

IN STEP WITH...



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WELCOME TO THE DANCE REFINERY!

As we celebrate 49 years in business, I feel truly proud and blessed when I look back on the journey of these remarkable years! I want to take this opportunity to recognize and thank you, our loyal clients, who have expressed confidence in the staff and myself.

This is your first issue of this season’s newsletter, “*In Step With The Dance Refinery*” Make sure you receive one each month or check out our website ([www.TheDanceRefinery.com](http://www.TheDanceRefinery.com)), where newsletters and other important information for our 49th Season will be posted!

Introducing The Dance Refinery Staff

Welcome aboard our new staff members (in bold Below)

- Executive Director Lynn M. Herrick
- Office Staff Chloe Betz, **Arianna Davis**, Breanna Davis, Briana Dwenger, Alyssa Farris (Office Manager), Stephanie Mason, **Kelli Miller**, Trish Roberds, Lindsey Shaffer, Julia Wells
- Dance Depot Staff Karen Friend, Margaret Hurrle
- Dance Instructors Stephanie Anderson, Alexis Apers, Kyla Barnhart, Taylor Belch, **Brooklyn Burbrink**, Kevin Carmichael, Marah Cover, **Arianna Davis**, Breanna Davis, Briana Dwenger, Melissa Herrera, Nancy Herrman, Malin Holden, Kelsey Holleman, Peggy Jeffers, Trish Roberds, Sasha Simpson, Stephanie Tetreault, Kevin Wiltz
- Tumbling / Gladiator Instructors **Brooklyn Burbrink**, Collin Calhoun, Kevin Carmichael, Briana Dwenger, Taylor Griffin, Kelsey Holleman, Jessica Miller, Kaitie Schultheis, Lexie VanBaale, Jacob Williams, Brian Wesselman, Peter Yao
- Dance & Tumbling / Gladiator Assistants Claire Adkisson, Taylor Allen, **Jose Ballesteros**, Sophie Barnes, Tessa Cardona, Hannah Duncan, Ariel Holmes, Gracie Kauble, Natalie Meyer, Lily Paul, Abigail Pennington, Elisabeth Pointer, **Audrey Purdy**, **Jordan Ronimous**, Kendal Vondielingen
- Voice Instructor Daniel Lyng





## IMPORTANT REMINDERS / NEWS

The following are a few updates / reminders we want to share as we get the season started!



**CLASS VIEWING!** Watch Week begins in October! Please refer to the Monthly Newsletter for the viewing schedule! The monthly calendars can be found on the back couple pages of the Newsletter. If you have any questions regarding Watch Week, please visit the front office!



**Borrowing Shoes:** While The Dance Refinery does have loaner shoes for students to borrow if they forget their dance bags, this should not be a regular occurrence and does not replace the need for you to purchase the appropriate shoes for your classes. Please see the front office if you need to borrow a pair of dance shoes.

We do appreciate all of the generous donations we have received to keep our loaner shoes well stocked, however we are currently no longer accepting donations.



**Are you aware of our dress code?** Dress Code requirements can be found in our Fall-Winter-Spring 2024-25 schedule packet (pages 4 - 5). **We expect everyone to check the dress code and purchase the correct shoes / attire by the end of September!** Please remember you have a discount card for The Dance Depot!



**Building Etiquette:** We take great pride in keeping our building clean and looking nice...help us keep it that way! In the last few years, we have had our bathrooms remodeled, floors re-done, and a fresh coat of paint on the hallway walls. Please remind your children that the bathrooms are not play rooms (they need to be in / out quickly) and to keep hands off the walls. We also ask that students not take food and/or candy into the bathroom to eat.

We also ask that if you are using the tables in the gym viewing area, please clean up your trash when you are finished and please **PUSH IN YOUR CHAIR** when you are finished so the next guest can use it. We are aware seating space is limited, so please do not leave your belongings on a table or chair while you are in class. Please use the cubbies provided to store your stuff. If you need to stand along the wall in the viewing area, **please avoid putting your hands or feet on the walls.**



**Need a drink of water?** The drinking fountains (in the café area, by the vending machines) are available for use to get a drink or fill a water bottle. If you need to purchase a bottle of water for \$2, please see the office staff.



**Need to miss a class and / or schedule a make up lesson?** If your child is going to be absent from a class, please call (317-881-1905) or email ([thedancerefineryin@gmail.com](mailto:thedancerefineryin@gmail.com)) to notify us of the absence and we can assist you in scheduling a make up lesson. As a reminder, performing group and gymnastics team practices (above pre-team level) can not be made up.

