



DMA Teacher Training School Report **2024 going into 2025**

Madame President and Members of the Board:

Numbers in attendance:	
2024	2025 – as of June 23
Grade 1 – 26 attendees	Grade 1 - 18
Grade 2 – 14 attendees	Grade 2 - 11
Grade 3 – 6 attendees	Grade 3 – 8
Grade 4 - 9 attendees	Grade 4 – 5
<u>Adv. – 23 attendees</u>	<u>Advanced - 17</u>
Total: 78	Total 59

Housing and classes: We were very excited to be at our new home Ball State University in Muncie Indiana. Like with any changes there were some bumps with the University being 100% ready for us. One example is the bus company for the shuttle to and from the airport for our attendees didn't show up for the first trip from the airport. After several calls with no response, we called campus police and then the bus manager called us and had no idea why it didn't show up. Then there was the problem that the University knew we needed to have dining services on the weekend. Well, there were no meals on Saturday. After several calls again, this was fixed. And there were a few other administrative things. Once we began classes it was amazing week.

2024 Core Faculty consist of:

Ballet – Kerry Ring & Audra Sokol

Jazz – Michael Lambert

Tap – Anne Beck & Butch Theisen

Modern – Susan Koper & Christie Zimmerman

Each core faculty member worked extremely well and in-sync with one another.

2025 Core Faculty is the same as 2024 with the addition of Tracy Navarro for Jazz working with Michael Lambert, and Rich Ashworth working with Butch Theisen for Tap.

2024 Examinations: In 2024 we administered.

11 ballet exams 9 tap exams 8 jazz exams 8 modern exams for a total of 36 exams.
There were no failures.

2025 Examinations: As of this report we will administer:

6 ballet exams 6 tap exams 6 jazz exams 4 modern exams for a total of 22 exams.

Assessments: We will continue to give the assessments in grades 1-3. This valuable information is used to evaluate the program, as well as for the attendee to assess themselves. The assessments are given in the afternoon of the 4th day, which enables administrators and faculty to grade the assessments as a team in the evening and give results along with exit letters to the attendees on the last day.

A new addition for TTS is we will be gathering in the dorm in the evening for attendees to attend 2 discussions the first being a teacher information exchange and the second a discussion about DMA and the benefits of becoming a member.

We were excited to be able to have a S.H.I.P Showcase where the S.H.I.P. attendees performed and we recognized the Grade 4 attendees during which the 2025 Dotty McGill Scholarship was awarded to Makenna Isles.

Recommendations: I would like to receive direct access to the TTS/S.H.I.P. JotForm. I am thankful I was sent the files. But I needed to keep asking for updated files, to check if there were additions or deletions.

If I could please ask to get direct access to the files I can monitor for changes myself and do what I need to in a timely manner.

We also need to have mailing addresses put back on the TTS registration form, as well as add a gender to the form so we can be sure we are putting the dorm housing together correctly.

Finally, if we can please reinstate the tuition fees back to \$50.00 more for the non-member fee vs. the member fee.

We are excited to hear that this past Fall, Ball State broke ground on their new state of the Art Performing Arts facility. They anticipate if all goes as planned they will move in for the Fall of 2026 and TTS is hoping to be moved into this building for the summer of 2027.

Phyllis and I would like to thank Advisory for attending TTS and S.H.I.P. helping us as we need it during the week. And we are excited to have Charlene Hibbs attending as an on-site administrator assisting us with both TTS and S.H.I.P..

Thank you for giving us the opportunity to be a part of such an educational process that exemplifies one of our major purposes as an organization. We are proud to contribute to the progress, growth and innovative ideas of Teachers Training School.

Teacher's Training School Administrators:

Phyllis Guy
Administrator I

Dody Flynn
Administrator II