

*Pearla*

**SEASON 19**

PEARLAND  
*program guide*

# DEAR chara families

Chara Christian Dance Academy has been passionate about impacting the kids and families of our community for over 19 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 year, we are proud to debut our three training tracks with the intention of elevating all dancers based on their interest and involvement in dance! This is one of the many ways we help families Experience the JOY of Dance and Music!

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 2024-25 season we are deepening our commitment of prioritizing every individual student in every class they attend. We are also deepening our commitment to go BEYOND the baseline of excellence in dance and music education by focusing on the WHOLE CHILD. With locations in both Friendswood and now in Pearland, 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 19!

~ Shanna Kirkpatrick | Chara Founder



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## getting connected



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.



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



On our Chara website there is a password protected MEMBERS PAGE that houses important links, resources, calendar, and studio specific information. Password: CCDA19



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



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



Chara is home to an absolute rockstar Customer Care Team. These friendly faces are the first to greet you and the last to see you and are always available to help answer questions in person or over the phone.



4.9 STAR  
CUSTOMER RATING

# programs OVERVIEW

## 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 & imagination
- improve children's mobility & flexibility

## 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.

## 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. Level I Drill Team Technique is designed for the intermediate dancer (6th - 11th grade) with intensions 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.

## 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.



Chara is proud to offer AcroDance to our families which 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.

## MUSIC LESSONS

Chara Christian Dance Academy has a thriving music department with over 150 students and 6 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 concert performance opportunities. Currently, students can take piano, guitar, voice, ukelele, bass guitar, and banjo lessons in studio.

## 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.

# saturday CAMPS

## CAMP Creative

AGES 3 - 7  
SATURDAYS 1:30 - 3:00PM



**AUGUST 24TH**  
Wish Upon a Star



**JANUARY 25TH**  
Adventures in Arendelle



**SEPTEMBER 21ST**  
Inside Out & Upside Down



**FEBRUARY 15TH**  
Bluey's World



**OCTOBER 26TH**  
Royal Princess Ball



**MARCH 15TH**  
Fun on the Farm



**NOVEMBER 16TH**  
Stuffed Animal Sleepover



**APRIL 26TH**  
Fairytale Forest



**DECEMBER 21ST**  
Land of the Sweets



**MAY 24TH**  
Island Explorer

## CAMP ADVENTURE

AGES 5 - 10  
SATURDAYS 1:30 - 3:00PM



**AUGUST 24TH**  
Acrobatic Olympics



**JANUARY 25TH**  
Jewelry and Jams



**SEPTEMBER 21ST**  
In My Dance Era



**FEBRUARY 15TH**  
Around the World



**OCTOBER 26TH**  
Wonka Wonderland



**MARCH 15TH**  
Boots & Boogie



**NOVEMBER 16TH**  
Pajama Party



**APRIL 26TH**  
Space Expedition



**DECEMBER 21ST**  
All Things Christmas



**MAY 24TH**  
Let's Glow Crazy

# children's PROGRAM

**SEASON 19 CLASSES BEGIN AUGUST 5TH 2024**

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

Chara welcomes dancers as young as 9 months to 6 years old into our Children's Program, offering a wide variety of genres and combination classes. Through these classes it is our goal to instill a LOVE for dance and movement and build student's skills, confidence and performance abilities.

All classes other than our Parent/Tot Creative Movement, Parent/Tot Acro, and Boppin' Babies will perform in our Spring Recital, showcasing their progress in front of families and friends! Combo classes will perform 2 different recital dances, one for each genre.

Families should enroll their dancer based upon their age as of Sept. 1st 2024.

### Enroll toddlers by their age in months...

- Boppin' Babies 9 to 18 months
- Parent/Tot Acro 18 months to 3 years
- Parent/Tot Creative Movement 18 months to 3 years
- Tippy Toes 2 to 3 years