You must schedule all make up lessons in advance (with the office). This includes students wanting to make up a technique class.



**If you do not attend a scheduled make-up lesson, you will lose the make-up for that class. Classes are only allowed 2 students to do a make-up lesson each week—by re-scheduling multiple times, you are taking spots from others that may need a make-up lesson!**

### How to contact us:

**Email**—[thedancerefineryin@gmail.com](mailto:thedancerefineryin@gmail.com)

**Phone**—317-881-1905



# THE DANCE REFINERY - REFERRAL PROGRAM -



- ★ The **current** student receives a one time **\$40 credit** on monthly tuition (after the new student has paid in full for two full months of class).
- ★ 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.**
- ★ In order to receive your credit for the current Fall/Winter/Spring Session, referred students must be registered by **April 1st.** Due to the short length of the Summer Session, we do not offer the referral program in the Summer. If a new student starts in the summer, we will honor the referral credit when re-enrolling for the next 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.**

Bring a friend to class—you can carpool or just meet here and visit while your children are in class. Check out the November Newsletter where we will recognize those families that have already referred friends to TDR for the Fall 24-25 season!

## We appreciate your support and your patronage!





## CLASS AVAILABILITY

Fall / Winter / Spring 2024-2025

**There are still openings in Dance, Gymnastics, & Gladiator classes** Perhaps now that everyone has adjusted to their new school and activity schedules, you can add another tumbling, dance, or Gladiator class!

**Remember, THREE is the magic number** - half off your child's third class or half off a third child's class lessons (applied to the child with the lowest monthly tuition.)



**The list of full classes changes daily, as families add new classes or switch classes. Please check with the office staff for the most current information on class availability.**



### NEW CLASSES

Wednesday 6:00—Toe Terrific Tappers (Ages 5-6)

**AS OF 9/15/24**

### CANCELLED CLASSES

Tuesday 6:00—Tiny Tappers  
 Tuesday 6:00—Dance Team Prep  
 Wednesday 6:00—Creative Movement





# COMPETITIVE / RECREATIONAL PERFORMING GROUP INFORMATION



Please use your Picnic Notes Packet (handed out on July 23rd) as a reference for all PG Information!

## CONTEST FEE INSTALLMENTS:

Installments are due by the 20th of each month (starting in September). Please refer to your Performing Group Picnic Packet for the amount you need to pay. If you have any questions, please leave a message for Alyssa in the office. (You may pay towards your account at any time during the month. However, payments must be on a separate check from tuition.)

**NOTE:** All Contest Fee payments must be made with check or cash only (no credit/debit cards or PayPal)

## LEOTARD FITTINGS:

September 16- 21, 2024 (in The Dance Depot)

\*\*Please refer to email regarding appointment times!

\*\*PG Boys—Be on the look out for an email from Kevin regarding Practice Uniforms (Tshirts & Shorts)

## WARM UP FITTINGS:

September 16- 21, 2024 (in The Dance Depot)

\*\*Please refer to email regarding appointment times!



## COMPETITIONS AND RECITAL:

**TWO** regional competitions (three for anyone with a solo, duet, or trio) and recital are **MANDATORY** for **ALL** performing groups.

Please put these weekends on your calendar now and hold open the **entire weekend**.

### 1. Tremaine Semi-Final Competition

January 10-12, 2025

Indianapolis Marriott Downtown

\*NEW LOCATION\*

**Please Note:** TDR Staff will be selecting the numbers to represent us.

### 2. Reverb Regional

February 26-March 2, 2025

Venue: TBA

**\*\*ONLY SOLOS, TRIOS, DUETS COMPETING\*\***

### 3. CRU Dance Regional

April 25-27, 2025

Pike Performing Arts Center

### 4. Ticket To Broadway Regional

May 2-4, 2025

Venue: TBA

### 5. Recital

June 5-8, 2025

Southport High School

### 6. Beyond The Stars National Finals

June 15 - 21, 2025



#TeamTDR

## MANDATORY REHEARSALS:

Conflicts for the Mandatory Rehearsals were due in the office by  
**September 1, 2024**

**AIM SR Rehearsals:** Jan. 5, Jan. 19, Jan. 26, Feb. 2

**AIM Teen / Pre-Teen Rehearsals:** Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Feb. 9

**AIM II Rehearsals:** Jan. 5, Feb. 2, Feb. 9, Feb. 16, Feb. 23, Mar. 9

**Acro PG:** Dec. 19

**Hip Hop PG:** TBA

\*Additional group rehearsals (for all other Performing Groups) will be scheduled as needed!

