



Kanra

SEASON 18

*Program Guide
2023 - 2024*

Dear Chara Families

Chara Christian Dance Academy has been passionate about impacting the kids and families of our community for over 17 years. At Chara, we aim to help our students achieve excellence in dance + life, while pointing them to Jesus in all of their work. This is one of the many ways we help families experience the JOY of dance and music! At this time in our history, that is more important than ever!

Dance and Music meet imperative student needs for community, socialization, friendship, mentorship, physical activity, and more! Their benefits include but are not limited to: intellectual, academic, emotional, and physical support.

In this new 2023-24 school year, we are deepening our commitment of prioritizing every individual student in every class they attend. We are also deepening our commitment in the new season to go BEYOND the baseline of excellence in dance and music education, to focus on the WHOLE CHILD. While we may be a large studio, at Chara Christian Dance Academy, our passion is to have a deep impact on the spirits of each of the students (and parents!) that we are blessed to have cross our path.

If you are a seasoned parent at Chara, you know that we were here for your children yesterday, we are here for them today, and we will be here for them tomorrow. We are thankful to be allowed to partner with your family as we grow great kids! If you are new to us, we say, "Thanks for joining the Chara family!" We are "More Than Just Great Dancing!" Welcome to Season 18!



Ms. Shanna



Youth Protection Advocates in Dance Certified

- Background checked and CPR certified teachers
- Safer Studio™ Policy
- Teacher training & proven curriculum
- A focus on safety & wellness for every student
- Secured facilities
- Viewing Windows
- Social media safety practices



More Than Just Great Dancing Affiliated Studio

In an ever evolving industry with limited formal federal oversight, it is vital to be accountable, innovative, and in tune with the latest developments in the dance industry. Chara is one of the original 10 studios that launched More Than Just Great Dancing™ and our team annually participates in trainings, workshops, and community building meetings with the 300+ studios that make up MTJGD.



We Hire The Best of the Best

As a studio that serves around 1,100 students at any given time, we are dedicated to the safety of and influence upon each child. Each staff member undergoes a number of checks and interviews to qualify as a Chara staff member. Each of our staff members are here for more than a job. It's a way of life and opportunity to share the JOY of dance with your child.



Programs that Build Character

Chara has implemented programs that not only build great dancers and musicians, but great leaders for our future. Students are given the opportunity to rise above expectation and participate in leadership courses and programs that will serve them in their future education, jobs, and personal lives.

- Dance Teaching Assistant Program
- Darby's Dancers Buddy Program
- NHSDA
- STAR Leadership

DANCE *Chara* TEACHING ASSISTANTS

New This Season

Classes at the Friendswood Activity Building.

To better serve our students, we will be holding classes at the Friendswood Activity Building a short distance from the studio! Select children's and graded level classes will be held here on Tuesdays and Thursdays with the same excellent instruction, strategic teacher to student ratio, and friendly Customer Care Team service that is offered at our main location.



Friendswood Activity Building

416 Morningside Dr, Friendswood, TX 77546

Introducing AcroDance

3 years ago Chara implemented a tumbling program following the Tumbling Effect™ curriculum, allowing us to offer alternatives to dance, while providing our dancers additional strength and skills training. With a number of our students having ambitions to dance competitively, as part of the performing arts, or to make their high school drill team, we want to offer a program more closely aligned with the training needed to achieve those goals.

Chara Instructors are now Acrobatic Arts Certified

Chara's Acro classes will offer a fusion of classic dance technique with precision, athleticism, and acrobatic elements. Acro is often identified by its unique choreography, seamless blend of musicality, emotional expression, and acrobatic movements within a dance context.

Ages 18 mo. - 3 yrs.	Parent/Tot Acro
Ages 3 - 4 yrs.	Tiny Tots Acro
Ages 5 - 6 yrs.	Primary Acro
Ages 7+ yrs.	Acro I
Skill based	Acro II



Family Communication

We believe communication is key! Everyone consumes information in different ways and we try to touch on all of those key areas to make sure you are up to date and informed.



MEMBERS PAGE

On our Chara website there is a password protected members page that houses important links, resources, calendar, and studio specific information for enrolled families.



MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

On the 1st of the month you will receive a comprehensive music and/or dance newsletter that includes upcoming events, additional program opportunities, important dates, and more.



PRIVATE FACEBOOK PAGE

Chara has public facebook and instagram social media pages @charadancefwd as well as a private members group page for important reminders, class photos, community engagement and more.



PARENT PORTAL

Each family has a Parent Portal where you can access all of your class, billing, and profile information. This is also where you can view available programs and sign up for classes.



IN STUDIO

We share information in studio via flyers, the rotating TV slides and bulletin board.

Boppin Babies

Boppin' Babies is an engaging program for children 9 months up to 2 years old AND their parents/caregivers that focuses on music and movement. The gender inclusive curriculum is specifically designed to:


- increase socialization skills
- provide structure and consistency
- cultivate independence
- encourage discovery and imagination
- improve children's mobility and flexibility



Parent Tot Creative Movement

This movement based class is for children 18 months to 3 years old. Music, movement, balance and basic dance steps are introduced in a fun, friendly and positive manner. A parent or guardian participates along with the little dancer as we build their comfort and independence in the classroom setting. Teachers keep the music and curriculum moving while parents take an active role in encouraging, supporting, and keeping the little dancer on track.

