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Dear Dance Alliance Parents and Students,

First, we would like to say THANK YOU for being with us this last season! We have had an amazing year of dance with all of our DA dancers and families. In the late 1980's, we were young dancers that were dancing and working with a youth dance company that was actually doing joint shows and events with Dance Alliance Repertory Company. After a few years of college and dancing professionally, Lisa began teaching at Dance Alliance in 1994. Adam came on board in 2000 when they both became the Dance Alliance Repertory Company Artistic Directors and then, as many of you know, purchased Dance Alliance in June of 2004. As we frequently reminisce about our many decades of involvement in this community and of course, with Dance Alliance, we are extremely excited to move into our 21st season as owners of Dance Alliance. We are extremely grateful for the life-long relationships and friendships that have evolved since the late 1980's and it truly warms our hearts to see the children and grandchildren of many former Dance Alliance dancers walking through our doors every season. With all that said, clearly we are here to stay, and can't wait to spend a couple more decades continuing to spread our love for dance through Saline and all the generations of future dancers to come! Again, thank you for being a part of our lives and Dance Alliance. Here's to an amazing 2024-2025 dance season here at Dance Alliance!

We have a very busy May and June with many of our dancers and we look forward to an incredible official start to a new season beginning on September 3, 2024. The Dance Alliance Fall 2024 Schedule will basically be the same this season to keep things simple and not stressful for our DA families. Of course, if dancers need to do some schedule changes, that is completely understandable and acceptable. All of our DA teachers will be instructing so that the dancers in classes will be moving forward and continuing to grow with this new season.

If you do not know much about us or our dance backgrounds, we have enclosed our biographies to give you a little glimpse of who we are and where we have been. We hope to take the best from all of our dance and teaching experiences and bring it to all of you at Dance Alliance. We would like you to know that we plan to continue to bring the students the most professional dance training, the most qualified staff, and the latest styles of dance that the industry has to offer. We want the dance experience for our students to be a positive, fun and rewarding one. We feel that regardless of abilities and future intentions, each student should be given exceptional training in the most professional atmosphere possible. Attached/enclosed, you will find the Fall Registration Form with a listing of classes that are being offered, the Fall 2023 Sample DA Class Schedule, the DARC Audition Form, various Workshop/Intensive/Camp forms and the Dance Alliance Policies. As in the past, registration for fall classes requires a \$5.00 nonrefundable deposit per class to hold your dancer's place. Pre-Registration/Registration for fall classes will begin now and can be taken care of at our on-line registration, via email, mail, phone or dropped off during all our hours in June. Your signed registration form and per class deposit may be emailed, turned in at the studio or mailed to: Dance Alliance, P.O. Box 1628, Brighton, MI 48116. If sending via mail, please let us know...email, text and/or phone call so that we make sure we receive and get your dancer(s) in their classes. We want to make sure that DA dancers and families are getting the classes they wish and that classes are not canceled due to lack of enrollment. Please state on the registration form what type of dance (ballet, tap, jazz, etc.) your dancer is interested in and what previous dance experience your dancer has had to help make placements as well. As mentioned above, your dancer will be placed in class(es) according to their classes from last season as well as their age and previous dance training. Class placement is not guaranteed if we do not receive your form and deposit(s) by the beginning of the dance season. Confirmation of your registration, class placement, and a tuition statement including any credit(s) that you may have from last season, will be emailed to you as soon as your registration is processed...usually in August. Our new website is up and running. There are registration links for Fall Registration, Nutcracker Auditions, Dance Alliance Repertory Auditions and of course all our Summer Workshops, Intensives and Camps.

We have truly enjoyed every year with our Dance Alliance dancers and families and we look forward to continuing to share our love for dance and all that it has to offer with all of you in the many seasons to come. Thank you for being a part of our lives and thank you for trusting us with all of your amazing dancers. As parents ourselves to two young men with many athletic and academic aspirations, we completely understand all that goes into everyday life and we hope that we can offer your dancers and the whole family many fun moments, amazing memories, basic life lessons and, of course, some incredible dance training. We can't wait to start our 21st season with all of you! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact us.

