## "Let them praise His name with dancing"- Psalms 149:3



Steps to Grace is proudly celebrating its 20th year of providing a positive place to dance for Stateline families. You will always find age-appropriate costumes, music, and choreography at STG, and we encourage all dancers to use their God-given gifts to worship and praise Him through their dancing. Welcome to the STG family. We are so happy you're here!

# Pre-school Program

STG's pre-school classes are designed to enhance gross motor coordination, listening skills, musicality, and nurture imagination. Each class includes developmentally appropriate instruction through the use of music and dance. Dancers have on-stage performance opportunities in the Christmas and Spring recitals.



# CHILDREN'S PROGRAM- 5+ years-old

STG's Children Program is the perfect opportunity for the early elementary school-age dancer to grow in confidence as they learn dance techniques. We focus on fun, friends, and the basics at this age. Dancers have onstage performances in the Christmas Recital in December and the annual Spring

## TUITION 45 minutes-Each class is \$59/month

30 minutes-Each class is \$54/month (EXCEPT Hippity Hop)

HippityHop -\$47/month

> Relative Motion Youth-\$64/month

## Recital in June.

#### Age 5-6 years-old CLASS DAY TIME **Kidance** Monday 3:55-4:40 PM **Kidance** Wednesdav 4:40-5:25 PM **Hippity Hop** 4:45-5:15 PM Monday 11:30 AM-12:15 PM **Early Childhood Combo Tuesday Homeschool Dance** Friday 3:00-3:45 PM

\*Kidance and Early Childhood are ballet/tap combo classes. Arrive to class in ballet shoes and change to tap halfway through\*

## Beginning Level (7 yeas-old and up)

CLASS	DAY	TIME
Beginning Ballet	Wednesday	5:35-6:05 PM
Beginning Tap	Wednesday	5:00-5:30 PM
Beginning/Level I Jazz	Wednesday	6:25-6:55 PM
Beginning Hip Hop	Thursday	5:15-5:45 PM
<b>Relative Motion Youth-A</b>	Friday	5:05-6:05 PM
(Age 7-10 years)		
<b>Relative Motion Youth - B</b>	Friday	6:10-7:10 PM
(Age 10-13 years)		

\*see page 6 for more information about Relative Motion\*



# GRADED TECHNIQUE- LEVELS 1-5 (Ballet, Jazz, & Tap)

Our Graded Level Technique students build foundations in movement, vocabulary, technique, and choreography. Additionally, students in Level I & II are eligible and encouraged to try styles such as Lyrical, Jazz, Tap, and Ballet. All students in our Graded Technique Program participate in annual skills testing and optional parent-teacher conferences, as well as all recitals.



# Hip Hop, Teen classes, and Adult Classes

# Beginning Hip HopCLASSDAYTIMEHippity Hop (4-7yrs)Monday4:45-5:15 PMBeginning Hip Hop (8-10yrs)Thursday5:15-5:45 PM

## Teen Classes

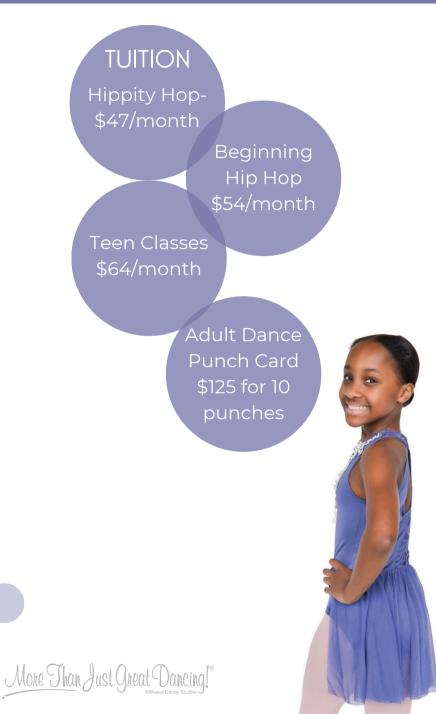
	CLASS	DAY	TIME
-	Teen Modern (Spring Only)	Monday	4:25-5:10 PM
-	Teen Lyrical/Jazz	Tuesday	5:30-6:30 PM
-	Teen Hip Hop (11+ years-old)	Thursday	5:50-6:50 PM

\*Teen classes are open to students with and without dance experience.