Bloom Fine Arts



Bloom is a bridge program for preschool age children that focuses on the social-emotional, physical, and cognitive development of each child. We help children discover their creativity and develop a love for learning through visual arts, music, movement, and theatre. Through the creative arts we will explore colors, shapes, the alphabet, name recognition, writing, calendar, weather, numbers & counting. Instruction follows the Bloom Curriculum which can be modified to each child's developmental pace while in a group learning environment. Children enjoy outdoor play, hands on learning activities, and socialization while learning problem solving skills, creative thinking and exercise fine and gross motor skills.

Chara Music Dept.

Chara Christian Dance Academy has a thriving music department with over 100 students and 5 instructors! Music students receive one-on-one 30-minute private music lessons with our qualified instructors. Instructors help their students develop their skills throughout the year, leading up to their 2 recital performance opportunities. Currently, students can take piano, guitar, voice, ukelele, bass guitar, and banjo lessons in studio.

CAMP Creative

Each year Chara develops and produces originally themed day camps during the school year. Camp Creative is specifically designed for boys and girls ranging from 3 - 7 years old. Each camp includes games, a themed craft, dancing, and an end of camp performance, all woven into the main character lesson. Campers enjoy socializing with new friends and interactive games and activities.

CAMP ADVENTURE

Chara's once a month themed camps for ages 5 to 10. This is very similar to our Camp Creatives but developed for our Primary and Graded Level students that desire a deeper learning experience. Students will work on team building skills, crafts, engaging activities, and dance, based on the theme for each camp.

Private Lessons

Private lessons are an opportunity for dancers to receive one-on-one individualized attention from a teacher to meet their personal goals. Private lessons are especially beneficial for dancers who need additional help with choreography in preparation for an upcoming performance or preparing for an audition.



This season Chara is introducing AcroDance; in place of our tumbling program that follows the "Acrobatic Arts" training and curriculum. This class offers a fusion of classic dance technique with precision, athleticism, and acrobatic elements. AcroDance is identified by its unique choreography, seamless blend of musicality, emotional expression, and acrobatic movements within a dance context. Each level of AcroDance incrementally builds on the students flexibility, strength, balance, limbering, and tumbling skills.



Darby's Dancers

Special Needs Program

Darby's Dancers is a non-profit organization dedicated to bringing the joy of the performing arts to children and adults with special needs. These dancers gain coordination, confidence, strength and life long friends, all while feeling like a star. Each dancer is paired with a "Buddy" for the year that assists them throughout the class. Dancers are able to take classes at no cost due to the group's fundraising efforts that help provide costuming and cover recital expenses.

DanceAbilities

Special Needs Program

DanceABILITIES is a class for students ages 10 & up with special needs who are ready for more independence in the classroom. They must have completed a year of Darby's Dancers and/or be recommended by the teacher to join this class. Students will learn Hip Hop/Jazz dance skills, while building overall body strength and coordination.

Drill Team Technique

At Chara, we are dedicated to helping our dancers achieve their personal goals, whether that be advancing in their dance technique or making their high school drill team. These supplemental classes are broken into 2 levels based on skill and experience.



Level I is designed for the intermediate dancer (6th - 11th grade) with intentions of auditioning for their High School Dance or Drill Team. This class covers a variety of skills and exercises that improve pom motion and kick line technique, while incorporating various leaps and turns required of drill team dancers. Teachers will incorporate exercises that improve flexibility, balance, coordination, agility, and strength.

Level II is for our advanced dancers who have intentions of auditioning for their high school or college dance or drill team and/or are already on their high school team and are looking to further their training and preparation for ensemble or officer auditions. Eligibility for this class is based upon teacher recommendation or skill evaluation. Dancers will build upon the skills and techniques learned in level I at an advanced pace, giving them a "leg up" on the field. Local Drill Team Directors encourage their dancers to supplement their current practice routine with technique classes such as this.

Competitive Company

Chara has a strong competitive company presence; bringing home awards at regional competitions and helping students push their limits as they work to grow in their artistry. Dancers try out in the spring and, if accepted, are placed on one of our Competitive Companies. As a team they will attend dance conventions, showcasing original choreography, skills and technical excellence beyond what is learned in recreational curriculum. Competitive Company consists of dancers who are eager to advance in their dance training, and are often looking towards future ambitions involving dance, whether it be in high school or beyond.



FRIENDSWOOD CONTEMPORARY BALLET

Friendswood Contemporary Ballet is a semi-professional ballet company, striving to unite local ballet dancers and heighten exposure to the performing arts through quality performances and community engagement. The company has a cast of resident artists and strives to maintain technical and artistic distinction by supplementing performances with local guest artists. The resident artists are local dance students who have distinguished themselves in the field of ballet. Through the experience that is fostered in Friendswood Contemporary Ballet, these students have been given a one-of-a-kind opportunity to dance among professionals in order to heighten their training experience.



Performance Company

Dancers who are looking for community, love to perform, and are interested in additional instruction are the perfect candidates for Performance Company. Dancers do NOT need to audition to join Performance Company. Dancers are placed in a Performance Company based on their grade for the upcoming school year. Each performing group works to push their skills during weekly classes in which they learn choreography that they perform throughout the community during the season. Dancers must be enrolled in one other class at Chara to qualify.



