

Welcome Back! We are excited to welcome our new and returning students to the 2009-10 year at Momentum Music and Dance Academy! Thank you for a wonderful 2008-09 season finale performance. We look forward to another amazing year with you. Thank you also to Hi-Liners for their continued support and providing many of the sets and props for our performances. If you were a dancer with us last year, make sure you've picked up your performance

Mark Your Calendars

Bring a Friend Week: Share your love of dance with a friend! Bring them to your dance class from **October 12-17**.

Observation Week: Check out your dancers and their hard work by coming to their classes from **November 8-14**.

Holiday Showcase: December 5th at John Knox Presbyterian Church Community Faire, Starring Jazz, Tap, Modern, Hip Hop, Broadway and Irish students. Details TBA.

The Nutcracker Suite: December 14-15 at Highline Performing Arts Center @ 7:00 pm. Featuring Ballet I–V. Ticket sales TBA.

Holidays: The studio will be **CLOSED** November 26-28 for Thanksgiving break and December 21-January 3 for winter break.

Momentum's website contains an annual academy calendar. This interactive calendar can be shared, printed, or viewed as a list of events. We also offer widgets that will give you the flexibility of viewing the calendar outside of your browser. We hope that this website feature will help you stay connected with the many happenings at Momentum Music and Dance Academy!



Introducing New Instructors

Please join us in welcoming the talented, new instructors joining us at Momentum...

Randi Courtmanch, Dance Instructor

Ms. Courtmanch is an alumna of Cornish College of the Arts. She graduated cum laude with a Bachelor of Fine Arts in Dance having studied ballet and modern dance technique, choreography, and movement analysis. Currently, she is in the graduate program in Cultural Studies at the University of Washington and is very excited to be teaching for Momentum again!

Andi Dear, Music Instructor

Ms. Dear received her BA in opera performance from University of Texas at Austin. In 1999, she joined The Vortex Repertory company in Austin where she performed for 7 years in operas, musical theater, and various performance art pieces. In 2004, she was nominated for Best Musical Actress of Austin by the Austin Critics Table for her lead role in the opera Elytra. She has taught voice, piano, and guitar for over a decade at schools in both Austin and here in Western Washington, and spent her last 3 years in Austin ('03-'05) managing Albertson's Music School while teaching over 60 students a week. Since moving to Tacoma, she has fronted and

performed all over western Washington with 2 different classic rock/blues bands.

Patty Pomplun, Dance Instructor

Ms. Pomplun joins the Momentum staff to teach hip hop. She has trained, performed and competed in a number of styles of dance including hip hop and college-level dance team. She has been a dance coach and teacher for many years and loves meeting students who love exploring dance too!

Abigail Wallace, Dance Instructor

Abigail Wallace hails from the great Midwest, where she grew up dancing. She attended Oberlin College for biology and dance prior to seeking her Masters of Fine Arts from Colorado University at Boulder. She is a Classical Pilates instructor and an avid student of the Alexander Technique. She currently dances with the Phffff! Company. She teaches all levels of ballet, jazz, modern, improvisation, and choreography, along with beginning contact improvisation. She will be teaching Pilates in the Seattle area alongside lower-level classes at Momentum this year.

Tuition Policies and Discounts

Tuition is paid monthly and is based off of a 10-month calendar year (September through June). Payments are due by the 1st of each month. Momentum thanks you in advance for your on-time payments!

Discounts are available for families registered for more than three classes with even bigger discounts for families registered for 5-6 classes or 7 classes or more. Annual and semi-annual payments are also available and can save your family between 5-10%.



New Check in Policy for Music Students

Music attendance will be monitored by the front desk and each student will have their own attendance log where they will initial the date of their lesson. Please follow check-in procedures, as this will ensure accuracy with your account.



New Classes

At Momentum Music and Dance Academy, we are growing by leaps and bounds! New classes this year include:

Early Release Art Foundations

Fridays 2:45-3:45pm for ages 8+

Modern I

Saturdays 11:30-12:30pm for grades 1 & 2

Irish Ceili

Mondays 5:15-5:45pm for 3rd year or above Irish dancers

Broadway Tap for Beginners

Fridays 4:00-4:30pm for grades 7+

Teen/Adult Classes

Zumba: Thursdays 6:30-7:30pm for ages 17+

Ballroom: Thursdays 7:30-8:30pm for ages 17+

Ballet: Mondays 7:45-8:45pm for ages 13+

Beginning Tap: Saturdays 12:30-1:30pm for ages 13+

Intermediate/Advance Tap: Thursdays 7:45-8:45pm for ages 13+

Yoga: Fridays 9:45-10:45am for ages 13+

For detailed descriptions and more information about these classes, please call the front desk at (206) 242-1239 or visit

<http://www.momentumdanceacademy.com/newclasses.html>

Current Class Schedule

<http://www.momentumdanceacademy.com/pdf/CurrentSchedule.pdf>

Fall 2009 Registration Form

<http://www.momentumdanceacademy.com/pdf/RegistrationForm.pdf>

All classes are filling up quickly so don't delay and register today!

Dress Codes

A friendly reminder to please review our dress code policy on Momentum's website for your individual classes. A dancer's attire greatly determines their attitude towards their class work and aids their teachers in being able to access body alignment and proper technique.

New Performance Attendance Policy

It is important for each individual dancer to be responsible for themselves and reliable for the sake of their fellow performers. Students should be diligent about attending classes



and rehearsals, especially when working towards performances. This ensures confidence and strengthens performance in their role, as well as their classmates. It takes a whole team to make each performance happen!

To ensure a quality performance, *we are asking that your dancer attends 90% of their classes and rehearsals. Any less than that may result in being unable to perform.* Please contact the front desk, Mrs. Moss, or Ms. Schreiber regarding any conflicts.