# Adult Classes (18+ years-old

CLASS	DAY	TIME
Adult Jazz	Tuesday	6:35-7:35 PM
Adult Ballet	Wednesday	7:30-8:30 PM
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\*Adult classes are open to adults with and without dance experience. Adult offerings are on a 10 class punch card system. You can use your punches in either ballet or jazz, anytime. Punch cards expire after 90 days.



## Steps To Grace Performace Companies + Relative Motion

## Performance Companies

Steps to Grace Performance Company dancers serve as ambassadors for our studio through community events, performances, conferences, and more. Audition only. <u>Auditions will be held on August 17th at</u> <u>10:00-11:30 AM (ages 6-13) and 1:00-3:00 PM</u> <u>(ages 14+) at Steps to Grace.</u> Please email alise.stepstograce@gmail.com to let us know you are coming. Company dancers are required to co-enroll in a ballet AND Relative Motion Technique Class. Company time commitment and financial information will be passed out at auditions.

	CLASS	DAY	TIME
	Radiate (Teen) Ignite (Teen)	Monday Monday	5:15-6:45 PM 6:50-8:20 PM
I	lluminate (Pre-teen)	Friday	5:05-6:05 PM
-	Shine (Youth/Pre-teen)	Friday	6:10-7:10 PM

Performance Company dancers are required to purchase warmups for traveling and events. More info. available at auditions.



## **Relative Motion**

Miss Alise & Miss Sarah are certified in an incredible strength training and technique program that will bring a new level of excellence to our dancers. Relative Motion uses specialized pants with different colored panels that are designed to help dancers visually see which muscles to activate in order to improve technique (and prevent injuries). ALL performance team members are required to enroll in the Relative Motion class, and there is a one-time fee of \$89 for the class uniform (that can be re-used year after year). We are so excited to bring this new program to Steps to Grace to help our dancers excel in their God-given talents, and to help them prevent dance-related injuries. All dancers are encouraged to take this unique class if they wish to excel in their dance technique.

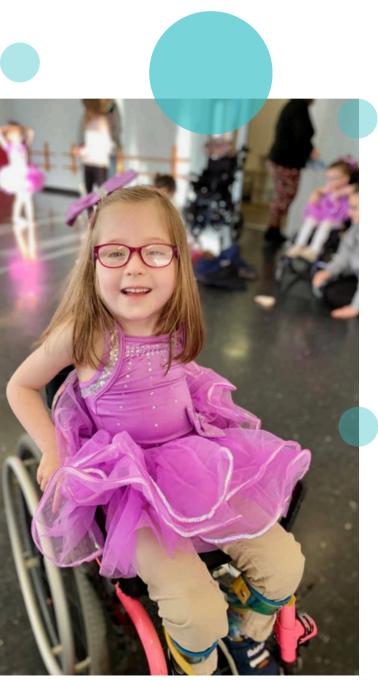
This is also a great class for ice skaters and gymnasts!

CLASS	DAY	TIME
RM Teen 13+ yrs RM Youth 7-10 yrs	Tuesday Friday	6:35-8:05 PM 5:05-6:05 PM
RM Youth 10-13 yrs	Friday	6:10-7:10 PM



Our performance teams range from age 7 all the way to age 18!

# Darby's Dancers



Giving extra special kids a Chance to Dance!
Steps to Grace is proud to offer the program
called Darby's Dancers. Darby's Dancers is a 501(c)
(3) organization founded by the parents of Darby
Jones of Huntsville, Alabama. Darby's Dancers
provides an opportunity for children with special
needs to participate in the performing arts
through dance education.