## MONDAY

### 9 MONTHS - 2 YEARS

Tippy Toes 5:00 - 5:30pm

Parent/Tot Creative Movement 6:00 - 6:30pm

### 3 & 4 YEARS

Tutus & Bowties/Taps for Tots Combo 5:00 - 6:00pm

Tiny Tots Acro 6:00 - 6:30pm

### 5 & 6 YEARS

Primary Ballet/Tap Combo 5:30 - 6:30pm

Primary Acro 6:30 - 7:00pm

## TUESDAY

### 9 MONTHS - 2 YEARS

Tippy Toes 4:30 - 5:00pm

### 3 & 4 YEARS

Tutus & Bowties/Tiny Tots Jazz Combo 10:00 - 11:00am

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

### 5 & 6 YEARS

Primary Ballet/Hip Hop Combo 5:00 - 6:00pm

Primary Tap/Jazz Combo 6:00 - 7:00pm

## WEDNESDAY

### 9 MONTHS - 2 YEARS

Tippy Toes 5:30 - 6:00pm

Parent/Tot Acro 6:00 - 6:30pm

### 3 & 4 YEARS

Tiny Tots Jazz/Taps for Tots Combo 4:30 - 5:30pm

Tiny Tots Acro 5:30 - 6:00pm

Tutus & Bowties 6:00 - 6:30pm

### 5 & 6 YEARS

Primary Acro 5:00 - 5:30pm

Primary Ballet/Jazz Combo 5:30 - 6:30pm

Primary Tap/Hip Hop Combo 6:30 - 7:30pm

## THURSDAY

### 9 MONTHS - 2 YEARS

Tippy Toes 4:30 - 5:00pm

### 3 & 4 YEARS

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

### 5 & 6 YEARS

Primary Ballet/Jazz Combo 5:00 - 6:00pm

## FRIDAY

### 9 MONTHS - 2 YEARS

Tippy Toes 9:00 - 9:30am

Boppin' Babies 10:30 - 11:00am

### 3 & 4 YEARS

Tutus & Bowties/Taps for Tots Combo 9:30 - 10:30am



# music PROGRAM



## WEEKLY CLASSES

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. 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.

## PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES

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 will improve voice strength, conditioning and control. Lessons provide additional training and support for students seeking to participate in choir programs or community/school musical productions.



## BASS GUITAR

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



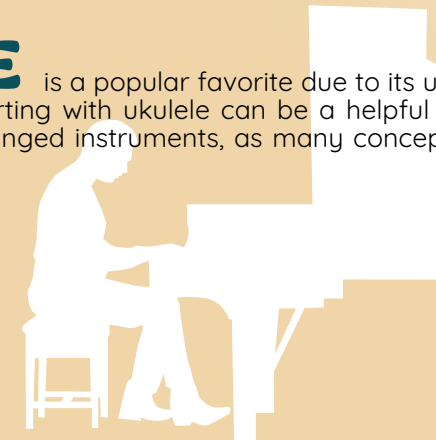
## ACOUSTIC GUITAR

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!



## UKULELE

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.



# training TRACKS

**SEASON 19 CLASSES  
BEGIN AUG. 5TH 2024**

## LEVEL I

### MONDAY

Acro I 5:00 - 6:00pm  
Ballet I 6:00 - 6:45pm  
Jazz I 6:45 - 7:30pm  
Contemporary I 7:30 - 8:15pm

### TUESDAY

Jazz I 5:00 - 5:45pm  
Ballet I 5:45 - 6:30pm  
Hip Hop I 6:30 - 7:15pm  
Drill Team Technique I 7:45 - 8:45pm

### WEDNESDAY

Ballet I 5:00 - 5:45pm  
Contemporary I 5:45 - 6:30pm  
Jazz I 6:30 - 7:15pm

### THURSDAY

Jazz I 5:00 - 5:45pm  
Ballet I 5:45 - 6:30pm  
Tap I 6:30 - 7:00pm

## PROGRAM SUMMARY

Dancers who are ages 7+ as of Sept. 1st 2024 are in Chara's Training Tracks program.

Initially dancers are placed in Level I classes. Each year, Chara teachers conduct fall progress reports and spring skill evaluations that assess a dancers technical abilities and growth in order to properly recommend placement for the following season. Often dancers will stay in a level for 2 or more years!

In February, dancers in our Ballet classes will receive Ballet Skill Evaluations that either...

- invite them to examine to take the Ballet Exam which, upon passing, would enable them to level up the next season.
- let them know that they will remain on level the following season.

All other genre level placements will be communicated in your dancer's March Skill Evaluations.

If you are NEW to Chara with previous dance experience and are unsure of what level your dancer should be placed in, email us at [info@charadance.com](mailto:info@charadance.com) to schedule a skill evaluation.

