scheduled make-up lesson, you will lose the make-up for that class.
- **What if my child forgets their shoes?/What if I want to take a trial class & don't have shoes yet?**
 - TDR has loaner shoes for students to borrow.
 - This should not be a regular occurrence as this does not replace the need for students to have their own appropriate shoes for class. Please see the front office if your child needs to borrow a pair of dance shoes.
- **Are we allowed to bring drinks & snacks into the building?**
 - **YES!** We also have water fountains located in the cafe area (gym viewing area) available.
 - Food and non-water drinks are not allowed in the dance studio rooms, gym, or study hall.
- **Are there drinks & snacks available for purchase?**
 - **YES!** We have vending machines for snacks and other drinks available for all guests also located in the cafe area. Please be sure to have exact change or a credit card!
- **How do I stay up to date with TDR?**
 - Follow us on our social media!
 - **IG:** @TDRDance
 - **FB:** TheDanceRefinery-Indianapolis, IN
 - Check out our website!
 - www.thedancerefinery.com
 - Contact Us!
 - **Phone:** (317)881-1905
 - **Email:** thedancerefineryin@gmail.com
- **Will I get to watch my child during dance class?**
 - **YES!** One time per month we will have "Watch Weeks" starting in October. Please see our 2-month calendar on Pg. 4 for October viewing schedule. Reminder, technique, and competitive performing group classes are not open for viewing.

💰 TDR REFERRAL PROGRAM 💰

- In order to receive your credit for the current Fall/Winter/Spring session, referred students must be registered by **April 1st**
 - Referral program is only valid during the Fall/Winter/Spring session and NOT the Summer session due the short period of the Summer session
 - If a new student is enrolled during the summer, we will honor the referral credit when re-enrolling for the following Fall/Winter/Spring session
- The Referral form **MUST** be turned in at Registration by the **NEW** family
 - You are allowed only one referral **PER NEW FAMILY**
- A new student is defined as one who has **NEVER** been enrolled at The Dance Refinery. The new student will receive **HALF OFF** the Registration fee and a one time 10% discount at The Dance Depot
- The **current** student receives a one time **\$40 credit** on monthly tuition*

WE APPRECIATE YOUR SUPPORT & YOUR PATRONAGE!

applied after the new student has paid in full for 2 full months of class

🌟 TDR CLASS AVAILABILITY 🌟 FALL/WINTER/SPRING 2025-2026

FEATURED NEW CLASS:

Wiggles & Giggles: 15mo - 3yr

This exciting & fun-filled "Parent & Me" music/movement class is a great way to explore creative activities & movement songs while enjoying time sharing memories & story time with your little one!

Wednesday: 5:00 - 5:30

Use the QR Code to watch our video

**Adult Participation is Required for this class*



We still have openings in Dance, Gymnastics, & Gladiator classes! Look over our schedule now that you & your family have adjusted to new school & activity schedules, to see if you would like to add another tumbling, dance, or Gladiator class!

For personal assistance, please contact our office staff for the most current information on class availability!

TDR 2-month Calendar:

September:

Sept 1: TDR Closed

Sept 2: Sept Tuition is Due

Sept 9–13: PG Leotard Fitting in The Dance Depot (appointment only)

Sept 11: 10% Late Fee added to past due tuition payments

Sept 13: PG Leotard \$\$\$ due by 3:00 PM

Sept 17–22: Guest Choreographer Emily Zachary-Smith in town for choreo

Sept 20: PG & Team CFI Due

PG & Team Warm Up Fitting TBA – look out for email coming soon

October:

WATCH WEEK

Oct 20–25:

Studios 2, 3, & 4

Oct 27–Nov 1:

Studios 1, 5, & 6

Oct 1: Oct Tuition is Due

Oct 11: 10% Late Fee added to past due tuition payments

Oct 11: No PG, SG, or Tech Classes | Depot: CLOSED | Office: 9 AM – 1 PM

Oct 20: PG & Team CFI Due

Oct 24–31: Crazy-Cute-Creative Costume Week

Students can come to class in costumes this week (please be sure they are still able to participate fully while wearing the costume).

****Halloween candy passed out in lieu of stickers****

Oct 31: TDR OPEN- HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

NOTE: TDR will remain **OPEN** during all school Fall & Intersession Breaks

*Performing Group / Team Students - If you are going to miss your Small Group Lesson during Fall break, please notify the office by **OCTOBER 1ST!**

***COSTUME DEPOSITS** accepted this month! Parents can make deposits on their Recital costumes (suggested amount is \$50 – \$60 per costume / per month in October, November, & December).

If you have any questions, please feel free to talk to our office staff during office hours!

