



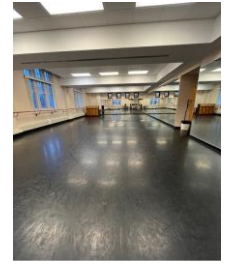
# TEACHERS TRAINING SCHOOL 2024 CELEBRATING 53 YEARS Motivating and Inspiring Dance Educators Worldwide

We are **EXCITED** to announce our NEW location for 2024,  
Ball State University, 2000 W. University Ave. Muncie, IN 47306

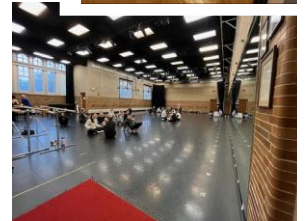
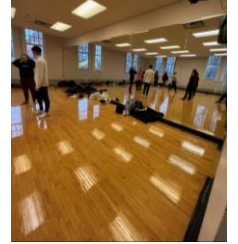
July 21 – July 25, 2024

(Suggested arrival July 20th - Departure July 26th)

**Deadline Date for registration is May 1<sup>st</sup>. Registration forms are available for download online on the DMA website, in the Teacher Training School tab.**



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Dance Masters of America's Teachers Training School wishes to express our sincere appreciation to our attendees for their loyal support as we celebrate the programs Fifty-third year.

TTS was established at the turn of the century because DMA wanted to offer its members and future members a professional program that provides both basic and advanced teaching techniques for all Dance Educators. The focus of the program is on education, where attendees learn proven teaching principles, fundamental dance techniques, build a core dance syllabus, and methods for successfully applying these skills in the classroom.

Although the Dance Masters of America has always included a program for the training of dance educators into their curriculum, it wasn't until 1970 when it was moved to Kent State University where it evolved into the program known as the "Dance Masters of America Teachers Training School." To accommodate the rapidly growing enrollment and to further enhance the program, Dance Masters of America Teachers Training School was moved to the beautiful facilities of the State University of New York at Buffalo's Center for the Arts in 1998.

Once again to accommodate enrollment as well as enhance the program, TTS will locate to Ball State University for 2024. Master teachers instruct classes in teaching techniques for all disciplines of dance: ballet, tap, jazz, modern, lyrical, theatre dance, Hip Hop, and specialty classes.

Packet pick-up for all participants will be July 20<sup>th</sup> from 5:00PM-8:00PM. A photo ID is required.

**\*\* Please check back regularly for any updates. Updates will be highlighted in **Yellow**.**

## **Mission Statement**

To provide a comprehensive curriculum, an outstanding faculty, a unique focus on technique and teaching skills, and the nurturing of camaraderie among fellow Dance Educators.

To provide both a creative and structured pathway for quality learning by recognizing the full potential of dance education and the many integrated inroads that will benefit teachers and their promising students.

## **Object Statement**

Successful completion of the FOUR-YEAR PROGRAM and examinations result in Dance Masters of America certification in dance education, where teachers are certified by test to teach (see requirements below). Membership is available through a chapter.

For Chapter information visit the DMA website – [dmanational.org](http://dmanational.org).

**Age Requirement** - Student must be 18 years of age as of the first day of the program to participate in the TTS program.

## **Teachers Training School Placement Requirements:**

- Attendees cannot move to the next level if more than 4 years has lapsed between grades.
- Attendees must complete grade 4 (testing not required) in a 7-year period.

Grade I	First Year Student	All first-time attendees
Grade II	Second Year Student	Successfully completed Grade 1
Grade III	Third Year Student	Successfully completed Grade 1 & 2
Grade IV	Fourth Year Student	Successfully completed Grade 1, 2 & 3; attend advanced curriculum classes; examination review classes; prepare for TTS examinations.
Advanced:		Successfully completed Grade 1, 2, 3 & 4 without testing or successfully passed one core subject. Advance students will receive a certificate of advancement. When returning will register as an Advanced.
Associate:		Successfully completed Grade 1, 2, 3 & 4; successfully passed a minimum of 2 core subject examinations. Associates shall receive a Certificate of Achievement. When returning will register as an Associate.
Graduate:		Successfully completed Grade 1, 2, 3 & 4; successfully passed 4 core subject examinations. Graduates shall receive a Teachers Training School Diploma. When returning will register as a Graduate.

## **Special Note to All Attendees**

### **Assessments & Exams**

Grade 1, 2, & 3 will be given assessments. This assessment will be used to evaluate the course and to help you prepare for Grade 4 exams. These assessments are returned to you in each of the last classes on the last day. There are no grades recorded.

Grade 4 may be examined in the core subject of their choice. These examinations may be used for membership into Dance Masters of America.

### **Attendance**

Attendance is mandatory for all classes. Students are allowed three excused absences that must be evaluated by the administration. Any absences beyond three will prevent the student from receiving certification for that current level. **NO ONE WILL BE EXCUSED FROM THE LAST THREE CLASSES OF THE PROGRAM.**

Tardiness: Students are to be at all classes on time and checked in for attendance before the class begins.

Three tardiness will result in one absence. 5 minutes late is considered tardy.

**TTS attendees will be given attendance certificates at the end of the late class. These will NOT be mailed. Those testing in Grade 4 will be recognized during the Student Honors Intensive Program the evening of the last day.**

### **Classes**

Classes will be located on the Ball State Campus.

