



Tracey Gabelman-Hart

owner & director

"I love working with the younger students . . . you have to be so creative and fun. You get to be more demanding and encouraging to the older, more serious dancers."

I began dancing at age four and studied with a community mentor, Karen McWilliams, along with many other instructors here in Lincoln. I studied with Ballet West in 1978 and then continued my education at UNL, majoring in business administration with a minor in dance. I have choreographed for many community productions including Pinewood Bowl, Wesleyan Swing Choir and the Shim-Sham Senior Tap Troupe. Gary and I were married in 1980 and we opened the studio in 1987. We have two children, Alyssa and Michael.

I am very proud of the amazing instructors at HDA as they are incredible role models and friends. I feel so strongly about their talents that we will be rotating teachers in certain classes to provide dancers with a broader experience. We feel so fortunate to work with so many talented dancers and nice families.

CALENDAR Classes begin Wednesday, September 7, 2011.

Tuition I	September 7	October 29
<i>Tap Begins in Combination classes:</i>		<i>October 1</i>
<i>Fall Break</i>	<i>October 10</i>	<i>October 15</i>
Tuition II	November 1	December 17
<i>Winter Break</i>	<i>December 19</i>	<i>January 7</i>
Tuition III	January 9	March 3
Tuition IV	March 5	April 28
<i>Spring Break</i>	<i>March 12</i>	<i>March 17</i>
Tuition V	April 30	TBD

RECITALS are presented every other year (years ending in even numbers) at the Lied Center for Performing Arts. As always, we will strive for a professional and yet affordable family event. Costume deposits will be due in January 2012.

TUITION is due the first lesson of each two-month session. We cannot refund any tuition after it has been paid. You must notify the studio if you are not continuing at any time. Additional discounts are available for families taking three or more classes per week. TAP IS BACK! Ask about our special discount when you add tap to your other classes.

Registration Fee: \$15 for one dancer
Due with your registration \$25 for the entire family

<u>Class Length</u>	<u>Tuition</u>	<u>Early Bird Tuition*</u>
45-55 Minutes	\$75	\$70
75 Minutes	\$90	\$85

*Early Bird tuition must be paid by the 15th of the month.

DRESS CODES are enforced and are an important element of proper dance instruction. Dress codes vary by class type, level and age, so please refer to the web site for more information. Hair must be secured away from the face at all times. Gum or excessive jewelry is not allowed.

CLASS PLACEMENT can be difficult, especially for new students. Please be aware that during the first few weeks of classes we are verifying that we have placed your dancer correctly. We appreciate your input, but even more we appreciate your patience as we feel the instructor and each student deserve time to make the correct decisions.

WEATHER POLICY In case of bad weather, please call the studio or check our web site before coming to class. This year, we will automatically close with Lincoln Public Schools.

ATTENDANCE will be taken at each class. Regularly missing class effects the learning process for your student. If they must miss a class, please notify the studio ahead of time and take a make-up lesson. Company and Repertory classes have special attendance policies that must be followed for continued participation.

DROP-OFF AND PICK-UP Please drop off students at least 5 minutes prior to the start of class. They should have their proper class attire, hair pulled back and shoes on. Students should be picked up no later than 15 minutes after their class has ended. If you are running late, just notify us of your delay. If you choose to stay in the lobby, please be attentive to younger children and do not interrupt the class.

PARENT VISITATION We appreciate your interest in your dancers' progress. For your convenience, we have observation windows in both studios. To avoid distractions, many teachers will keep the doors closed during lessons. There is a formal parent visitation in the Spring we hope you can attend.

SPECIAL INFORMATION Please alert the office of any special information that we should be aware of concerning your dancer such as asthma, allergies, diabetes, etc. Special needs are not just medical. If there is anything we should know to better teach your student, please inform us. **Due to severe allergies, please refrain from sending snacks that contain peanuts to the studio.**

COMMUNICATION is so important. We often send notes home, so please ask or check their dance bags often. You can also call the studio answering machine or visit our web site for the most current information. If you have any concerns or questions, please communicate them with us right away.

ASSISTANTS We are very proud of our teaching staff and take equal time to select our assistants. This year, the assistant program will be much smaller than in the past with more focus on training for those who have the best talent to work with our younger dancers. We appreciate so many dancers' interest and encourage all of our older dancers to be role models for the young students around the studio.

HOW TO REGISTER

1. Complete the enclosed registration card (one per family) and sign the back agreement.
2. List your desired classes on the form below. As a guide, your students preferred classes are highlighted. Other options are also underlined for you. New students should list a first and second choice. Priority is given to students taking multiple and/or back-to-back classes.
3. Mail the signed registration card, the form below and the registration fee to:

Hart Dance Academy
3534 S. 48th Street, Suite 2
Lincoln, NE 68506

Please remember:

- ♥ Registration is on a first-come first-serve basis. Spots in your highlighted courses are not reserved until registration is received. **Please DO NOT WAIT until the Open House if you know what classes you want.**
- ♥ We do not take any of our families for granted but are always thrilled by our high return ratios. We appreciate your quick response to allow appropriate planning for the fall staff and class sizes. **Registration is due August 15.**
- ♥ We will only call if we cannot give you your first choice or if we think another class is more appropriate for your dancer. To keep our costs low, **we DO NOT send out confirmation reminders.**

Thank you for choosing HDA!