Chara Crew

Chara Crew is a company that appeals to our intermediate to advanced level Hip Hop dancers looking for additional training, stage time, and community! Crew competes regional dance competitions throughout the season in addition to select community performances. More information about Chara Crew and other company opportunities will be shared in our Company Parent Meeting.



The National Honor Society for Dance Arts™ (NHSDA) is a program of the National Dance Education Organization, created to recognize outstanding artistic merit, leadership, and academic achievement in students studying dance. Establishing a NHSDA chapter at Chara Christian Dance Academy is one very important way that we can honor our students and help advance the field of dance education. NHSDA induction occurs every other year.

Dance Teaching Assistant Program

Dance Teaching Assistants are responsible for assisting the dance instructor with demonstration, corrective feedback, class management, and choreography retention by students. To be in the Dance Teaching Assistant program, dancers must be at least 10 years old, fill out an application, attend bi-annual trainings, and attend class regularly. This program not only benefits the students in class but the assistants themselves, as they gain real life job experience at an early age, learn responsibility, time management and corrective feedback while building a resume.





BloomTM
FINE ARTS FOR
PRESCHOOLERS

Bloom Fine Arts for Preschoolers

Bloom is a bridge program for children potty trained through six years old that focuses on the social-emotional, physical, and cognitive development of each child. We help children discover their creativity and develop a love for learning through visual arts, music, movement, and theatre. Through the creative arts we will explore colors, shapes, the alphabet, name recognition, writing, calendar, weather, numbers & counting.

Why Choose Bloom

We believe children blossom best when participating in the arts. Arts education prepares young minds and bodies for a creative world. Through dance, music, art and theater, our students develop creativity while learning academics that will prepare them for kindergarten and beyond. At Bloom, your child will be welcomed into a positive and nurturing environment with dedicated teachers. We passionately embrace our responsibility to guide your child to bloom into capable, confident, creative and caring human beings.

FAQ

- Students must be potty trained and between 2 and 6 years old to participate.
- Dropoff is from 9:00-9:10am daily and students are released at 1:00pm.
- Students should pack a lunch, snack and water bottle each day.

What to Expect

- 📍 Curriculum based instruction
- 📍 Student socialization and character building
- 📍 Creative movement & exercise
- 📍 Creative thinking and problem-solving exercises
- 📍 Hands on learning activities
- 📍 Focus on fine motor skills and outdoor play

Bloom Session

First Day of class: September 11th, 2023

Last Day of class: May 24th, 2024

Class duration: Monday and/or Friday 9:00 - 1:00pm

Bloom Tuition

9 tuition installments are collected on the first of each month starting in September and running through May

1 class weekly | \$110 per installment

2 classes weekly | \$220 per installment



Chara

MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Weekly Lessons

Receive one-on-one instruction from our professional Music Instructors during a 30 minute in-person studio lesson. Chara instructors include professional musicians, music majors, retired public school music teachers and studio instructors with decades of teaching experience, ensuring that students receive the highest quality musical education. Limited time slots are available for lessons, which run continuously year after year unless a student drops. Be sure to visit the customer care team for available slots or to be added to the music waitlist.

Performance Opportunities

Chara hosts two music concerts each season; one prior to the Christmas holidays and the second at the end of the season in May or June. Students who have shown progress and dedication to their studies are invited to perform, to demonstrate their musical growth for family and friends. All concerts take place at Friendswood Friends Church. At every concert, we offer the opportunity to contribute to a selected community charity in lieu of purchasing tickets.

The Impact of Music Lessons

The study of music is proven to have mental and physical benefits. From improving motivation, self-discipline, and achievement to building social and academic skills; music plays a deep role in a well-rounded education. While enriching a student's sense of joy and accomplishment as they develop a new skill, music lessons also increase cognitive development and help relieve stress. The one-on-one personalized attention which students receive at Chara allows them to progress at a pace that reflects their will and desire, leading to self-confidence and a life-long passion for music.



Piano instruction at Chara can start as early as 5 years old with a skill assessment. Piano curriculum is provided for each student, along with an assignment book to record weekly teacher instructions and student practice time.



Voice instruction at Chara can start as early as 7 years old with a skill assessment. Students looking to gain voice strength, conditioning and control will benefit from lessons. Voice lessons can also provide additional training and support for students seeking to participate in choir programs or community/school musical productions.



Bass Guitar lessons at Chara include a comprehensive understanding of the instrument including basic chords, finger placement, arpeggios, tuning, slap and pop technique and octave shapes.



Acoustic Guitar is a popular instrument with musicians at Chara and offers the freedom to explore music from rock to pop and folk music. It is a great way to learn strumming and fingerstyle techniques!



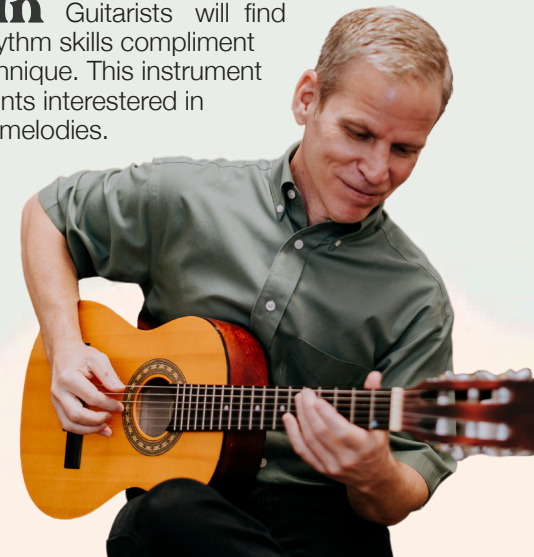
Ukelele is a popular favorite due to its unique sound and versatility. Starting with ukulele can be a helpful introduction to working with stringed instruments, as many concepts will carry over.



