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***Our Philosophy***

Dance Motion Xplosion’s **(DMX)** philosophy is to provide students of all ages with the skills to expand their vision of the world through dance for a lifetime. We provide quality dance instruction in an artistic and creative environment using the following forms of dance expression: tap, ballet, jazz, lyrical, hip hop and gymnastics. Providing a positive environment where students are encouraged to strive for excellence to the very best of their own ability is our primary student goal.

***About Dance Motion Xplosion (DMX)***

**DMX** is a dance school whose seed was originally planted by 30 years of dance provided to Detroit Metro-area dance students by MBS Training Center for the Performing Arts. We carry on their legacy by providing a dance program that will provide students the opportunity to learn and grow as dancers and individuals through the mind, body and soul. **DMX** has a dedicated and talented staff of qualified and experienced instructors. The studio is under the direction of Sabrina Breedlove, Shira Duncan and Debra Cherveny who were affiliated with MBS for over 20 years.

We offer a basic program, which incorporates both combination classes and individual classes. In our basic program, the goal is to provide our students with the essential foundations of basic- advance technique, discipline, and music appreciation.

We also have 5 intense performing groups in which students gain admittance via recommendation and invitation. These groups are ***Supernova, Dynamite, Atomic, and Bang! and Sparklers.*** These groups meet approx.2 hours per week with the exception of ***Sparklers*** their class is 1 hrs. 30 minutes. They will perform in our recitals, as well as special dance events and competitions.

Along with the intense performing groups, we also offer our ***Ground Zero*** Dance Lines (competition groups). Students will need to audition to gain admittance into our Ground Zero Dance Line. These groups are generally for advance students’ ages 10 yrs. old and above. More information about Ground Zero will be available at a later date.***Goals for Basic Program Students:***

**1.** Provide each student with a firm foundation in tap, ballet, jazz, lyrical, hip hop and gymnastics, and continue to present more stimulating instruction in each of these areas for beginning, intermediate and advanced students.

2. For each student to appreciate a diverse range of music and to show that different music and dance forms are enjoyable.

3. To provide a relaxed, nurturing, safe, learning environment where young students with common interests can work together to develop their talents. Building on this talent and using teamwork, each student will participate in our winter & spring recital.

4. To teach students that goals can be accomplished through discipline and persistent training.

5. To build self esteem through achievement.

6. To also provide dance training to adults.

***Basic Program Classes –***

*Creative 3s & 4s – 1 hour $50 payment per month*

*Beginners Combination Class– 1 ½ hours $62 payment per month*

*Intermediate/Advance 1 hr ½ - $62 per month*

*2- 1 hour classes), $95.00*

*3 classes & over (unlimited) $132.00 payment per month*

 Classes include: Tap, Ballet, Gymnastics (Creative’s and Beginners), and Hip Hop/Jazz (Int/Adv) Students will need to purchase 1 costume per class for the spring recital.

***Adult Class - $47 payment per month***

Class include: Jazz/Lyrical & Ballet (1 hour). This class is reserved for adults aged 18+. Because this is a moderately fast paced class, adults enrolled should be able to stretch, leap, and move briskly Students will need to purchase one costume for the Spring Recital

***Zumba Fitness - $25.00 payment per month***

**1 hour per week-** combines raw energy with an effective workout program to Latin and African music. Zumba includes dance and aerobic elements.

***A La Carte Classes 1st class: $50 payment per month***

 ***2nd class: $95 payment per month***

 ***3rd class: $132.00 (unlimited rate)***

 ***Payment per month***

***Private Lessons ½ hour $65.00 per month***

 ***1 hour $120.00 per month***

 ***(10% discount when combined with additional classes)***

 ***(All private lesson student receive a solo dance in the spring recital only)***

Unlimited classes will include: Tap, Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical/Modern, Pointe, Gymnastics, Hip Hop, Stretch, Turn/Leap, and Tap students will need to purchase a costumes for any class they perform a dance in the recital. \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

***Goals for Performing and Ground Zero Dance Company’s:***

 ***(In conjunction with the Basic Program Goals)***

1. To provide a curriculum of diversified dance training of the highest professional caliber.

2. To provide performance opportunities where talents can be showcased such as dance

 competitions, conventions, and community performance opportunities.

3. To role model discipline and outstanding behavior as DMX prestigious dance line

 members.

