



Welcome to Belle Fouette Dance Studio!

You are now entering into a creative arts world through dance, and the opportunities are endless.

### **About us:**

We are a unique dance studio that trains all dancers to become well rounded professional dancers with a core training in ballet, and we recognize this as the key to excelling in all other dance genres. No longer are you having to choose which class your dancer can take, Belle Fouette Dance Studio trains all students to become well rounded professional dancers. We are working and loving our dancers from the inside out with our teaching styles and our Beyond Dance program. **Goal:** To have professional dancers perform, travel, succeed and become the strongest person they envisioned themselves to be! **Vision:** To be the leading dance studio performing ballet, modern, jazz, lyrical and many more dance styles! **Mission:** To install a drive in our young dancers that will change or enhance their vision on how they see themselves!

### **#BFdance** Est. 2015

We at Belle Fouette Dance Studio pride ourselves in professional dance training through our weekly outlined teaching curriculum, and proven trained methods.

Currently, Belle Fouette Dance Studio is honored to say we have successfully trained dancers into their Performing Arts School of choice, the Joffrey Ballet Summer Program and our very own competition and company team. Belle Fouette Dance Studio is honored to say we have successfully impacted our community through our Beyond Dance Program. Where Dancers are learning: Career and life skills, goal settings, teamwork, manors and etiquettes, class and hygiene, appropriate dating, makeup and more. In a fun and magical way (see schedule in Studio)

**Goal:** Unite and allow our young girls to become all they were meant to be!

**Vision:** Change the way our girls see themselves and change the world one strong girl at a time!

There is so much to look forward to, and we know parents can get a little overwhelmed. So stay involved, attend parent meetings and volunteer as often as possible. Login to your parent portal for news, accomplishments and feedback regarding your dancer.

We're EXCITED to have your family join our dance family at Belle Fouette Dance Studio!

### **Fun facts about us:**

We opened our doors on Valentines day 2015, offering free classes for 3 months. Our first location was located in the basement of Faith Temple Church in East Orange, NJ. We got our name from the definition of Belle (beautiful, smart), and Fouette (beautiful turn). Belle Fouette Dance Studio is the first Studio to offer the Student Assistant program, we call TuTu Nation. The all around growth from this program (trained dancers teaching and assisting class) is phenomenal, and now copied around the world. Director Aisha Hobbs, is a self taught Ballet and Jazz Instructor, with a passion and love for young girls to strive and boldly live life to the fullest.

Follow us on Facebook and Instagram @bellefouette



## Staff

All Instructors have a bachelor degree in dance, currently studying dance, have several years of admirable experience in professional areas of dance or have a valuable teaching background. Staff goals are to have phenomenal Instructors who teach and advance dancers at the fastest and most safest ways possible. Instructors understand the importance of mentorship, insuring a healthy creative environment while following our teaching curriculum through trained methods. On going staff training and monthly staff leadership meetings are a priority to ensuring our dancers and Instructors success at Belle Fouette Dance Studio.

## Productions and recitals

Belle Fouette Dance Studio puts on 2 Productions and 1 Baby Belle's Recital each year. Show face makeup is required.

- 1) Spring Production in April or early May
- 2) Baby Belle's Recital in August
- 3) Christmas Production in December

Studio and production fees must be current to participate in any productions or recital.

Parent volunteer are a requirement and food donations are appreciated.

Production fee of \$150 per show/ fundraising is available 3 months prior to each show.

Each dancer is expected to advertise and sell tickets to fill the audience. Practice begins 6 weeks prior.

\*\*Dancer's receive 1 week break after each Studio Production, Studio Closed\*\*

## Competition Team Est. 2015

Belle Fouette Dance Studio offers a traveling competition team, and auditions are held August - September of every year.

## Company Team Est. 2020

Belle Fouette Dance Studio offers a performing team with ongoing performance auditions,

## Beyond Dance Est. 2015

Beyond Dance hosts monthly signup activities and 2 special events a year:

Father/daughter dance and mother/daughter tea party

## *TuTu* Nation & Mini *TuTu* Est. 2015

Our Studio's Ms. America. Awarded to 3 exceeding Dancers at each banquet celebration, and they act as the Studio's lead dancers for the new calendar year. 2 *TuTu* Nation's & 1 Mini *TuTu*'s (Per location)

## Chocolate CoCo Misses Vision Meeting (CCK) Est. 2016

This is awarded to top dancers throughout the year, and gives the dancers a chance to be apart of making plans and decisions in regards to the Studio. Participating dancers are posted in Studio with date and time.

## Banquet celebration Est. 2017

Yearly formal ceremony held in February where every dancer is recognized and awarded for their accomplishments throughout the year. There is a dinner cost and all family members are invited.

Attire: black or red

## Getting started

Register at [BFdance.com](http://BFdance.com) \$25 registration fee, and schedule a one on one 30 minute registration appointment. Dancers must follow dress code & come to practice on time.

## Think ahead:

We are closed for all major holidays, and for 1 week after each show.

Fundraising months are February and September of every year.

\$150 Production fee is due March 1st and October 1st of every year.

Production practice begins 6 weeks prior to show date.

To join the Competition Team, the last week in August is mandatory training every year, \$200.

Father Daughter Dance is in June of every year, \$25.

Mother Daughter Tea Party is in July of every year, \$25.