## 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.

## DANCE CONVENTIONS:

All AIM SR, AIM Teen / Pre-Teen, AIM II, AIM II Prep, The Definition, Acro Production, & Teen Boys PG are required to attend 1 convention:

**Tremaine**

**January 10-12, 2025**

Location: Indianapolis Marriott Downtown \*NEW LOCATION\*

**Tremaine 2025 Fees:**

**Minis- \$180**

**Juniors, Teens, Seniors- \$295**

**Observer - \$80**

**Hotel Room Block information can be found at**

**<https://www.tremainedance.com/winter-2024-25/indianapolis-in/>**

\*If staying at the Host Hotel under the Tremaine Room Block, please see Special FREE Observer Band Promotion section on website.

**All Tremaine fees must be paid to the TDR office no later than 11/30/24.**

-All Show Choir Students or students with a Spring activity, please check your calendars now! If you think Tremaine dates will be a potential conflict for you, you need to schedule a time to meet with Lynn ASAP!

Although it is nice when students attend outside workshops and dance events, please do these when The Dance Refinery is closed. It is very hard when you miss our regular class time or rehearsals (in addition to the time you miss due to your other activities).  
**All extra competitions / conventions must be approved in advance by the TDR Staff!**

# TDR GYMNASTICS TEAM

2024



2025

All Gymnastics Team members should have received an email on Sept. 12 with this season's Team Packet and a review of the meet schedule.

Please email us at [thedancerefineryin@gmail.com](mailto:thedancerefineryin@gmail.com) if you do 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](mailto:thedancerefineryin@gmail.com) by no later than OCTOBER 1 so we can get you removed before the deadline.**

## 2024-2025 MEET SCHEDULE

December 13-15: "Hoosier Cup" (Indianapolis, IN) - All Levels

January 10-12: "Yellow Brick Road" (Indianapolis, IN) - Xcel Silver Only

January 24-26: "Sparkle & Shine with Trinity Thomas" (Ft. Wayne, IN) - All Levels

January 31-February 2: "Circle Of Stars" (Indianapolis, IN) - All Levels

February 14-17: "Make It Count Gymnastics Spectacular" (Pigeon Forge, TN) - Xcel Gold & Up

March 1-2: "Swing Into Spring" (Hamilton, OH) - All Levels

## STATE MEETS

March 14-16: Xcel State—Location TBD

March 22-23: Optional State—Location TBD



## REGIONAL MEET

April 10-13: Level 9-10 Regionals—Location TBD (Michigan)

April 25-27: Level 7-8 Regionals—Location TBD (Illinois)

May 2-4: Xcel Gold—Sapphire Regionals—Location TBD (Indiana)

## EASTERN NATIONAL MEET

May 1-4: Level 9—Battle Creek, MI (Kelloggs Arena)

## CONTEST FEE INSTALLMENTS (CFI)

Your 1st installment payment will be due September 20.  
Please see the Team Packet sent 9/12 with pricing info.

# TDR 3 MONTH CALENDAR

## SEPTEMBER

CLASS VIEWING

BEGINS  
OCTOBER 21ST!



- 1 September lesson fees due by the 1st of the month
- 1 AIM SR, AIM Pre-Teen/Teen, AIM II, Hip Hop PG, and Acro PG Conflicts due in office for Mandatory Rehearsals
- 2 **TDR is CLOSED** - Labor Day
- 11 10% Late fee assessed on tuition not paid by the 10th
- 12-15 Guest Choreography Weekend: Emily Zachary
- 16-20 PG Leotard & Warm-Up fittings in The Dance Depot (by appointment, during Depot hours)
- 20 Performing Group & Gymnastics Team Contest Fee Installment Due in the TDR office
- 20 All PG Leotard & Warm-Up Fees due by 3:00pm
- 23-28 Gymnastics Team Leotard & Legging Fittings
- 28 Gymnastics Team Leotards & Legging Fees due by 9:00pm

★ **Gymnastics Team Warm-Up Fittings = TBA!**  
**Be on the look out for an email in the coming weeks!**