At once-a-week classes at STG, Darby's Dancers learn all types of dance in a fun, encouraging atmosphere. Dancers in the program gain confidence, coordination, strength and lifelong friends, all while feeling like a star. DD also provides volunteer opportunities for teens who dance at STG. Our youth volunteers learn important lessons in responsibility and friendship by providing one-on-one assistance to a special needs dancer.

DD classes are taught by volunteer dance instructors and take place in donated studio space. The charitable contributions of youth volunteers, dance instructors, community dance studios and local businesses allow DD to provide dance classes, supplies and costumes to special needs dancers at little to no cost to their parents. If you would like to learn more about Darby's Dancers for your child, please email darbysdancersrockford815@gmail.com



#### **CLASS TIMES**

CLASS	DAY	TIME
Darby's Dancers Group Darby's Dancers Group	•	-



## Dress Code

**Tiny Steps Ballet** and **TippyToes** Ballet

BOYS Black T-shirt. Black Leather Ballet Shoes. Black Athletic Pants

GIRI S Pink Leotard. Pink Leather Ballet Shoes. Pink Ballet Skirt

## **Ballet and Pointe Classes ALL LEVELS**

BOYS Black Leather Ballet Shoes. Black Athletic Pants

**GIRIS** Black Leotard. Black Tap Shoes, Black Leggings

Tap

**ALL LEVELS** 

BOYS Black T-shirt. **Black Tap Shoes Black Athletic** Pants

#### **Adult Classes**

Ballet & Pointe- Comfy clothes and ballet shoes Jazz- Comfy clothes and jazz or athletic shoes

**Hip Hop ALL LEVELS** 

**BOYS & GIRI S** Black T-shirt. Black Athletic Shoes. Black Athletic Pants

## **Relative Motion**

Dancers are required to wear their RM uniform pants to class every week, as well as a black t-shirt, tank top, or leotard that completely covers their stomach

More Than Just Great Dancing!

## **Tutus & Bowties. Kidance**, and **Early Childhood** Combo

BOYS Black T-Shirt, Black Leather Ballet Shoes. Black Tap Shoes, **Black Athletic** Pants

**GIRI S** Pink Leotard, Pink Ballet Skirt, Pink Tights, Pink Leather Ballet Shoes. **Black Tap Shoes** 

**GIRI S** Black Leotard. TAN Jazz Shoes. **Black Leggings** 

Jazz, Homeschool, Lyrical, Modern, and

**Performance Company** 

**ALL LEVELS** 

BOYS Black T-shirt. Black Jazz Shoes. Black Athletic Pants

Y	MON	<b>TUE</b>	<b>WED</b>	THU	FRI
	3:55-4:40 PM Kidance Ballet/Tap	10:45-11:15 AM Mommy & Me	4:40-5:25 PM Kidance Ballet/Tap	5:15-5:45 PM Beginning HipHop	3:00-3:45 PM Homeschool
+	4:25-5:10PM Teen Modern	11:30-12:15 PM Early Childhood Ballet/Tap	5:00-5:30 PM Beginning Tap	5:15-6:15 PM Level III Ballet	4:30-5:00 PM Tippy Toes Ballet
+	4:45-5:15PM Hippity Hop	4:15-4:45 PM Tiny Steps Ballet	5:35-6:05 PM Beginning Ballet	5:50-6:50 PM Teen Hip-Hop	5:05-6:05 PM Illuminate Dance Co.
	4:45-5:30 PM Level I Ballet (Class FULL)	4:50-5:35 PM Tutus & Bowties Ballet/Tap	5:35-6:20 PM Level I Ballet	6:20-6:50 PM Pointe Level I & II	5:05-6:05 PM Relative Motion Youth - A (7-10 yrs)
+	5:15-6:45 PM Radiate Dance Co.	5:00-5:30 PM Darby's Dancers A	6:25-6:55 PM Beginning/Level I Jazz	6:55-8:10 PM Level IV/V Ballet	6:10-7:10 PM Shine Dance Co.
	5:20-6:05 PM Kidance Ballet/Tap (Class FULL)	5:30-6:00 PM Darby's Dancers B	6:25-7:25 PM Level II Ballet		6:10-7:10 PM Relative Motion Youth - B (10-13 yrs)
+	5:35-6:20 PM Jazz Level I/II	5:30-6:30 PM Teen Lyrical/Jazz	7:30-8:30 PM Adult Ballet	+ +	
	6:25-7:25 PM Level II Ballet	6:35-7:35 PM Adult Jazz			
	6:50-8:20 PM Ignite Dance Co.	6:35-8:05 PM Relative Motion Teen		Schedule 2024	-2023 Season