Dancer 1 Name _____

List Preferred Class/Studio/Day/Time

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Dancer 2 Name _____

List Preferred Class/Studio/Day/Time

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____

Dancer 3 Name _____

List Preferred Class/Studio/Day/Time

1. _____
2. _____

Would you buy a recital DVD if it were group priced at \$16-18?

Yes No

CURRICULUM

PRE-BALLET/TAP (3.5-5 years) A creative movement class for the beginner. Children take turns being "Dancer of the Day" and enjoy Doll Day once a month. We work on large motor skills, basic ballet positions and pointed and flexed feet. The learning is all disguised to keep your student motivated. Self-expression through music and movement is highly encouraged.

BALLET/TAP (5-8.5 years) A combination class for the beginning or continuing student. Students learn the basics of ballet and tap with a slight emphasis on ballet. This is a great starter class as it gives the student a taste of each dance form for preference and skill level.



BALLET (8-9.5 years) The separate ballet class is ideal for the younger student who wishes to concentrate on ballet. It can be paired with a Ballet/Pre-Pointe class for the serious student or with a separate Tap, Jazz or Hip-Hop class for style variety. It is necessary for the future pointe student.

BALLET/PRE-POINTE TECHNIQUE (9-up) This class is designed for the serious ballet student and is a must for the pointe student. Students are given a lengthy barre to establish proper body alignment, turnout and increase foot and ankle strength. At this age, students should be dancing in a ballet class at least twice per week. Students may need to be enrolled in this course more than one year as each student develops differently. Students receive a conference with the instructor to advise them of their progress, discuss strengths and goals for pointe preparation.

BALLET/POINTE TECHNIQUE (12-up) The longer ballet technique class offers students concentrated barre and center work to continue their ballet training. Pointe shoes may be worn for a portion or all of the class period but are not a requirement.

JAZZY TAP (7-10 years) Created for the younger student to continue their tap education, this class concentrates on tap technique but adds today's dance styles with a variety of music.

TAP TECHNIQUE (9-up) For the intermediate and advanced tap dancer we study wings, pullbacks, syncopation, and other turning, challenging combinations while emphasizing speed and clarity.

ADULT TAP We specialize in adult and senior citizen tap classes. We offer classes for the beginner through the advanced tapper, whether just for the exercise or dying to perform. We're very proud of our performing Shim-Sham Senior Tap Troupe, where all members must be at least 55 years of age.

ADULT COMBO You asked for it, so come dance! Geared for the beginner - advanced beginner, this class will feature different styles all year:

September: HeART AND PART Work Drop-In only \$3 per class!
October-November: JAZZ with a Bit of Ballet
January-Recital: TAP

The 2011-12 HDA Staff includes:

Tracey Gabelman-Hart
Sara McLoughlin — Ballet and Tap
Debbie Burroughs — Tap and Jazz
Kelli Anderson — Ballet and Tap
Kastan Fecht — Ballet/Pointe and Modern
Aly Hart — Ballet, Jazz and Lyrical
Kristina Findley — Ballet, Tap and Jazz
Mary Obrist — Jazz
Noelle Bohaty — Ballet, Jazz and Musical Theatre
Cayla Berry — Ballet/Pointe, Jazz and Hip-Hop
Nicolette Brown — Ballet, Tap and Jazz
Bree Moore — Jazz and Hip-Hop

HIP-HOP (7-up) Current "street" styles and pop music mix for a fun, energetic class.

JAZZ WITH A BIT (12-up) If we had our way, every student would have to be enrolled in a ballet class before jazz; however, this course will give them great ballet basics with a focus on jazz technique.

JAZZ (8-up) Students will learn jazz technique, including leaps and turns, proper stretching and performance skills while increasing their flexibility and strength.

MUSICAL THEATRE (9-up) Whether it's classical Broadway or more contemporary productions, Musical Theatre is a multiple disciplinary field that requires a well-rounded performer. This class will focus on choreography that prepares the dancer for theatrical-style work, as well as the actor who is looking to improve his or her audition.

MODERN/LYRICAL The expressive combination of choreography and technique with emphasis on emotion, performance and creativity. Dancers must be enrolled in ballet and approved by Tracey to register for this class.

REPERTORY MODERN/LYRICAL A new program this year, this class will be by invitation only. There will be strict guidelines for attendance and participation. Students invited to participate must be serious dancers who take at least one ballet and one jazz class per week *or* two ballet classes per week in addition to this MODERN/LYRICAL course. There will also be outside education and performance opportunities required for these students. If you are interested in this program, please discuss with Aly.

COMPANY CLASSES For our advanced dancers, we offer Company classes in ballet/pointe technique, modern/lyrical, tap and jazz. These classes are for students with superior talent, dedication and attendance. These classes are by invitation only and attendance is monitored.



HART DANCE ACADEMY

From the classroom to the stage,
learn the **LOVE** of dance at HART.

Classes Start Wednesday, September 7, 2011



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Open House and Registration

Monday, August 8

& Thursday, August 18

5 - 8 p.m.

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