Banjo is one of our more unique instrument offerings at Chara. Mr. Jon will lead you through core concepts like tuning, rolls, reading tab and playing chords, before learning new songs that lend well to this instrument.



Mandolin Guitarists will find that mandolin rhythm skills compliment their existing technique. This instrument appeals to students interested in fiddle tunes and melodies.



CHILDREN'S CLASSES

Monday

9 MO. - 2 YRS.

Boppin' Babies 5:00 - 5:30pm
Tippy Toes 4:15 - 4:45pm

AGES 3 & 4

Tutus & Bowties 10:00 - 10:30am
Taps for Tots 10:30 - 11:00am
Tutus and Bowties 4:00 - 4:30pm
Tiny Tots Jazz 4:30 - 5:00pm

AGES 5 & 6

Primary Ballet 4:00 - 4:30pm
Primary Tap 4:30 - 5:00pm
Primary Jazz 5:00 - 5:30pm
Primary Hip Hop 5:30 - 6:00pm
Primary Ballet 6:00 - 6:30pm

Tuesday

9 MO. - 2 YRS.

Tippy Toes 4:00 - 4:30pm
Parent/Tot Creative Movement 6:15 - 6:45pm

AGES 3 & 4

Taps for Tots 4:30 - 5:00pm
Tutus & Bowties 5:00 - 5:30pm

AGES 5 & 6

Primary Ballet 5:30 - 6:00pm
Primary Jazz 6:00 - 6:30pm
Primary Hip Hop 6:30 - 7:00pm

Wednesday

9 MO. - 2 YRS.

Parent/Tot Creative Movement
9:00 - 9:30am
Parent/Tot Acro 5:15 - 5:45pm
Tippy Toes 6:00 - 6:30pm

AGES 3 & 4

Tiny Tots Jazz 9:00 - 9:30am
Tutus & Bowties 9:30 - 10:00am
Taps for Tots 10:00 - 10:30am
Tiny Tots Acro 4:15 - 4:45pm

AGES 5 & 6

Primary Jazz 9:00 - 9:30am
Primary Ballet 9:30 - 10:00am
Primary Tap 10:00 - 10:30am
Primary Acro 4:45 - 5:15pm
Primary Ballet 5:30 - 6:00pm



Friendswood Activity Building Tuesday

AGES 3 & 4

Tiny Tots Jazz 5:15 - 5:45pm
Tutus & Bowties 5:45 - 6:15pm

AGES 5 & 6

Primary Ballet 6:15 - 6:45pm
Primary Jazz 6:45 - 7:15pm

Thursday

AGES 3 & 4

Tutus & Bowties 9:00 - 9:30am
Primary Ballet 3:45 - 4:15pm
Tutus & Bowties 4:15 - 4:45pm

AGES 5 & 6

Primary Acro 4:15 - 4:45pm
Primary Ballet 4:45 - 5:15pm
Primary Jazz 5:15 - 5:45pm
Primary Tap 5:45 - 6:15pm
Primary Ballet 6:15 - 6:45pm

Friday

9 MO. - 2 YRS.

Tippy Toes 9:00 - 9:30am
Boppin' Babies 10:30 - 11:00am

AGES 3 & 4

Tutus & Bowties 9:00 - 9:30am
Taps for Tots 9:30 - 10:00am
Tiny Tots Jazz 10:00 - 10:30am
Tutus & Bowties 10:30 - 11:00am
Tutus & Bowties 6:15 - 6:45pm

Saturday

9 MO. - 2 YRS.

Tippy Toes 9:00 - 9:30am
Parent/Tot Acro 9:30 - 10:00am

AGES 3 & 4

Tutus & Bowties 9:00 - 9:30am
Tiny Tots Acro 9:00 - 9:30am
Tutus & Bowties 9:30 - 10:00am
Taps for Tots 10:00 - 10:30am
Tiny Tots Jazz 10:30 - 11:00am
Tutus & Bowties 11:00 - 11:30am

AGES 5 & 6

Primary Ballet 9:30 - 10:00am
Primary Jazz 10:00 - 10:30am
Primary Tap 10:30 - 11:00am
Primary Acro 11:00 - 11:30
Primary Ballet 11:30 - 12:00pm

Bloom Fine Arts

MONDAY & FRIDAY 9:00-1:00pm

Students must be potty trained
& be between 2 and 6 years old

Placement by age as of September 1st

Season 18 classes
start August 7th, 2023



CAMP CREATIVE

The Gifts Within

This Encanto themed camp helps you discover how each of us are designed by God with unique gifts to use as we work together for His Kingdom.

Pet Parade

Explore the fun of caring for dogs, cats, birds, bunnies, fish and critters as we journey through an obstacle course like hamsters and enter the world of pets.

The Royal Ball

Put on your tiara and fancy gown! You are cordially invited to join us as we learn how to be a True Princess.