## LEVEL II

### TUESDAY

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

### THURSDAY

Ballet II 5:00 - 5:45pm  
Tap II 5:45 - 6:30pm  
Acro II 6:30 - 7:30pm

## LEVEL III

### TUESDAY

Hip Hop III 4:45 - 5:45pm  
Ballet III 5:45 - 6:45pm  
Contemporary III 6:45 - 7:45pm

### THURSDAY

Tap III 5:00 - 5:45pm  
Ballet III 5:45 - 6:45pm  
Acro II 6:30 - 7:30pm  
Jazz III 6:45 - 7:45pm



# birthday PARTIES



## BALLERINA BIRTHDAY

Give your daughter and her friends a celebration she will remember for years to come with a Ballet themed party fit for a Princess! Wear your tutu or favorite dress and we will dance the day away with dance instruction, activities, and party games.

## HIP HOP BIRTHDAY BASH

Give your birthday boy or girl a birthday bash celebration where they will learn the latest Hip Hop or Jazz moves with their friends. Guests will feel confident and cool with their new found dance moves!

## JAZZ IT UP BIRTHDAY

Your birthday boy or girl will learn the latest jazz moves with their friends making them feel “stage ready.” We will learn some choreography, jazz skills, and play games while experiencing the joy of dance.

## ACRO EXPERIENCE!

Break out the mats and enjoy a celebration packed with tumbling fun, lead by knowledgeable instructors keeping your guests safe. Students will learn and practice various acrobatic arts skills based on their experience and comfort level. (Maximum of 12 guests)

*we provide*

- Dance Instructor
- Party Assistant for setup & cleanup
- 2 hours of birthday fun
- Large studio space for friends
- Personalized gift bags

*you will*

- Select a style of dance
- Invite friends!
- Bring any food and desserts
- Show up ready to party
- Total cost \$250 (15 attendees)  
\$10 per additional attendee up to 20 max.



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# studio RENTAL

## PRIVATE DANCE LESSONS

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

### BENEFITS

- Improve your technique
- Build confidence
- Master leaps and turns
- Prepare for upcoming auditions
- Increase flexibility

### PRICING

**30 Minute Lesson \$40** Ages 5 and up

**45 Minute Lesson \$60** Level I dancer and up

**60 Minute Lessons \$80** A dancer working on multiple aspects such as perfecting their leaps, practicing choreography, and improving flexibility.

**Multiple Dancers 15% off** If 2 or more dancers take a lesson together, a 15% discount is applied to each dancer's hourly rate.

## RENTAL OPPORTUNITIES

- Girl Scouts - earn your Brownie Dancer badge
- Churches
- Bible Study
- Business Entrepreneurs
- Game Night

## STUDIO SPACE

Submit your inquiry and we will be in touch with availability and space specifications. Rentals are available on a one time or weekly basis depending upon availability.

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## TRAINING TRACKS

## CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

### Parent/Tot

Any dance or athletic wear for the dancer and adult. Socks or bare feet.

### Ballet

Pink leotard with attached or separate skirt. Pink or skin tone convertible tights with matching leather or canvas ballet shoes.

### Tap

Pink leotard with attached or separate skirt. Tan or skin tone convertible tights with tan tap shoes.

### Jazz

Pink leotard with attached or separate skirt or black shorts, capris, leggings. Tan or skin tone convertible tights with tan leather or canvas jazz shoes.

### Hip Hop

Pink leotard with black shorts, capris, leggings. Black Chara Hip Hop shirt layered over top with black tennis shoes.

Align Boutique is conveniently housed within each of Chara Christian Dance Academy's studio locations and offers a collection of dance wear, athletics, and gymnastics specifically curated for our students. We are excited to open a new location within Chara's Pearland studio while offering an online shopping option for delivery to either studio. Both stores and our online platform are open to the public.

## BOYS DRESS CODE

### Parent/Tot

Any dance or athletic wear for the dancer and adult. Socks or bare feet.

### Ballet

White shirt with black shorts or pants. Black socks and black ballet shoes.

### Tap

White shirt with black shorts or pants and black tap shoes.

### Jazz

White shirt with black shorts or pants and black socks with black leather jazz shoes.

### Hip Hop

Chara Hip Hop shirt. Pair with black shorts or pants and black tennis shoes.

### Contemporary

White shirt with black shorts or pants, nude footundeez.

### Acro

White shirt, black shorts or pants, bare feet.

### Ballet

Black leotard with wrap skirt. Pink or skin tone convertible tights with matching canvas ballet shoes.