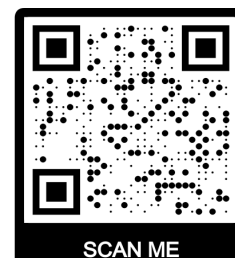
Thank you,

Adam & Lisa

Dates for 2024/2025 Dance Season

- * *Dance Alliance Open House: Monday-Thursday, August 26 - 29, 2024, 4:00pm-8:00pm.*
- * *Nutcracker Auditions: Wednesday, August 28, 2024 (Look for the Nutcracker Audition Registration Form at DA, use the QR Code to access forms, on the DA website & in the email received @ recital)*
- * *Dance Alliance first day of classes for Fall Semester: Tuesday, September 3, 2024*
- * *Annual Saline Holiday Parade: Saturday, December 7, 2024. Parade will include Beg., Int., and Adv. Kickline dancers. Rehearsals begin mid September in their kickline classes.*
- * *27th Annual Nutcracker: Dance Alliance's production of The Nutcracker will be held at the Saline High School Auditorium on the weekend listed below. We have this date reserved and wait for a confirmation from Saline Community Education. Dress Rehearsal on Saturday, December 14th and performances on Saturday, December 14th at 7pm and Sunday, December 15th at 2pm.*
- * *26th Annual DARC Showcase: Wednesday, March 19, 2025, 6:00pm. Requested date. Not approved by Saline Comm. Ed. until late summer.*
- * *DA Spring Concerts: Friday, May 16, 2025 @ 7:30pm; Saturday, May 17, 2025 @ 1:00pm; Sunday, May 18, 2025 @ 1:00pm & 4:00pm. Not approved by Saline Comm. Ed. until late summer.*

Please scan the QR Code with your smart phone to access ALL DA LINKS for various forms and registration options. Scan & when taken to Dropbox, click on "Or continue to website" and that will take you to the folder that contains all the links..





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Adam B. Clark, a Michigan native, began performing professionally in Chicago with Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago in the premiere of the Tin Soldier. During his time with Giordano's, Adam had the privilege of working extensively with "Jazz Greats" such as Luigi, Matt Mattox, Frank Hatchett, Joe Tremaine and Pattie Obey. Mr. Clark also had the opportunity to perform in several benefit, commercial and industrial shows: AT&T, the McCormick Center, Saks Fifth Avenue, and individuals such as Sherry Zunker-Dow, Mike Ditka and Michael Jordan. While in Chicago, he taught at the Gus Giordano Dance Center and at numerous suburban studios. He returned to Michigan to serve as Assistant Director to Performing Arts Dance Theater and to perform with the Ann Arbor based Jazz Dance Theatre of which he was appointed artistic director in 1993. His award-winning works have premiered on both students and professional companies in the United States and Germany. He has choreographed for several pageant contestants including Miss Michigan 1997 and his work has been seen at the Miss America Pageant. Along with choreographing, Adam has been a judge at Miss Battle Creek and Miss Bay County. Mr. Clark has guest taught and choreographed at numerous studios and universities and was also commissioned by the Midland Center for the Arts Musical Society to teach their week-long annual summer dance workshops for two consecutive summers. In addition to previously directing Jazz Dance Theatre, Adam also co-owns Dance Alliance and co-directs Dance Alliance Repertory Company with his wife, Lisa. He also served as a founding member and coach for the Saline High School Dance Team in its 2003-2004 season. In addition to his dance and choreography credits, Adam worked with Jackie Sleight where he served as the Production Coordinator for LA Dance Magic's premier showcase concert "Final Cut" in LA, California from 2006 to 2022. Once again, he will resume his position as Production Coordinator for the concert in July of 2023 along with Directing/Managing National Finals for LA Dance Magic. During his time in LA, he has also had the honor of instructing dancers from all over the country in several Jazz and Stretch classes at studios as well as during "Final Cut". Adam and his wife, Lisa, were interviewed by Nancy Wozny, a writer for Dance Studio Life Magazine. In the August 2007 issue, look for their personal stories and input on prevention, care and rehabilitation of injuries among dancers. Along with the numerous hours of class and private dance instruction every week, Adam has combined his years of dance training and instructing with his love for physical fitness and became a certified trainer for Title Boxing Club Corporate of Brighton/Ann Arbor where he served as a Trainer then ultimately the Lead/Senior Trainer from 2014 to 2019. Most recently, he has found himself traveling the country on weekends working for LA Dance Magic. This summer, you will find Adam at Dance Alliance with the many talented dancers, instructing at a few different events in MI, and of course, working and spending time in LA and hopefully once again, NYC. On a personal note, Adam and Lisa currently reside in Brighton, and have two sons, Gabriel Adam and Brendan Aubrey. Gabriel recently finished his Graduate Degree in Business Management in December of 2023 as well as just completed and passed his exam for the National Academy of Sports Medicine in April of 2024. After 4 years of college baseball, Gabe is still busy with baseball this season as the Head Coach for Charyl Stockwell High School. He will also continue this summer with the Detroit Tigers during their summer camp season. Brendan has just finished his Earth Sciences/Paleontology Undergraduate Degree in 3 years from Montana State University. He will continue his Graduate studies in Earth Sciences/Paleontology with a Teaching Assistantship at Montana State University this coming fall. Both Gabriel and Brendan have been recognized for graduating with the highest GPA's in their graduating classes...#ProudParentMoments!