Stuffed Animal Safari

Bring your favorite furry friend as we embark on an adventure. We will stomp to the beat like elephants, leap like leopards, and tumble like monkeys!

The Christmas Train

Dress in your favorite pajamas as we travel to the North Pole. We will sing and dance to our favorite songs from The Polar Express.

Adventures in Arendelle

Journey to the well known land of Arendelle as we reminisce of the adventures from Frozen and Frozen 2.

Dancing Dolls

Put on your favorite tutu and become a dance instructor as we teach our dolls how to do ballet, make matching jewelry and play games.

Pirates and Fairies

Become your favorite character from Pixie Hollow as we explore the world of Neverland with Tinker Bell, her fairy friends and Peter Pan.

Barbie Dream House

Live out your dream as we sparkle and shine! Let your creativity expand as we craft, play, and dance to music from popular Barbie movies.

Mermaid Medleys

Join Ariel, Flounder, and Sebastian as we journey under the sea together!

AUG.
26th

SEPT.
23rd

OCT.
21st

NOV.
18th

DEC.
16th

JAN.
20th

FEB.
17th

MARCH
9th

APRIL
13th

MAY
11th

CAMP ADVENTURE

Cheer Camp

Say it loud, say it proud! Learn the fundamentals of cheerleading with a focus on jumps, basic tumbling skills, cheers, chants, and teamwork.

Twirl, Twist and Dye

Put your creativity to the test as we create our own upbeat jazz dance and use our crafting skills to tie dye a t-shirt.

Lights Camera Action

Walk the red carpet dressed as your favorite Hollywood star! We will imagine dancing on Broadway as we learn a Musical Theatre routine and play games.

Pajama Party

Nail polish, fuzzy socks and pillow fights galore! This camp will be overflowing with energy as we have our own daytime sleepover.

Christmas Around the World

Travel with us around the world as we learn how children everywhere celebrate Christmas and the reason for the season: Jesus!

Lets Glow Crazy

Time to shine bright at our Glow in the dark party! Wear your brightest colors as we dance and play glow games in the dark.

Superhero Academy

Put your super powers to the test as we use our energy to learn a Hip Hop dance and gain skills we need to "save the day."

The Great Escape

Let's go back in time to solve the mysteries hidden within Jesus' Parables by decoding puzzles, answering questions, and breaking secret codes!

Jewelry and Jams

Design your own jewelry as we craft necklaces and bracelets with friends and dance to your favorite upbeat jams at this fun filled camp!

Fun in the Sun

Sunshine, waves, and ocean breeze! Put on your sunglasses, hula skirt and lei to join the Luau party.

GRADED LEVEL CLASSES

Level I

MONDAY

Hip Hop I 4:00 - 4:45pm
Ballet I 4:45 - 5:30pm

TUESDAY

Hip Hop I 7:00 - 7:45pm

WEDNESDAY

Contemporary I 9:00 - 9:45am
Ballet I 9:45 - 10:30am
Jazz I 10:30 - 11:15am
Tap I 11:30 - 12:00pm
Contemporary I 4:00 - 4:45pm
Ballet I 4:45 - 5:30pm
Jazz I 5:30 - 6:15pm
Tap I 6:15 - 6:45pm
Hip Hop I 6:45 - 7:30pm

FRIDAY

Jazz I 4:00 - 4:45pm
Ballet I 4:45 - 5:30pm
Contemporary I 5:30 - 6:15pm

SATURDAY

Ballet I 11:00 - 11:45am
Jazz I 11:45 - 12:30pm



Level II

MONDAY

Ballet IIA 4:45 - 5:30pm

TUESDAY

Ballet IIB 4:15 - 5:00pm
Jazz II 5:00 - 6:00pm
Contemporary II 6:00 - 6:45pm
Ballet IIC 6:45 - 7:30pm
Hip Hop II 7:45 - 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Ballet IID 9:45 - 10:30am
Ballet IIA 4:00 - 4:45pm
Contemporary II 4:45 - 5:30pm
Jazz II 5:30 - 6:30pm
Tap II 5:45 - 6:30pm
Ballet IIC 6:30 - 7:15pm
Hip Hop II 7:15 - 8:00pm

THURSDAY

Ballet IID 3:30 - 4:15pm
Ballet IIB 4:15 - 5:00pm
Jazz II 4:30 - 5:30pm

Friendswood Activity Building

TUESDAY

Ballet IIE 7:15 - 8:00pm

THURSDAY

Ballet I 5:15 - 6:00pm
Jazz I 6:00 - 6:45pm
Hip Hop II 6:45 - 7:30pm
Ballet IIE 7:30 - 8:15pm

Level III

MONDAY

Contemporary III 5:30 - 6:30pm
Ballet IIIA 6:30 - 7:30pm

TUESDAY

Ballet IIIB 6:45 - 7:45pm
Ballet IIIC 7:30 - 8:30pm

WEDNESDAY

Ballet IIID 10:30 - 11:30am
Jazz III 6:45 - 7:45pm
Ballet IIIA 7:45 - 8:45pm
Ballet IIIC 7:45 - 8:45pm

THURSDAY

Ballet IIID 3:30 - 4:30pm
Jazz III 5:30 - 6:30pm
Hip Hop III 6:30 - 7:30pm
Ballet IIIB 6:30 - 7:30pm
Modern 6:30 - 7:30pm
Tap III 6:45 - 7:30pm