## Studio Policies, Tuition, Membership fees, & Costume Fees

<u>Withdrawal Policy</u>- When enrolling in classes at STG, you are signing up for the entire year (September 3rd-June 11th). If you would like to withdraw from classes, you must notify the office no less than 30 days before the next billing cycle. For example, if your child will be done at the end of February, we need to know BEFORE February 1st so you are not charged tuition in March.

<u>Weather Closures</u>- STG makes every effort to remain open during inclement weather, but we will not put our families or staff at risk in dangerous conditions. We update our Instagram and Facebook pages with any closures, contact the local news stations, and send emails to all families. If we close for bad weather more than TWICE, we will begin offering make-up sessions. Refunds will not be offered for weather closures.

<u>Absence Policy</u>- STG does not offer refunds for any classes missed by your student for vacations, illnesses, or calendar conflicts. We allow students to attend TWO make-up classes in an equal level if they are absent twice. No make-up classes are offered beyond that. If there are injuries or other extenuating circumstances, we will will evaluate those on a case-by-case basis. \*If a teacher is absent, and a substitute can't be found, we will offer a make-up session for the missed class.\*

<u>Membership Fee</u>- A yearly STG Membership Fee is charged upon enrollment, along with your first month of tuition. The fee for returning dancers is \$35.00, and new dancers are \$45.00. Families do not have to pay membership fees for any children beyond the second one.

<u>Tuition Payments</u>-Steps to Grace classes each have a yearly course fee, and that fee is broken into ten equal monthly payments, the last of which is withdrawn on **June 1st**. Tuition is collected automatically on the 1st of each month. A credit or debit card must be on file for monthly autopayments. No exceptions. We do not charge credit card fees.

<u>Tuition Discounts</u>- 5% discounts are offered to first responders, church workers, and members of the military. We also offer sibling discounts of 5% for the second child and beyond. STG offers scholarships and tuition assistance on an as-needed basis. Please contact the office at kelly.stepstograce@gmail.com to have your discount applied, or to discuss our scholarship options. Discounts can't be combined.

<u>Costume Fees</u>- Please see separate page below for costume fees and information.

## Costume Fees

Costume Fees- Costumes are purchased for ALL dancers for the spring recital, with the exception of Mommy & Me classes. Costume fees will be auto-collected in installments to make it easier for our families. Costume fees are **NON-REFUNDABLE**, no exceptions.

The first installment of costume payments will auto-process for most classes on October 15, 2024. The second installment will be processed for most classes on January 15, 2025. See fee schedule below.

If your class only requires ONE payment, it will be auto-processed on October 15, 2024. If your dancer enrolls AFTER January 15, 2025, their entire costume payment will be due upon enrollment.

> Tiny Steps Ballet- ONE payment of \$85 on 10/15/24 Tippy Toes Ballet- ONE payment of \$85 on 10/15/24 Hippity Hop- ONE payment of \$85 on 10/15/24 Teen Modern- ONE payment of \$105 on 2/15/25