Studio Banquet is in February of every year (dinner fee)



## Wavers

### Studio guideline:

Photos and videos will be taken of the dancers for the use of promoting and advertising (i.e., website, social media, in studio, photo gallery, etc.)

\*Dancers must be in dress code to participate in class and is expected to be on time

\*Dance is a sport and injuries happen, all Instructors stress the importance of taking dance classes seriously and applying corrections, failure to do so can result in injury. Belle Fouette Dance Studio is not responsible for accidental injuries during practices or performances.

\*911 will be called in the event of an emergency & Dr's note is required after an injury

\*Please supply your dancer with medical needs, i.e., inhaler, epipen, bandaids, ace wrap, ice pack, etc.

\*Treat your dancer as an athlete, support and encourage a healthy lifestyle and nutrition.

\*Belle Fouette Dance Studio reserves the right to suspend or terminate any dancer for bullying, tardiness, inappropriate actions or behavior by the dancer and/or company

\*Belle Fouette Dance Studio is not responsible for lost items & unclaimed items will be discarded after 1 week

\*Dancers level are solely the decision of Instructors and Studio Director

\*Dancers are dismissed by Instructors, allow an average of 15 minutes over schedule for practice to end and be dismissed

\*Belle Fouette Dance Studio is a safe haven zone for our Dancers & Instructors - parent and/or company interruptions will not be tolerated. All studio concerns must be addressed to the Director alone

\*Parents and/or company not allowed in studio during practice

\*Parents must transport dancers to and from all productions, events and studio bookings

### Productions:

\$150 production fee is due 2 calendar months prior, and must be paid on time to participate. \$50 is refundable prior to 45 days to production. All productions are optional, and dancers not performing are asked to work behind the scenes at all events. Practice begins 6 weeks prior to production.

Parent volunteer is required and donations for productions are appreciated.

### Competition and Company Team:

Competition team: additional \$40 a month plus competition uniform

Parents pay for all costumes and competition fees, due 2 month prior to competition date

Company team: additional \$40 a month plus performance gear

\$50 a month for dancers on both teams

All team dancers must be full time students at Belle Fouette Dance Studio

Parents are responsible for travel and stay

Competition uniform must be worn at all competitions

All trophies and ribbons are kept at Belle Fouette Dance Studio

Performance makeup required

No other physical activities during competition season, January - June

Only Instructors allowed in dressing room and backstage at competitions

Vehicle rental cost will be divided between passengers

Dancers can be pulled at anytime

No refunds



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### Payments:

\$75 deposit, that is applied to final month with a 30 day written notice.

Payments are payable to Belle Fouette Dance Studio. Checks or money orders are accepted and 7 days in advanced in order to cancel automatic monthly payments. Payment due on the 1st of each month plus tax, regardless of attendance. \$25 late fee after the 4th of each month, and no dance participation after the 10th of each month until payment is made in full. \$3 credit card processing fee and \$35 returned check fee. No refunds. Save \$5 per month with auto-pay. Credit card is safely kept on file to be automatically charged when Studio fees are due.

### 3 month packages:

\$75 deposit, that is applied to final month with a 30 day written notice.

Pay in full or 2 payment option. With second payment due on the 1st day of the second month, leaving NO payment on the third month. No refunds and payment due regardless of attendance. \$25 late fee after the 4th of the month, and no dance participation after the 10th of the month until payment is made in full. \$3 credit card processing fee and \$35 returned check fee.

### Dress code

Studio gear is required and dress code is mandatory. No participation when out of dress code

Hair pulled back and must be in a bun for ballet

Leotard and ballet tights acts as undergarment and no visible bra straps

No holes or snagged ballet tights

No outside shoes on the dance floor!

Labeled dance bag and attire

Canvas ballet shoes, point shoes, foot undies/ toe pads and black tap shoes

No jewelry

# Schedule



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
					<p>Open 9:30am</p>	
					<p>10:00-11:00am <b>Baby Belle's</b> 9-11 on Princess day</p>	
					<p>11:30-12:30pm <b>Beginners</b> ballet/ tap/ flexibility</p>	
					<p>1:00-2:30pm <b>Advanced</b> ballet/ tap/ flexibility</p>	<p>Open 1:30am</p>
					<p>2:45-4:45pm <b>Professional</b> ballet/ flexibility strength and conditioning/ pointe</p>	<p>2:00-6:00pm <b>Company Team</b> Performance Pointe Tumble/Acro Tap</p>
<p>Open 4:30pm</p>	<p>Open 4:30pm</p>	<p>Open 4:30pm</p>	<p>Open 4:30pm</p>			
<p>5:00-6:30pm <b>Beginners</b> jazz/ acro hip-hop</p>	<p>5:00-8:00pm <b>Competition Team</b> September - June</p>	<p>5:00-6:30pm <b>Professional</b> jazz/ acro hip-hop musical theater</p>	<p>5:00-6:30pm <b>Professional</b> modern lyrical contemporary</p>			<p>4:00-8:00pm <b>Production practice</b> Selected months</p>
<p>6:30-8:30pm <b>Advanced</b> jazz/ acro hip-hop modern lyrical contemporary</p>		<p>7:00-9:00pm <b>Elite</b> jazz/ acro hip-hop musical theater</p>	<p>7:00-9:00pm <b>Elite</b> modern lyrical contemporary</p>		<p>5:00-8:00pm <b>Elite</b> ballet/ flexibility strength and conditioning/ pointe</p>	<p>6:00-8:00pm <b>Beyond Dance</b> Selected months</p>