## **Classroom decorum**

Proper classroom decorum must be shown at all times. Example: Excessive talking, gum chewing, disrespect towards faculty, poor attitude, use of foul language are not acceptable. If found in violation you will be asked to leave the class resulting in an absence, and possible expulsion from the program with no refund or credit.

- Smoking policy: Ball State University is a tobacco free campus, which included the ban of electronic cigarettes.

## **Dress Code**

All participants must be attired under the following guidelines:

Dancewear: should be modest and in good taste. Cover-ups should be worn outside the classroom.

Long hair must be tied back for all classes.

Appropriate shoes for each class (no socks in place of shoes).

## **Housing**

Staying on campus is not required. Residence Halls will be available for all TTS attendees. Name and location of residence halls will be on the DMA website in late Spring. Please keep checking the website.

Bathrooms in the dorm are pod style with a certain number of rooms assigned to each pod.

Check-in for the dorm is between 1:30PM and 9:00PM.

Provided in the dorm room: Pillow, pillowcase, 2 flat sheets, light weight blanket, 1 face towel, 1 bath towel, cup, soap. There is no sheet or towel exchange.

There are no refrigerators available for rent.

If staying in dorm you are responsible for cleaning out your room, including all garbage before leaving.

Keys will be turned into dorm staff on the last day. If checking out after the class on the last it must be done by 9:00PM.

Charge for lost keys: \$55.00.

Laundry – there are washers and dryers in the dorm. They require quarters or you can also download an app and pay thru there.

## **Meals**

Meals are not included in your registration and can be purchased in one of the designated dining halls or in "The Village". Attendees will need a method of payment (cash/credit/debit card) to purchase meals.

## **Orientation Meeting**

There is a mandatory orientation meeting, July 21<sup>st</sup> before classes for all levels.

## **Packet Pick-up**

- July 20<sup>th</sup>, 5:00PM-8:00PM is registration and packet pick-up for all attendees place to be announced.
- Photo ID is required to pick up your packet.
- If you have air travel delays please contact Phyllis Guy 225-938-9261
- Grade 4 will be allowed to drop exams from the schedule- there is no on-site exam registration.

## **Parking Fee**

If driving on campus you will be required to purchase a parking pass for \$20.00. Parking is in designated areas only. Parking passes are not available on site, they are pre-order by May 1<sup>st</sup> only.

## **Participation**

Students ages 18 and older are to fully participate in all classes unless a written excuse has been evaluated by the Administration. If injured after registration and before June 1, the student is to notify the National Treasurer before making travel plans. All written excuses must be supported by a doctor's recommendation for participation. All pregnant students must have a certificate from their doctor allowing them to fully participate in the program.

## **Pricing**

Room Pricing: Single \$270.00  
Double \$220.00

Tuition Price \$750.00

Bus Transportation \$80.00 roundtrip (see travel for more information).

ALL INCLUSIVE PRICES INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION, ROOM, & TUITION: Single room \$1,100.00  
Double room \$1,050.00

NOTE: THERE ARE NO REFUNDS AFTER JUNE 10<sup>th</sup> EVEN WITH A WRITTEN EXCUSE FOR INJURY.

## **Proper classroom decorum**

Proper classroom decorum must be shown at all times. Example: Excessive talking, gum chewing, disrespect towards faculty, poor attitude, use of foul language are not acceptable. If found in violation you will be asked to leave the class resulting in an absence.

## **Performance**

On the last day, at the close of classes there will be showcase of the dancers from the DMA Student Honors Intensive Program. Performance audience is limited to 100. If attending please check off and the number attending.

Those testing in Grade 4 will be recognized during the Student Honors Intensive Program the evening of the last day.

TTS attendees will be recognized and given their attendance certificates and possibly grade 4 exam results at the conclusion of this performance. The performance is free to observers.

## **Registration**

Is through the Dance Masters of America National Website <https://www.dmanational.org/> please click on the SHIP tab.

Registration is due:

- by May 1<sup>st</sup> and is limited to 50 participants in each grade level.
- late registration after May 1<sup>st</sup> please call Charleen Locascio, DMA National Treasurer 504-454-1376 for availability. Staying on campus will not be available after May 1<sup>st</sup>.
- No registration accepted as of June 15<sup>th</sup>.

## **Schedule of Classes**

Please check the DMA National website for updated information and schedules.

## **Smoking / Drugs on campus**

Ball State is a smoke free/ drug free campus. If found in violation you will be immediately expelled from the campus.

## **TTS T-shirt / DMA Clothing**

Purchase a SHIP shirt or DMA clothing at <https://stores.inksoft.com/dancemasters/shop/home>

## **Travel**

Airport: You should fly into the Indianapolis International Airport, which is approximately 45 minutes to an hour from Ball State University. Bus transportation is provided for \$80.00 roundtrip as follows:

7/20/24 Depart from airport 12:00PM and 4:00PM

7/26/24 Depart from Ball State 6:00AM and 10:00AM

Pre-registration by May 1<sup>st</sup> is required for transportation.

The Indianapolis airport has a large food court area where travelers can wait for transportation.

## **Water**

You are welcome to bring a water bottle into the classroom. WATER ONLY.