



DMA Teacher Training School Report 2022 going into 2023

Madame President and Members of the Board:

In 2022 Teacher's Training School was held at the Spezio's Dance Dynamics, Inc. in Getzville, NY

Numbers in attendance:	
2022	2023 – as of June 25
Grade 1 – 21 attendees	Grade 1 - 23
Grade 2 – 14 attendees	Grade 2 - 14
Grade 3 – 8 attendees	Grade 3 – 10
Grade 4 - 9 attendees	Grade 4 – 8
<u>Adv. – 18 attendees</u>	<u>Advanced - 20</u>
Total: 70	Total 75

Housing and classes: due to the challenges created from the Pandemic housing and classes in 2022 were in a local dance studio. For 2023 housing remains in a hotel but classes will be at the Centre for the Arts at SUNY Buffalo.

Faculty: This year's core faculty consist of:

Ballet – Elizabeth Waddell & Kerry Ring

Jazz – Tracy Navarro , Michael Lambert

Tap – Barb Denny, Butch Theisen

Modern – Danielle Sheather, Christie Zimmerman

Each core faculty member works extremely well and in-sync with one another, meeting each day to compare teaching notes and coordinate material.

Examinations: In 2022 we administered 9 Attendees TTS exams. 8 in ballet, 9 in tap, 5 in modern, 8 in jazz. There were failures as follows: Ballet 3, Tap 1, and Jazz 1

As of July 1st we will be giving approximately 30 exams in 2023.

The 2023 exam format is the same as in the past: Written, Terminology, Theory and Practice and Practical Teach-in. We will administer 9 Ballet, Tap & Jazz exams and 5 Modern exams.

Assessments: Assessments were given and will be given 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.

Due to low enrollment The Bachna/McGill Scholarships were not given out in 2022. Following the last class on the last day, all attendees gathered in one room for a closing gathering. Each grade was recognized, the faculty was introduced, and Tier 5 certificates were given out. Each grade level gathered for pictures and there was tremendous excitement in the room as I was able to have all exams corrected and certificates printed on site for the grade 4 examinees. We celebrated 2 in Tier 5 who successfully tested out on Tap. Everyone was just so happy to be together and to be immersed in the TTS curriculum.

We want to all 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:

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