Lisa Darby Clark graduated with highest honors from the University of Michigan with a Bachelor of Dance Arts. While at U of M, Lisa received the Gertrude Huebner Undergraduate Award in Dance, as well as Friends of Dance Summer Study Scholarships and a Dance Department Merit scholarship. Mrs. Clark was chosen to represent the University at the American College Dance Festival Association where her choreography was featured in the festival's Gala Concert. Lisa has performed in works by Vaslav Nijinski, Martha Graham, Lucas Hoving and Pattie Obey, as well as dancing with Ann Arbor Dance Works. In addition to her extensive performance background in the midwest, she has had opportunities to dance and perform across the United States as well as Germany. Lisa has taught in past summers at Interlochen Arts Academy for the University of Michigan's All-State program and has also been commissioned by the Midland Center for the Arts Musical Society to teach their week-long annual summer dance workshops. Mrs. Clark also served as adjunct professor and guest artist for five years at Michigan State University where she taught ballet, modern and jazz for the Theater Department. Along with her husband, Lisa also served as coach for the Saline High School Dance Team during its founding 2003-2004 season. As a youth, Mrs. Clark was also a founding member of Performing Arts Dance Theater and the youngest company member of Northern Ballet Theatre. Lisa currently teaches at Dance Alliance, which she co-owns and directs with her husband, Adam, and also served as both a company member and Co-Director of Jazz Dance Theatre. Lisa and her husband, Adam, were interviewed for an article on the many issues of injuries among dancers. The article appeared in the August 2007 dance publication, Dance Studio Life. This upcoming summer and dance season, you will find her instructing, choreographing, costuming and organizing all things dance related for her award winning Dance Alliance dancers as well as hopefully once again traveling to LA and NYC. In her personal life, Lisa finds herself always busy as the "Organizer of all Things" for all her boys: Adam, Gabe and Brendan. As mentioned in her husband's bio above, Gabriel recently finished his Graduate Degree in Business Management in December of 2023 as well as just completed and passed his exam for the National Academy of Sports Medicine in April of 2024. After 4 years of college baseball, Gabe is still busy with baseball this season as the Head Coach for Charyl Stockwell High School. He will also continue this summer with the Detroit Tigers during their summer camp season. Brendan has just finished his Earth Sciences/Paleontology Undergraduate Degree in 3 years from Montana State University. He will continue his Graduate studies in Earth Sciences/Paleontology with a Teaching Assistantship at Montana State University this coming fall. Both Gabriel and Brendan have been recognized for graduating with the highest GPA's in their graduating classes...#ProudParentMoments!