***DMX Performing Groups - $132.00 Unlimited Dance Package/payment per* *month Supernova, Dynamite, Atomic*,**  aprox.2 hours/15 min. per week (regular class) with a mandatory 2 hour technique class), unlimited participation in other class. **Bang! Performing Group,** 2 hours per week ($95.00 per month)

***Sparklers - $62.00 payment per month***; (1 ½ hours) Classes include: Tap, Ballet & Gymnastic

**A Note About Pointe’**: Pre-Pointe/Pointe’ is not a mandated class at **DMX**. It is our belief that Pointe’ is an advance portion of the Ballet Technique. We encourage dancers to strengthen the muscles, tendons and skeletal components in the feet for a smooth and strong transition from a soft ballet shoe to the Pointe’ shoe. We embrace that every dancer will develop at different times, and we do not want our student to be rushed into an extremely difficult aspect of Ballet. Our Pointe’ program will be under strict supervision from our Ballet Master to ensure the student is physically and psychologically ready for advancement. There are dangers of sickling, or rolling the ankles inward in a struggle to keep the body steady over the box, which can seriously impair the dancer's potential for progress. Here at **DMX**, we take the study of Pointe’ very seriously for the safety of our dancers.

All Companies will need to purchase 4 costumes total for the regular dance year. (2 for Christmas Show and 2 for spring recital).

***Ground Zero Competition Classes - $52.00 per month, with a discount for multiple classes (no additional charge when you are at the unlimited rate of* $132.00, then *you pay for costumes only)***

Audition is required for Ground Zero Competition Lines.

 More Information about auditions will be provided at a later date.

All Ground Zero dancers must be enrolled in a basic group, performance line, or 2 A La

 Carte Classes.

Students will need to purchase two costumes total: 2 costumes total- 1 for Winter Showcase and 1 for Spring Recital

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***Costume Fees***

These prices reflect a flat rate for costumes and headpiece (1 pair of tights will be given to students as needed)

***Adult-sized costumes* -** Adult-sized for students over 80 lbs. - $60.00

Child-sized costume for students under 80 lbs. - $50**.**00 ($10.00 less for Christmas Show)

Costume Fees for participation in our Winter Showcase will always be due during the time of registration. Costume Fees for the Spring Recital are due in November of each year or at time of registration.

**Recital Fee**

All students performing in Christmas or spring recital will be subject to a $30.00 per student recital fee and $25.00 per family for the purchase of a recital **DVD**

***Dance Attire/ Dress Code***

 Dance World, and Bodies in Motion have the required wear listed for you at their stores.

* ***Dance World****, 19651 Middlebelt Road, Livonia, MI 48152, (248) 477-0520*
* ***Bodies in Motion****, 43316 West 11 Mile Road Novi, MI 48375, (248) 305-5590*

***A Note about Underwear*:** We like for all of our dancers to look professional and neat. A part of being involved in the art of dance is adhering to the dress culture involved within it. In dance classes around the nation, all dancers are not to wear panties under their tights. When you purchase tights that were created for dance, there is a cotton oval for sanitary protection. Dancers can wear a skin tone, high cut panty for those certain times when it is necessary. Bras should also be covered/concealed or wearing a sports bra is acceptable. This is out respect and appreciation

for this art form.

***A Note about Hair:*** *Students are to have hair off face and secured for all classes.* ***Please secure any beads so that they will not fly off and/or hit children in eyes when turning*.** Hair concerns should be taken care of before, not during class. Please keep necessary hair supplies in your dance bag.

***Basic Program Essential Attire:***

 Dance Bag

 Black Leotard (any style)

 Pink Tights (Creative 3s &4s/ Beg) or Tan Tights (Int. /Adv; proper color can be purchased from our vendor)

 Proper Foot Attire (Please check with our vendor)

 Optional: Black Dance Shorts/Jazz Pants and the official DMX tank top

 (For classes other than Ballet)

**Once a year DMX orders Gear from our distributor in bulk, (lower rate). However you may go to our DMX Online Store and purchase DMX Apparel at anytime. The items will be delivered directly to your home.**

***http://teamstore.gtmsportswear.com/dmx***

**Company Groups/Ground Zero Essential Attire:**

 Dance Bag

 Black Leotard (any style)

 Tan Tights

 Proper Foot Attire (Please check with our vendor)

**We are excited to incorporate bright colors within our company groups!** Each group will have an assigned color that they can wear over their base (black leotard and tan tights). These additional items have already been pre-selected at The Studio Dance Rack. Please give your group name, and they will show you the selected items that you can choose from. Dancers can also wear their official **DMX** tank top. All of these items can be worn for classes other than Ballet.

**DMX Operational Rules**

**MEDICAL CONDITIONS –** Pre-existing medical conditions **MUST** be noted, in writing, at registration for the protection of each student. If you have a heart condition, hypertension, diabetes, or are an adult over 20 pounds overweight, you must consult a physician before starting a dance session.