Special Needs Classes

Darby's Dancers

Thursday 5:00 - 5:30pm

Dance ABILITIES

Saturday 9:00 - 9:30am

Level IV

MONDAY

Contemporary IV 5:30 - 6:30pm
Jazz IV 6:30 - 7:30pm
Ballet IVA 8:00 - 9:15pm

TUESDAY

Tap IV 7:00 - 7:45pm
Ballet IVB 7:45 - 9:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Ballet IVB 7:45 - 9:00pm

THURSDAY

Modern 6:30 - 7:30pm
Hip Hop IV 5:30 - 6:30pm
Tap III 6:45 - 7:30pm
Ballet IVA 7:30 - 8:45pm



Placement by Skill Evaluation

Season 18 classes
start August 7th, 2023

Level V

MONDAY

Contemporary V 5:30 - 6:30pm
Jazz V 6:30 - 7:30pm
Ballet V 7:30 - 8:45pm
Pointe I 8:45 - 9:15pm

THURSDAY

Modern 6:30 - 7:30pm
Hip Hop IV 5:30 - 6:30pm
Tap III 6:45 - 7:30pm
Ballet V 7:30 - 8:45pm
Pointe I 8:45 - 9:15pm

Level VI

MONDAY

Contemporary V 5:30 - 6:30pm
Jazz VI 6:30 - 7:30pm
Ballet VI 7:30 - 8:45pm
Pointe I 8:45 - 9:15pm
Pointe II 8:45 - 9:15pm

THURSDAY

Modern 6:30 - 7:30pm
Hip Hop IV 5:30 - 6:30pm
Tap III 6:45 - 7:30pm
Ballet VI 7:30 - 8:45pm
Pointe I 8:45 - 9:15pm
Pointe II 8:45pm - 9:15pm

PreProfessional & Pointe

MONDAY

Contemporary V 5:30 - 6:30pm
Jazz VI 6:30 - 7:30pm
Pre-Professional Ballet 7:30 - 8:45pm
Pre-Professional Pointe 8:45 - 9:15pm
Pointe I 8:45 - 9:15pm
Pointe II 8:45 - 9:15pm

THURSDAY

Modern 6:30 - 7:30pm
Hip Hop IV 5:30 - 6:30pm
Tap III 6:45 - 7:30pm
Pre-Professional Ballet
7:30 - 8:45pm
Pre-Professional Pointe
8:45 - 9:15pm
Pointe I 8:45 - 9:15pm
Pointe II 8:45 - 9:15pm



Ancillary Classes

MONDAY

Conditioning for Dancers 7:30 - 8:00pm

WEDNESDAY

Drill Team Technique I 8:00 - 9:00pm
Drill Team Technique II 6:45 - 7:45pm

SATURDAY

Acro I 10:00 - 11:00am
Acro II 11:30 - 12:30pm
Acro I 12:30 - 1:30pm

Performance Company

WEDNESDAY

K - 1st Grade Performance Company 4:00 - 4:45pm
4th - 5th Grade Performance Company 4:45 - 5:30pm

FRIDAY

2nd - 3rd Grade Performance Company 6:15 - 7:00pm
6th - 8th Grade Performance Company 6:45 - 7:30pm

Competitive Company

Company schedule is subject to change based on audition results in May.

TUESDAY

Competitive Company A 4:00 - 5:15pm
Competitive Company B 4:15 - 6:15pm
Competitive Company C 5:15 - 7:15pm
Musical Theater #1 7:15 - 7:45pm
Competitive Company Production 7:45 - 8:45pm
Musical Theater #2 8:45 - 9:15pm

FRIDAY

Competitive Company D 4:15 - 6:15pm
Competitive Company E 4:30 - 6:30pm
Chara Crew 4:30 - 6:30pm
Select Piece #1 6:30 - 7:00pm
Select Piece #2 6:30 - 7:00pm
Select Piece #3 7:00 - 7:30pm

Friendswood Contemporary Ballet

Artists in Residence

Thursday 5:00 - 6:30pm
Saturday 9:30 - 11:00am



Company Prerequisites

Friendswood Contemporary Ballet artists in residence must have leveled into Ballet IV. Dancers in Pointe II and higher are eligible to audition for pointe performance roles.

Performance Company does NOT require an audition. Families should enroll in the company based on their grade for the upcoming school year. All participants must be enrolled in 1 other dance class at Chara. (Ballet or jazz is recommended)

Competitive Company dancers must be enrolled in ballet, jazz and contemporary or modern. Dancers must have completed one year of jazz in order to audition.

Childrens Classes *Dress Code*

Boppin' Babies

Child: Anything Comfortable

Parents: Athletic wear and tennis shoes.

Parent & Tot Creative Movement

Girls: Pink leotard with attached or separate skirt, pink or skin tone convertible tights with matching ballet shoes, hair in bun. **Boys:** White shirt, black shorts or pants, black socks, black ballet shoes. **Parents:** Athletic wear and tennis shoes.

Tippy Toes or Tutus & Bowties

Girls: Pink leotard with attached or separate skirt, pink or skin tone convertible tights with matching ballet shoes, hair in bun. **Boys:** White shirt, black shorts or pants, black socks, black ballet shoes.

Taps For Tots

Girls: Pink leotard with attached or separate skirt, skin tone convertible tights (pink if they are in ballet that day) and tan tap shoes, hair in bun. **Boys:** White shirt, black shorts or pants, black socks and black tap shoes.