Tutus & Bowties- TWO payments of \$65 on 10/15/24 & 1/15/25 Kidance- TWO payments of \$65 on 10/15/24 & 1/15/25 Early Childhood Combo- TWO payments of \$65 on 10/15/24 & 1/15/25 ALL Beginning Level Classes- TWO payments of \$65 on 10/15/24 & 1/15/25 Homeschool Dance- TWO payments of \$65 on 10/15/24 & 1/15/25 ALL Level I & II Classes- TWO payments of \$65 on 10/15/24 & 1/15/25 Teen Hip Hop- TWO payments of \$65 on 10/15/24 & 1/15/25 Teen Lyrical/Jazz- TWO payments of \$65 on 10/15/24 & 1/15/25 Level III, IV, & V Ballet- TWO payments of \$75 on 10/15/24 & 1/15/25 ALL Pointe Classes- TWO payments of \$75 on 10/15/24 & 1/15/25

\*STG Performance Companies- THREE payments of \$85 on 9/15/24, 1/15/25, & 3/15/25

# Frequently asked questions

#### When is the first day of class? When is the last day of class? When is the studio closed for holidays?

Classes begin September 3, 2024 and end on June 11th, 2025. STG is closed on Labor Day and Memorial Day. Make-up classes for those holidays will be offered to our Monday students on June 16 & 23, 2025. Classes will take place at their regularly scheduled times .Please check the STG academic calendar for more important dates and holidays. STG is closed 3/23-3/29 for Spring Break, and 12/21-1/11 for Christmas..

#### When is recital?

Winter recital is on Saturday, December 14, 2024. Times will be announced at a later date. Spring recital is on Saturday, June 14, 2025. Times will be announced at a later date, but we will have shows going ALL DAY. Dress rehearsals will be on December 13th for winter shows, and on June 12th and 13th for the spring shows. Times TBA.

### What do you do with my STG Membership fee?

Membership fees hold your place in class, and are used to pay for our studio's insurance policies each year, as well as administrative costs incurred during our busy registration season.

### How do I watch my child while they are in class?

We have large video monitors for each classroom in our lobby, and each room has a window available for viewing.

#### Tell me all about costumes!

Bring on the glitter! Professional costumes are ordered throughout the year for dancers to wear in our JUNE recital. and we stick to simple outfits and accessories for our December show to keep costs down for our families. Students are measured by Steps to Grace staff members during every class, and costumes are ordered based on those measurements. Costume payment schedules can be found on our "policies" page above, and those fees are auto-debited on the due date. ALL enrolled students will participate in both recitals, with the exception of Mommy & Me classes. \*Costume fees are non-refundable. Costume suppliers universally do not offer refunds, therefore we are unable to give refunds to our families once costume fees have been paid.\*

#### Why is full tuition charged for December, March, & June, even though classes don't run the entire month? Steps to Grace classes are all offered with a yearly "course fee". Our course fees are split into ten equal monthly payments, the last of which is auto-debited on **June 1st**.

# STEPS TO GRACE CALENDAR

September	October	November		
3- classes begin	1- tuition due 15- some costume fees due	1- tuition due 28-29- closed for thanksgiving		
December	January	February		
1- tuition due 13- dress rehearsal 14- recital 22-31- closed for christmas	1- tuition due 1-11- closed for winter break 15- some costume fees due	1- tuition due 15- some costume fees due		
March	April	May		
1- tuition due 15- some costume fees due 23-29- closed for spring break	1- tuition due 18- closed for good friday	1- tuition due 26- closed for memorial day		
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June 1- tuition due	815-885-4554			
12 & 13- dress rehearsals 14- recital 23- summer schedule begins	email- kelly.stepstograce@gmail.com OR alise.stepstograce@gmail.com			

# Performance Company Events

September 15, 2024– First Team costume payment due (\$85)

October 1, 2024-Dance Revolution Fees Due (\$300, prefer cash or check. Cards add 5.5% fee)

> October 12, 2024-Perform at Rockford Ice Hogs Game (7pm)

November 23, 2024– Perform at Northpointe Terrace Retirement Home (1:30pm– 2:30pm)

> January 15, 2025 Second Team Costume payment due (\$85)

> January 24-26, 2025-Dance Revolution Conference- Wheeling, IL

March 15, 2025 Final Team Costume Fee Due (\$85)

November 2025-Potential Performance Opportunity at Walt Disney World in Florida

\*Other performance opportunities may be announced throughout the year.