**TUITION PAYMENTS –** We offer a variety of tuition payment methods: cash, personal check, and Money Order. All Credit Card Payments have a $1.00 fee included (MasterCard, Visa & American Express). We also take phone payment

**TUITION IS DUE BY THE 1st to the 7th OF EACH MONTH. A** $20.00 LATE FEE will be applied for that month on the 8th of the month. **ALL TUITION IS NON-REFUNDABLE**. There will be **NO CREDIT** given for classes unattended. For classes that are missed due to holidays or us closing, please utilize make-up classes for this. These make-up classes will not count against the 2 courses given for sick days. ***There will be a $35.00 charge for returned checks***. Students owing for more than 4 weeks without a payment plan approved by DMX Management will NOT be allowed to participate in class. September tuition is due at the time of registration (3 week payment), and June Tuition will be due with the May tuition in order to receive costumes in May. The $25.00 family registration fee is due upon registration per every dance year season.

**TUITION DISCOUNTS** *-*  10% family discount applies to families with more than one child .Boys dance free (one Hip-Hop class) if another sibling is enrolled; for every new family that registers and states you as their referral, you will receive $25.00 off of your tuition for the next month.

**PERFORMING GROUPS AND GROUND ZERO SELECTION –** All NEW Performing group members must receive admittance to the class by invitation only. Moving from one performing group to another will also be based on dance level and maturity level, thus, it should not be assumed that a student should move to another performing group each year. For admittance into the Ground Zero Competition Lines, all dancers must audition. Information about auditions will be noted on the first newsletter of the dance season.

**THE DMX CLASS YEAR** – Classes run from September until our Spring Recital in June. Please refer to our calendar for the scheduled days off. Please utilize make-up classes for missed closed days (i.e.; Thanksgiving, Good Friday, etc.).

**RECITALS**- Company **students will perform in the annual dance recital in both December and June**. All students perform in the June Recital. Costumes fees will be needed for all shows. All Company Members will be required to sale at least 6 tickets for both the Winter Blast and Spring Recital. We encourage all Basic Class Participants to sale at least 5 tickets per recital. All students performing in the Spring Recital will be subject to a $30.00 per person recital fee & $25.00 payment per family for a Spring Recital DVD. We also ask that each family support our souvenir **AD** book.

**PICTURES** – DMX requires all students to take group pictures in costume for our souvenir book. The option to purchase individual pictures at an additional cost is available. Pictures will be taken in the spring of each year.

**VALUABLES** – Please leave your money or valuables home. We have limited space, **and will not be responsible for lost or stolen money or valuables.**

**SIT OUTS –** We expect a good attitude for learning when in class. We use ‘sit out’ as a discipline tool when absolutely necessary. For more serious discipline issues, we will contact the guardian(s) of the student and work together in the development of the student.

**SNOW DAYS –** Please call the dance studio line for updates on snow and other potential weather issues. Our voicemail will be updated with any closing information by 2pm.

**VOLUNTEERS –** We are always seeking volunteers to assist with the Winter Showcase and Spring Recitals. If your child is a Performing Group or Ground Zero member, at least one parent or guardian will be REQUIRED to volunteer for one performance each year. We cannot run these shows in a professional and organized manner without your support.

**LATE PICK-UPS – It is extremely important that all dancers are picked up in a timely manner.** Any parent that has not picked up their child 15 minutes after the last class of the day will be charged $5 every 15 minutes. The late fee must be paid before the next class. Any student under 10 must have parental supervision while waiting for another sibling to finish a dance session.

**LATE DROP-OFFS** – Any student arriving more than 15 minutes late may be asked to sit out until the next warm-ups are started. A proper warm-up is one of the mechanisms used to host safe dance classes.

**SICK DAYS** – Each student can make up 2 sick days a year. Do not subtract money from your monthly payment for sick days. Talk to instructor or office staff to reschedule make-up time.

**ATTENDANCE** – When a student misses 3 classes in a row, without calling to provide a reason, they will be automatically dropped from the class – remember, classes are non-refundable... Your account will be charged for the class even if the dancer does **NOT** attend.

**GUESTS** – We discourage students from inviting guests because our level of supervision is adequate for our dancers but not for extra non-dancers. We will inform you when our “Bring a Friend to Dance” event occurs.

**CELLPHONES** – STUDENTS ARE NOT ALLOWED TO USE **CELL PHONES DURING THEIR CLASS TIME -**dancers need to put them in their dance bags, turned off (not vibrate), and can be used once class is complete. Any student caught using their phone will be taken and turned in to the front desk until after class.

**Fees for Registration:**

At registration the following fees are required:

 $25.00 – Seasonal Dance Year family registration fee.

 $50.00/$60.00 - Costume fee for Spring Recital (per class). All students will receive one pair of tights. Winter Showcase costumes are $40.00 under 80 lbs and $50.00 over 80 lbs. and must be paid at registration. The Spring Recital Costume Fee is due in the month of November and will be put on your account for the December payment.

 Varies - The first month of class fees are due at this time. The price varies on the amount of classes, and to which program you are enrolled.