



Patti Herm, artistic director and owner, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Dance Education and a Master of Arts degree in Dance from Western Michigan University.

She began her study of dance in Grand Rapids at the age of three and took classes from Margy Jones and later from Sally Seven, founder and former director of the Grand Rapids Ballet. While a dance student at WMU, Patti

danced in all three ensembles: University Ballet Theatre, University Dancers and Repertory Dance Company. After graduation, she taught vocal music in the Paw Paw and Portage Schools for five years. She opened the Patti Herm School of Dance in the Fall of 1982. She attends yearly teacher workshops in New York City. She has studied extensively the Vaganova (Russian) method of ballet teaching through past attendance at the Russian Seminars taught by the late Jurgen Schneider, former ballet master of the American Ballet Theatre in New York City.

Patti has choreographed over 35 musicals at Otsego High School, Kalamazoo Civic Theatre and Kindelberger Summer Festival. She has produced 11 full length Nutcracker Ballet productions since 2000.

PHD Competition Dance Team

Auditions are held each year for the PHD Competitive Dance Team. Dancers compete at regional and national competitions as well as perform at area festivals and schools. Dancers must be at least five years old and attend one ballet and one jazz class in addition to weekly rehearsals. Our award winning dance team and experienced choreographers have won numerous choreography and high score awards throughout the years. For more information, go to www.pattiherm.com

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Dress

Please read the information about our school dress codes. We believe the proper appearance in class is essential for effective dance education. This includes hair and good grooming for all classes. Dance shoes should not be worn as street shoes. This can damage the dance floors.

Student Concerts

All students must be enrolled in their classes by December 20th in order to participate in the concerts. No costume refunds will be given after that date.

Studios

Street shoes are not allowed in the studios. Students must be supervised before and after classes. No running or horseplaying in the lobby, hallways or restrooms. Younger students are asked to wait with parents in the lobby until the instructor calls them.

Make up Lessons

Students are welcome to makeup any missed lessons in the same level or a level lower offered on a different day. Please ask the instructor for appropriate class.

Behavior

All dance students at the Patti Herm School of Dance are expected to treat their instructors and peers with kindness and respect. PHSD reserves the right to dismiss students if necessary.

En Pointe Caution

Students are not placed on pointe shoes until our instructors are sure their training has progressed to the appropriate level to avoid injury. Young children should never be allowed to have pointe shoes as playthings.



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The Patti Herm School of Dance believes in the importance of a strong classical ballet education. We believe that ballet develops a solid foundation from which other dance forms such as contemporary, jazz and tap can develop. Ballet teaches self-discipline, poise, agility and confidence.

2023 - 2024



Faculty

Visit www.pattiherm.com for instructor bios

Patti Herm, Artistic Director/Owner; Heather Phillips, Secretary,
Cindi Bosma, Melissa Kelley, Emily Poirier Ashley Ristau,
Allison Waters



Dates to Remember

Open House/Registration	August 21 - August 22 (4-8 pm)
Labor Day	September 4
First Day of Class	September 6
Nutcracker Auditions	September 17
Thanksgiving Break	November 22 - November 26
Nutcracker Performances	December 2 - December 3
Winter Break	December 22 - January 4
Spring Break	March 30 - April 5
April Concert	April 20
June Concert	June 1

School Tuition and Fees

Registration fee \$20.00 (single) • \$30.00 (family)

(2023 rates effective August 2023)

1 lesson at 30 min.	\$44.00 per month
1 lesson at 45 min.	\$48.00 per month
1 lesson at 1 hour	\$52.00 per month
1 lesson at 1 1/2 hour	\$56.00 per month

* Tuition is due on the first day of each month, September through May. A \$10.00 late fee will be charged after the 15th. Yearly fees must be paid by October 1st to receive the yearly discount. Students will not be allowed to continue with classes if tuition is not paid by the end of each month.

Family Discounts

There is a 5% discount for two - four lessons per family or students per week, a 10% discount for five or more lessons per family per week. There is a 10% discount for full year payments. There are no combined discounts. Boys dance free of charge, but must pay registration fee. One free class per boy student.

Concert Costume payments or deposits of \$50.00 are due by December 1, 2023. No refunds will be given after December 20. Costume balances are due no later than February 1, 2024. All checks returned from the bank for any reason will be charged a \$30.00 fee.

A two week written or e-mail notice is required before a withdrawal from class can be permitted or you will continue to be charged for classes.

Registration

Pre-registration begins August 1 through August 31. Please send in your registration form, registration fee, and first month payment to the studio address to guarantee your child's placement in class. If you prefer to pay for the full year, please email me to figure your payment with the discount. If you need additional registration forms, you may download those from our website, pattiherm.com Please send one student per form. Please note: students are placed in classes based on what they participated in last year.

Final Registration and Open House will be held on August 21 - 22 from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.

DRESS CODE

Girls Ballet

Discover Tots & Discover Dance 1 (Ages 3-5) pink leotard, barefeet. Pink footless tights may be worn. No skirts.

Ballet/Tap Combo (Ages 5-6) Any color leotard, pink footed tights, pink leather ballet slippers. Skirts may be worn. Hair in ponytail or bun. Tap shoes for tap.

Pre-Ballet (5-6) Pink leotard, pink footed tights, pink leather ballet slippers. Skirts may be worn. Hair in ponytail or bun.

Ballet Level 1 - Ballet Level 10 Black leotard, pink footed tights, pink leather ballet slippers. No skirts may be worn. Hair in bun.

Boys Ballet

Discover Dance (Ages 3-5) shorts, T-shirt, barefeet. Pre-Ballet (6 yr. olds) through Ballet Level 10. Black shorts/black ballet slippers / white solid T-shirt.

Jazz

Girls - Tan jazz boots or lyrical sandals / solid color leotard / suntan stirrup tights / any color short shorts worn over tights. Hair in ponytail or bun. Crop Top and shorts are allowed.
Boys - Black jazz boots, black shorts or jazz pants, solid color T-shirt.

Modern/Lyrical

Solid color leotard, footless tights, gaucho pants (opt.) Hair in ponytail or bun. Lyrical shoes.

Hip Hop

Girls - Form fitting T-shirt or tank top, pants of choice, sneakers. Hair in ponytail.

Boys - T-shirt, pants of choice, sneakers.

Tap

Girls - Solid color leotard, tights, short shorts or jazz pants. Hair in ponytail or bun.

Boys - Solid color T-shirt, shorts or jazz pants.

Shoes - Tap I - Style 31 beginner shoes

Tap II - VI - Black Bloch tap shoes

Adult Classes

Comfortable ballet or jazz attire, appropriate shoes for the style.

Notes:

Pink or black waist length sweaters are allowed in ballet class. No sport bras allowed in any class. No tanks or T-Shirts allowed over leos in ballet, tap or jazz. No dangle earrings, bracelets, or large necklaces. Gum is not allowed.



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