Tiny Tots Jazz

Girls: Pink leotard, black shorts/capri/leggings (or pink skirt), skin tone convertible tights (pink if they are in ballet that day) and matching jazz shoes, hair in bun. **Boys:** White shirt, black shorts or pants, black socks and black jazz shoes.

Parent & Tot Acro, Tiny Tots Acro or Primary Acro

If participating in a dance class that day | Girls: Wear the appropriate dress code for that class, with black shorts, and convertible tights that can be rolled up for bare feet. **Boys:** white shirt, black shorts or pants, bare feet.

If only in Tumbling | Girls: gymnastic leotard WITH shorts and bare feet. **Boys:** white shirt, black shorts/pants, bare feet. **Parents (for Parent/Tot Acro):** Athletic wear and tennis shoes.

Primary Ballet

Girls: Black leotard with attached or separate black skirt, pink or skin tone convertible tights with matching ballet shoes, hair in bun. **Boys:** White shirt, black shorts or pants, black socks, black ballet shoes.

Primary Jazz

Girls: Black leotard, black skirt/shorts/leggings/capris, skin tone (pink if in ballet that day) convertible tights and matching jazz shoes, hair in bun. **Boys:** white shirt, black shorts or pants, black socks, black jazz shoes.

Primary Tap

Girls: Black leotard, black skirt/shorts/capris/pants, skin tone (pink if in ballet that day) convertible tights and tan tap shoes, hair in bun. **Boys:** White shirt, black shorts or pants, black socks, black tap shoes.

Primary Hip Hop

Girls: Black leotard, black skirt/shorts/capris/leggings, Chara Hip Hop shirt, skin tone (pink if in ballet that day) convertible tights, black tennis shoes, hair in bun. **Boys:** Chara Black Hip Hop shirt, black shorts/pants, black socks, black tennis shoes.

If attending ballet class on the same day as another genre, wear the ballet leotard and tights to your secondary class and change your shoes to the appropriate genre.

- *Regardless of genre, dancers hair should always be in a bun.*
- *All undergarments must be skin tone color.*
- *Clear straps are required for performances and recital.*

Tan Jazz Shoes



Black Tennis Shoes



Pink or Skin Tone Ballet Shoes



Tan Tap Shoes



Hair in a Bun

ALL students should wear their hair in a bun regardless of genre



Graded Level Dressy Code

Ballet Classes

Girls: Detached Bloch skirt to match leotard color, pink or skin tone convertible tights with matching Bloch ballet shoes. **Boys:** White shirt, black shorts or pants, black socks, black Bloch ballet shoes.

- Ballet I Bloch or BP lavender leotard
- Ballet II Bloch or BP light blue leotard
- Ballet III Mirella by Bloch or BP royal blue leotard
- Ballet IV Bloch or BP turquoise leotard
- Ballet V Bloch or BP purple leotard
- Ballet VI Bloch or BP burgundy leotard
- Pre-Pro or Pointe Modest leotard

Dancers attending any of the Graded Classes below on a day in which they ALSO have a ballet class, should wear their ballet leotard and tights paired with black shorts/leggings/capris and hair in bun. All bras & undergarments must be skin tone color. Clear straps are required for performances and recital.

Darby's Dancers & DanceAbilities

Girls: Black leotard, black leggings/capris, Chara Darby's Dancers shirt, tennis shoes, and hair pulled up. **Boys:** Chara Darby's Dancers Shirt, Black pants or shorts and tennis shoes.

Acro I & II

If only in this class that day | Girls: a gymnastic leotard WITH shorts and bare feet. **Boys:** white shirt, black shorts, bare feet.

Jazz & Tap

Girls: Black leotard, skin tone convertible tights with matching canvas jazz shoes for Jazz or black tap shoes for tap class. Black shorts/capris/leggings and hair in bun. **Boys:** White shirt, black pants or shorts, black jazz or black tap shoes.

Contemporary and Modern

If only in this class that day | Girls: Black leotard, skin tone stirrup tights, black pants/capris/shorts, Capezio nude foot Undeez, hair in bun. **Boys:** White shirt, black pants or shorts, Capezio nude foot Undeez.

Drill Team Technique

If only in this class that day | Girls: Black leotard, skin tone convertible tights, black pants/capris/shorts, jazz shoes or turners, hair in bun.

Conditioning for Dancers

If only in this class that day | Girls: Black leotard with black shorts/leggings/capris and skin tone convertible tights that can be rolled up for bare feet, hair in bun.

Boys: White shirt, black pants or shorts, bare feet.

Hip Hop

If only in this class that day | Girls: Black leotard, black shorts/capris/pants, Chara Hip Hop shirt, skin tone convertible tights, black tennis shoes and hair in bun. **Boys:** Chara Hip Hop shirt, black shorts or pants and tennis shoes.