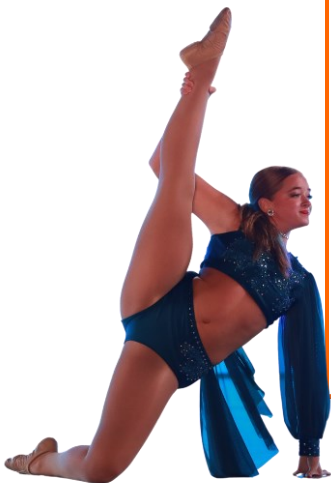


## OCTOBER

CLASS VIEWING

October 21-26  
Studios 2, 3, & 4

Oct. 28 - Nov. 2  
Studios 1, 5, & 6



**COSTUME DEPOSITS** accepted this month! Beginning October 1st, parents can make deposits on their Recital costumes (suggested amount is \$50 - \$60 per costume / per month in October, November, & December).

- 1 October lesson payments due by the 1st of the month
- 11 10% Late fee assessed on tuition not paid by the 10th
- 12 **TDR OPEN**—No PG Classes, Small Group, or Technique Classes  
Office Open 9:00am - 12:30pm  
The Dance Depot is CLOSED
- 13 Groove Dance Convention - Pittsburgh, PA (Optional)
- 14 **TDR OPEN** - Columbus Day
- 20 Performing Group & Team Contest Fee Installment due in the office
- 21-26 **CLASS VIEWING** - Rooms 2, 3, & 4
- 25-31 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\*\*
- 28-11/2 **CLASS VIEWING** - Rooms 1, 5, & 6
- 31 **TDR is 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!**

**NOVEMBER CALENDAR ON NEXT PAGE!!!**



# TDR 3 MONTH CALENDAR CONTINUED...

## NOVEMBER

### CLASS VIEWING

November 4-9  
Studios 1 & 2

November 11-16  
Studios 3 & 6

November 18-23  
Studios 4 & 5



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

- 1 November lesson payments due by the 1st of the month
- 3 Daylight Savings Time - Fall back 1 hour
- 4 Begin handing out Recital Participation forms in class
- 4-9 **CLASS VIEWING** - Studios 1 & 2
- 5 TDR OPEN - Election Day
- 11 10% Late fee assessed on tuition not paid by the 10th  
**TDR OPEN** - Veterans Day
- 11-16 **CLASS VIEWING** - Studios 3 & 6
- 18-23 **CLASS VIEWING** - Studios 4 & 5
- 20 Performing Group & Team Contest Fee Installment due in the office
- 28 **TDR IS CLOSED** - Thanksgiving
- 30 Tremain fees due in the office by 3pm

**LOOKING AHEAD:** We will be measuring students for Recital costumes in all dance classes (including technique) December 2-12

\*Any students interested in participating in the Gladiator / Tumbling Recital should come to the office (during these 2 weeks) to be measured!

LEOTARDS

DANCE SHOES

**VISIT  
THE DANCE DEPOT**

**NEW LEOS ADDED WEEKLY!  
STOP BY TO SEE OUR LATEST SELECTION!**

TIGHTS

ACCESSORIES

## THE DANCE DEPOT HOURS

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

FRIDAY: CLOSED

SATURDAY: 9:00 AM - 3:00 PM

SUNDAY: CLOSED



Simply link your Kroger Plus Card to The Dance Refinery (Artists In Motion, INC.) and start shopping!

Follow steps below to enroll:

1. Go to the website [www.kroger.com/communityrewards](http://www.kroger.com/communityrewards)
2. Click on "View Details" under the "I'm a Customer" tab in the community section
3. Sign in using your online shopping username and password. If you do not have an online account, you can create this now.
4. Link TDR to your plus card - in the organizations search bar type the code "IX284 "
5. Click on ENROLL and you are done! Start shopping!

# CONGRATULATIONS!

## GROOVE NATIONAL FINALS

### ★ JAM NOMINEES! ★

"Think Pink" (AIM II Jazz) - 5th Overall

"Kenough" (All Boys) - 3rd Overall

"Bye Bye Blackbird" (AIM Teen / Pre-Teen Danner) - 4th Overall

"The Race" (Acro Production) - 3rd Overall

"Lamar" (The Definition) - 5th Overall

"Corner Of Your Heart" (AIM SR Contemporary) - 4th Overall

"Clocks" (AIM SR Tap) - 4th Overall



Shout out to our incredible  
**TDR PARENTS**  
for placing  
**3RD OVERALL**  
in the Groove National Finals  
Parent Dance Battle!