### Tap

Black leotard with black shorts, capris, leggings. Tan or skin tone convertible tights with black tap shoes.

### Jazz

Black leotard with black shorts, capris, or leggings. Tan or skin tone convertible tights with tan leather or canvas jazz shoes.

### Contemporary

Black leotard with black shorts, capris, or leggings. Tan or skin tone stirrup tights with Capezio skin tone footundeez.

### Hip Hop

Black leotard with Chara Hip Hop shirt layered on top. Pair with black shorts, capris, or leggings and black tennis shoes.

### Drill Team Technique

Black leotard with black shorts, capris, or leggings. Tan or skin tone convertible tights with tan jazz shoes or turners

## ACRO DANCE

### Dance and Acro on same day

Wear the appropriate dress code for the dance class, with black shorts, and convertible tights that can be rolled up for bare feet.

### Only taking Acro that day

Gymnastic leotard WITH shorts and bare feet.



## CHARA MEMBERSHIP FEE

Chara Membership is required to participate in most Chara programs. A Members renewal fee is reduced by \$20 and is charged annually on March 15th for the upcoming season.

### Current Member | NEW Member

**Basic Membership** \$79 | \$99

Music or Day Camp ONLY families

**All Inclusive Membership** \$105 | \$125

Dance Program families including Acro

### ★ Priority Class Selection

Members receive early access to select classes 2-3 weeks prior to new families, giving them priority access to 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 (excludes music students)
- 10% tuition discount for all pastors, police officers, firefighters, Fisd teachers (part of the Friends of Fisd program) & military families with ID.
- Save 5% on your dance or music tuition when you prepay for the year by July 15th 2024

### ★ Align Boutique Credit

The All Inclusive Membership includes a \$25 credit towards any item at Align Boutique in store or online.

## PEARLAND MUSIC TUITION

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

**Level I Instructor Monthly Installment** \$165

**Level II Instructor Monthly Installment** \$170

**Student Music Concert Fees (x2)** \$30

Christmas Concert fee processed December 1st

Spring Concert fee processed May 1st

## DANCE RECITAL FEE

Recital fees are applied to each recital eligible class per dancer and are processed October 15th. This fee accounts for a costume, tights, 1 digital download of a recital picture in each costume (except company dances), and a digital recital video of all performances. BONUS! Each dancer will also receive a recital t-shirt and digital download of their class photo(s).

**Children's Class** \$155+ tax per class

**Graded Level Class** \$160+ tax per class

## CAMP CREATIVE & CAMP ADVENTURE

### Member | Non-Member Pricing

**1 Camp** \$35 | \$40

**4 Camps** \$85 | \$95

**6 Camps** \$117 | \$127

**10 Camps** \$180 | \$190

## ACH BANK TRANSFER

All billing is processed through ACH bank draft. Debit cards are not supported at that time. Families can log into their Parent Portal to update this information. If you would like to use a credit card, an additional a 3.5% convenience fee will be attached to all transactions.

## PEARLAND DANCE TUITION

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

**Single 30-minute class** \$58

**Additional 30-minute class** \$49

**1 hour class** \$98

**GRADED TECHNIQUE** 11 Installments

**Ballet I (1x per week)** \$74

**Ballet II (2x per week)** \$147

**Ballet III (2x per week)** \$196

**30-minute class** \$49

**45-minute class** \$74

**1 hour class** \$98

\* 10% discount when a student takes 3 or more hours of dance classes.

## 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, you will incur a prep class fee (based on the number of classes you take) and an examiner fee.

### Prep Class Fee

Processed February 15th

**Primary Ballet** \$55

**Ballet I - II** \$74

**Ballet III** \$98

**Ballet IV - V** \$123

**Pointe I - II** \$55

**Examiner Fee** \$45-\$75

Processed March 15th

>>> Examiner fees vary by ballet level and are subject to change as they are determined by an outside examiner.

## ALIGN BOUTIQUE COUPON

NEW families take 10% OFF any one item at Align Boutique locations. [Mention this coupon to redeem]  
Limit one coupon per family.

## FREE TRIAL CLASS

Bring in this coupon or call to sign up for a trial class at no cost.  
Bring a Friend!

## REFER A FRIEND TO CHARA

Refer a friend to Chara and when they enroll into a class you will both receive a \$20 credit. [Mention this coupon to redeem]  
Limit one coupon per family.

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