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WELCOME TO 51 YEARS OF EXCELLENCE

We are so excited for all of our New & Returning Families to be joining us this season!

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Meet the TDR Staff:

Executive Director: Lynn Herrick

Office Manager: Alyssa Farris

Office Staff: Olivia Basham, Breanna Davis, Briana Dwenger, Trish Roberds

Depot Staff: Olivia Basham, Karen Friend, Margaret Hurrle

Building Maintenance: Zach Montanio

Dance Instructors: Taylor Allen, Brianna Amspaugh, Alexis Apers, Sophie Barnes, Kyla Barnhart, Taylor Belch, Kevin Carmichael, Breanna Davis, Stephanie Garner, Aria Hall, Melissa Herrera, Nancy Herman, Kelsey Jennings, Lily Paul, Trish Roberds, Sasha Simpson, Brie Williams

Gymnastics/Tumbling/Gladiator

Instructors: Brianna Amspaugh, Taylor Belch, Collin Calhoun, Kevin Carmichael, Grayce Fritz, Aria Hall, Elizabeth Harvey, Kelsey Jennings, Lily Paul, Abigail Pennington, Kaitie Schultheis, Brian Wesselman, Jacob Williams, and Peter Yao

Assistants: Taylor Allen, Sophie Barnes, Taylor Doolin, Kaitlyn Fitzsimmons, Finley Harpp, Ariel Holmes, Claire Hoover, Audrey Iams, Mariah Jones, Sophia Kurtz, Nozomi Lingfelter, Natalie Meyer, Samantha Patterson, Lily Paul, Aeralyn Reed, Scout Sabo, Piper Severns, Gianna Spoolstra, Elise Teague, Kendal Vondielingen, Brooklyn Wilkins, Hadley Windsor

Crazy-Cute-Creative Costume Week:

Oct 26th - Oct 31st 

Get creative, have fun, & show off your best costume while you dance! TDR Staff will be handing out candy in lieu of stickers!

See pg. 3 for more details 



TDR Office Hours:

Monday - Thursday: 4 PM - 9 PM

Friday: 4 PM - 7 PM

Saturday: 9 AM - 3 PM

Visit our office staff during office hours to make payments, & get any questions answered!

Follow Us on Social Media:

FB: The Dance Refinery- Indianapolis, IN

IG: @TDRDance

TDR Parents Corner:

FAQ

- **Does TDR have a dress code?**

- **YES!** Please see our dress code requirements in the Fall/Winter/Spring 2026-27 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. Make-up lessons cannot be taken during a classes scheduled watch week.
- Performing Group/Rec Performing Group, & Gymnastics team practices(XCEL Silver & Up) **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?**

- 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, 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. 3 for the October viewing schedule. Reminder, technique, and competitive performing group classes are NOT open for viewing.

TDR 2-month Calendar:

Be sure to grab a copy
of our Annual Calendar
for a Full Season of
Important Dates!

October:

WATCH WEEK

Oct 19-24:

Studios 2, 3, & 4

Oct 26-31:

Studios 1, 5, & 6

Oct 1: Oct Tuition is Due

Oct 10: TDR OPEN- No PG, SG, or Tech Classes

Depot: CLOSED

Office: 9 AM - 1 PM

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

Oct 12: TDR OPEN- Columbus Day

Oct 20: PG & Team CFI Due

Oct 26-31: 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). During this week, we will be handing out candy in lieu of stickers!

Oct 31: TDR OPEN- HAPPY HALLOWEEN!

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

***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).

November:

WATCH WEEK

Nov 2-7:

Studios 1 & 2

Nov 9-14:

Studios 3 & 6

Nov 16-21

Studios 4 & 5

Nov 1: Nov Tuition is Due

Nov 1: Daylight Savings (Fall Back 1 hr)

Nov 3: TDR OPEN- Election Day

Nov 10: Tremaine \$\$\$ Due

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

Nov 11: TDR OPEN- Veterans Day

Nov 16: Begin handing out Recital Participation Forms

Nov 20: PG & Team CFI Due

Nov 25: TDR OPEN

Nov 26: TDR CLOSED- Happy Thanksgiving!

Nov 27: TDR OPEN

Nov 28: TDR OPEN

Make-Up Policy: Anytime we are closed, you do not need to do a makeup- those dates are built into the 40-week calendar. If your child has to miss class, please contact the office & we will gladly assist you in scheduling your make-up lesson!

Recital Participation Forms: The 2027 Recital is a great opportunity to show off all the technique & skills your child has learned all season! It's so FUN & EXCITING to perform on stage in a beautiful costume in front of your family & friends! We hope you will join us for our 51st Annual Recital!!! *Recital participation is highly encouraged but completely optional!

PG & Team Important Reminders:

Performing Group:

- Be sure to use your Picnic Packet as a reference for all PG Info! Hard Copies were handed out Aug 16th at the Picnic & were emailed on Aug 25th.
- If you have not turned in your PG Contract, please do so TODAY- it is past due.
- 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.
- All Contest Fee (CFI) 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 due.
- All students involved in an extra curricular that may have Spring activities, 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!
- Tremaine Convention Fees are due in the TDR office by **Nov 10th**.
 - "Mini" convention (ages 5-7) = \$200.00 per person - this includes 1 chaperone pass to allow each student to bring a parent into the Mini classroom with them.
- Convention (ages 7 & up) = \$325.00 per person
- Observer Band = \$85.00 (if you have a hotel room reservation at the host hotel, in the Tremaine Room Block - you are eligible for free observer band. The reservation must be in your name and you have to show id at the Tremaine registration table to obtain the free band).

Gymnastics Team:

- All Gymnastics Team members should have received an email with the 2026-27 meet schedule sent on Jul 27th. Please email us at thedancerefinery@gmail.com if you did not receive this important information.
- 2026-27 Gymnastics Team Packet was sent via email on Sept 24, please email us at thedancerefinery@gmail.com if you did receive this.
- 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 us ASAP as this was due by OCTOBER 1st.
- All contest Fee payments must be made with a check or cash ONLY. These installments are due by the 20th of each month. Please refer to your Team Packet to see the amount due

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TDR REFERRAL PROGRAM:

Any Current TDR family who refers a *NEW family to TDR will receive a credit on their tuition & the new family will receive half off their registration!

- Refer 1 New Family: Receive a \$50 credit toward your account
- Refer 2nd New Family: Receive an additional \$75 credit toward your account
- The credit will continue to increase by \$25 with each additional family you refer

*A New Family is someone who has NEVER been enrolled at TDR & the new family must pay 2 full months for you to receive the credit

COMING SOON... TDR SPIRITWEAR!

We are excited to launch our annual Online Spiritwear Store! Perfect for the Holiday Season, our Spiritwear store features TDR tshirts, hoodies, sweatpants, bookbags and other TDR accessories. There are items for the whole family! Once we send out the link, the online store will be LIVE. All items are limited edition, therefore once the store closes and all orders are processed, we cannot guarantee any extra items / stock in the depot. Be sure to keep an eye on your email for a link to the 2026 Winter Spiritwear Store!

THE DANCE DEPOT

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Hours of Operations:

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!

Have you purchased the proper attire for your registered class(es)?

Be sure to stop by The Dance Depot during hours of operation to get all your dance needs! Our Depot offers all the required shoes for class, many leotard options, tights, accessories, TDR Spirit wear, & new items added WEEKLY!

Please visit our friendly Depot staff to get personal assistance for your appropriate attire today!