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday: 4 PM – 9 PM

Friday: 4 PM – 7 PM

Saturday: 9 AM – 3 PM

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COMPETITIVE/RECREATIONAL PERFORMING GROUP INFORMATION

Be sure to use your Picnic Packet sent to email on 7/26 as a reference for all PG Info!

WARM UP FITTINGS:

TBA

*Please refer to your email regarding appointment times

BIRTH CERTIFICATES:

We need **NEW** Performing Group Members to bring in your birth certificate.

We will make two copies while you wait. One is kept on file, the other is used at competition.

MANDATORY REHEARSALS:

AIM SR: Jan 4 & 25 | Feb 1 & 8 | Jun 26 & 27

AIM PTN/TN: Jan 4 & 25 | Feb 1, 8, & 15 |
Jun 26 & 27

AIM II: Jan 4 & 18 | Feb 1, 8, 15, & 22 | Mar 1

Acro PG: Dec 19 | Jan 2 | June 26 & 27

***All other Performing Groups will be scheduled as needed**

Conventions:

Tremaine: Jan 9th – 11th
Indianapolis Marriott Downtown

Competitions:

Tremaine: Jan 9th – 11th
Indianapolis Marriott Downtown

Reverb: Feb 27th – March 1st
Franklin Community High School

*Solos, Duets, & Trios **ONLY**

BTS: Apr 10th – 12th
Beech Grove High School

TTB: May 1st – 3rd
Beech Grove High School

Nationals:

Reverb: July 13th – 16th
Ocean City, MD
Ashore Resort & Beach Club

IMPORTANT REMINDERS:

- All contest Fee payments must be made with a check or cash **ONLY**. These installments are due by the 20th of each month (starting in Sept). Please refer to your pay log to see the amount owed.
- All students involved in an extra curricular that may have a Spring activity, please take a look at your schedule NOW! If you have a conflict with any of the conventions or competitions, you must speak with Lynn **ASAP!**

TDR GYMNASTICS

All Gymnastics Team members should have received an email on Sept. 17 with this season's Team Packet and the meet schedule was sent Aug. 29.

Please email us at thedancerefineryin@gmail.com if you did not receive this important information.

REMINDER: All team members have been pre-registered for **ALL MEETS!** If you do not plan to attend one of the regular season meets, please email thedancerefineryin@gmail.com by no later than **OCTOBER 1** so we can get you removed before the deadline.

2025 – 2026 MEET SCHEDULE:

North Pole Classic: Dec 13 – 14

Indianapolis, IN

Yellow Brick Road: Jan 10 – 11

(XCEL Silver ONLY)

Indianapolis, IN

Windy City Invitational: Jan 16 – 19

(XCEL Gold & Above)

Chicago, IL

Midwest Showdown: Jan 23 – 25

French Lick, IN

Flip 4 Your Cause: Feb 21 – 22

Westfield, IN

Derby Classic: Feb 27 – Mar 1

Louisville, KY

Regionals:

Level 9-10: Apr 11 – 12

TBD Ohio

Level 7-8: Apr 18 – 19

TBD Indiana

Xcel Gold – Sapphire: Apr 25 – 26

TBD Kentucky

Nationals:

Level 9 Eastern Nationals: May 2 – 3

Savannah, GA

State:

Level 6 – 10 & Platinum – Sapphire: Mar 20 – 22

Xcel Silver – Gold: Mar 27 – 29



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TDR 50TH SEASON FUN FACTS:

- **What year did TDR move into our current facility?**
 - 1997
 - We take great pride in the up keep of our facility & grounds, please help us keep them clean & nice!
 - If you are using tables in the gym viewing area, please clean up the area you were occupying & push in your chair when you are finished. There is limited space, please do not leave your belongings on a table or chair while in class
 - Please use the cubbies provided in the hallways
 - If standing in the viewing area along the wall, we ask that you avoid putting your hands & feet on the walls
 - **Please remind your children the bathrooms are NOT for eating in or playing in!**
- **Miss Lynn took her first dance class at Ann's Dance Studio in Indianapolis, IN, do you know which street it was located on?**
 - Shelby St.
- **How many of Miss Lynn's original 88 students are currently on staff at TDR?**
 - 1 - Peggy Jeffers

We will be sharing 50th Season Fun Facts on Social Media & our website! Be sure to check them out for fun TDR knowledge & PRIZES!

The Dance Depot:

317.882.3285

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Have you purchased your proper attire & shoes for your class(es)?

Be sure to stop by our Dance Depot during hours of operation to get all your dance needs!

Items such as leotards, dance shoes, tights, and more New Items added weekly!

Hours of Operation:

MONDAY - THURSDAY: 4:30 - 9:00 PM

FRIDAY: CLOSED

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

SUNDAY: CLOSED

Don't forget to use your discount card given at registration!