

Musical Theater
With
Ms. Conni Fleming

Description: This course is designed to introduce the Musical Theater dance form and techniques to students. Musical Theater dance style emerged at the turn of the twentieth century in American when vaudeville side shows began to gain legitimacy as a true American art form. Broadway theater performance has been an outlet for many choreographers and dancers from both Modern and Ballet. Broadway Musicals combine song and dance to tell an audience a story. We will draw from multiple genres of dance technique to develop our own interpretation of popular musicals we all know and love.

Attire: Dancers must wear a leotard (any color) with tights and proper undergarments. Over leotard, dancers may choose to wear dance shorts or athletic style pants. Hair must be worn up and out of the face to prevent distraction or injury, styles can differ depending on the length of the dancer's hair.

Shoes: Dancers will wear a classic style jazz shoe for class or a character shoe. Your teacher will inform you what type of shoe is required for your class. If the dancer comes to class not properly attired, there will be a discussion with the teacher after class.

Student Project:

Students will be encouraged to attend show performances and to watch them on TV/Streaming whenever possible and as recommended by the instructor.

Get to know the material you are working on by doing research on the musical you are learning.

Jazz Dance
with
Ms. Tara Beamish & Mercedes Ray

Description: Jazz dance showcases a dancer's individual style and originality. Every jazz dancer interprets and executes moves and steps in their own way. Jazz dance is energetic and fun, consisting of unique moves, footwork, jumps, leaps and quick turns. To excel in jazz, dancers need a strong background in ballet, as it encourages balance and strength.

Attire: Form fitting dance attire. Hair should be secured away from face. Your Teacher will let the students know what type of shoes they require. Either slip on tan jazz shoe or dance paws.