Tan Jazz Shoes



Black Tennis Shoes



Turners



Black Tap Shoes



Nude FootUndeez



Pink or Skin Tone Ballet Shoes



Year at a Glance

August 5th	Back 2 School Bash
August 7th	First Day of Season 18
September 4th	STUDIO CLOSED - Labor Day
October 7th	Friendswood Dance Festival hosted by Friendswood Contemporary Ballet
October 9th – 14th	Intersessional Break #1 – No Classes Music lessons will be held
October 28th	Fall Progress Reports e-mailed out
November 11th	Parent/Teacher Conferences (Graded Level dancers only)
November 20th – 25th	STUDIO CLOSED - Thanksgiving Holiday
December 1st - 2nd	Rockin' Around the Christmas Tree Children's Classes & Darby's Dancers
December 2nd	Santa in the Park Graded Level dancers
December 15th & 16th	Winter Music Concerts
December 18th – 23rd	Parent Participation Week (Cookies and Cocoa Available)
December 25th – January 6th	STUDIO CLOSED - Christmas Holiday
February 1st	Ballet Exam Letters Go Out
February 24th & 25th	Winter Performance by Friendswood Contemporary Ballet
February 26th	Now Enrolling in Summer Programs
February 26th	Dance Recital Tickets on Sale 10am
March 11th - 16th	STUDIO CLOSED – Spring Break
March 18th	Spring Skill Evaluations e-mailed out
March 20th	Season 19 Schedule Released
March 23rd	Ballet Exams
March 25th	Chara Members – Class Selection for Season 19
March 29th – April 4th	Intersessional Break #2 – No Classes Music lessons will be held
April 1st	Concierge enrollment begins
April 15th – 26th	Recital Picture Weeks
May 18th – 19th	Spring Music Rehearsals and Concerts
May 20th – 25th	Parent Observations & Recital Meeting in class
May 27th	STUDIO CLOSED – Memorial Day
May 29th	Dress Rehearsal for Graded Level Dancers (tentative)
May 30th – June 2nd	Chara Dance Recitals (tentative)
July 4th	STUDIO CLOSED – 4th of July

August 2023

SEASON 18

July 2024

Chara Membership Fee

Chara Membership is required to participate in most Chara programs.

Returning Families Renewal \$79
Charged annually March 15th

New Family Registration \$99
Charged upon enrollment

★ **Priority Class Selection**
Members get to select classes 2-3 weeks prior to new families, giving you priority access to your preferred day/time based on availability.

★ **Bravo Partner Discounts**
Receive discounts at over 30 different local businesses with your Chara Bravo Card. Visit our website for a full list of participating businesses and discounts.

★ **No Registration Fees**
Chara offers a number of programs including music, dance, camps, and more. Your membership covers registration for all Chara programs.

★ **Member Discounts**
- **10% tuition discount** for siblings
- **10% tuition discount** for all pastors, police officers, firefighters, FISS teachers (part of the Friends of FISS program) & military families with ID.
- **Save 5% on your dance or music tuition** when you prepay for the year by Aug. 7th 2023.

Dance Recital Fee

Recital Fees are paid per dancer, per class and include the costume, tights, 1 recital picture digital download in each costume (except company dances), and digital recital videos of all performances!

BONUS! Each dancer will receive a recital t-shirt and digital download of their class photo(s).

Children's Class \$155 +tax per class
Charged October 15th

Graded Level Class \$160 +tax per class
Charged October 15th

Music Tuition Installments

Music Lessons run year round. If you wish to discontinue music lessons, you must notify Chara's Customer Care Team 1 month in advance. Each lesson is a 30 minute weekly private lesson.

MUSIC LESSONS monthly installments

Level I Instructor \$130

Level II Instructor \$135

MUSIC RECITAL FEE

Spring & Winter Concerts \$50
Charged October 15th

Bloom Fine Arts

Curriculum focused educational classes for pre-schoolers to develop a love for learning through creative arts in this once or twice per week class. Chara Membership required.

Bloom Season [Sept. 11th - May 24th]

BLOOM CLASSES 9 installments

1 Day Per Week \$110

2 Days Per Week \$220

>>> Included in each student's tuition is access to the Bloom Curriculum, Bloom Instruction, and Crafts & Supplies needed for class projects.

Camp Creative and Camp Adventure

MEMBER | NON MEMBER PRICING

1 Camp \$25 | \$32

4 Camps \$75 | \$85

6 Camps \$107 | \$117

10 Camps \$170 | \$180

Dance Tuition Installments

Tuition is withdrawn by automatic draft on the 1st of the month. Membership fee, payment information, and final tuition installment are due upon enrollment or class selection.

Children's Dance 11 installments

Child's 1st class \$58

Each Additional Class \$34

Graded Technique 11 installments

Ballet I \$84

Ballet II (2x per week) \$130

Ballet III (2x per week) \$164

Ballet IV (2x per week) \$200

Ballet V (2x per week) \$200

Ballet VI (2x per week) \$200

Pre-Professional (2x per week) \$200

Pointe (30 min 2x per week) \$68

1st class (without Ballet) \$84

Add hour long class \$80

Add 45 minute class \$60

Add 30 minute class \$40

>>> Ballet Exams

Graded Level ballet dancers may be recommended for ballet exams in the spring to evaluate their progression to the next level. If taking the exam, additional fees will be incurred for the 4 required prep classes and formal ballet examination.

NEW ACH Bank Transfer

In order to maintain a 5-star customer experience, effective July 1, 2023 all billing will be done through ACH bank draft. Debit cards will no longer be supported at that time. Families can log into their Parent Portal to update this information now through June 31st. If you would like to use a credit card there will be a 3.5% convenience fee charge attached to all transactions.

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[Mention this coupon to redeem]
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Refer a friend and when they enroll in
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