

# FUSION DANCE



## Upcoming Events

Feb. Payments Due	Feb. 1
Competition Company Rehearsals	Feb. 4-5
Competition Company Rehearsals	Feb. 18-19
NUVO Convention Mayo Civic Center Rochester	Feb. 24-26
March Payments Due	Mar. 1
Competition Company Rehearsals	Mar. 4-5
Spring Break – No Dance	Mar. 10-19
Dance Resumes	Mar. 20
Competition Company Rehearsals	Mar. 25
Competition Dress Rehearsal	Mar. 26
First Competition	Mar. 31- Apr. 2
Apr. Payments Due	Apr. 1
Second Competition	Apr. 7-9
Easter Weekend – No dance	Apr. 14-16
Brian Brooks Workshop	Apr. TBD
Brian Brooks Moving Company – T. B. Sheldon Theatre	Apr. 28, 7:30 pm

## When Dance is About More than Good Training, Everybody Wins

Does Fusion Dance offer great dance training? Of course it does! However, if we only train dancers, don't we miss the point with most of our students? That is why Fusion Dance strives to offer more than just great dancing.

Our instructors and staff do not receive thank-you cards for pretty pliés or attractive pirouettes. We receive crayon drawings of smiling dancers surrounded by pink hearts. Running a dance school is not only about the quality of dancing, but about the love for dance families and the community. We believe that our time with students and contact with the community should have a lasting, positive impact that goes beyond solid technical dance training. That goal has become the heartbeat of Fusion's dance program. Quality dance instruction is our foundation; what we do with it is our purpose.

Instructors, parents, volunteers and students invest an enormous amount of time, energy and commitment into dance because it really does add up to more than just great dancing. Students receive many benefits from their involvement with dance, such as dedication, grace, poise, perseverance, time management, organizational skills, teamwork and work ethic.

Students have been given the gift of dance. They are taught to give their gift back to others in the community, such as dancing at events or for community groups.

Competition students also participate in a Big Sister/Brother and Little Sister/Brother program. Dancers are teamed up to help each other. Other students are stepping up too. Even elementary school students can be seen tying shoes for preschoolers

and helping them in other ways.

Older students are offered opportunities to help in the classroom through Assistant Training Programs and may also become Teachers In Training and work one-on-one with our experienced instructors.

At every level of the dance program, kids are being built up from the inside out through the magic of dance. Dance class is about more than just great dancing. When dance is about more than training, everybody wins!



# Happy Valentine's Day from the Staff of Fusion Dance

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## School Calendar Conflicts

### Beginner dancer.

Knows nothing.

### Intermediate dancer.

Knows everything.

Too good to dance  
with beginners.

### Hotshot dancer.

Too good to dance  
with anyone.

### Advanced dancer.

Dances everything.  
Especially with beginners.

~ Attributed to Dick Crum,  
a folk dance teacher

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The dancers at Fusion Dance attend many different school districts: Cannon Falls, Ellsworth, Goodhue, Hastings, Lake City, Northfield, Pepin, Plum City, Red Wing, Wabasha-Kellogg and Zumbrota. Unfortunately, each district follows a different school calendar. Some districts celebrate holidays (such as Martin Luther King Day) and some do not. Some have a spring break around Easter (either the week before or the week after) and some have a spring break during a different month. Some have snow days while others are attending classes.

Fusion Dance is not able to follow the schedule of any one school. We set our studio breaks and bad weather closings in a fashion that works best for our students and our staff.

If school is cancelled for bad weather, please check the Fusion Dance Facebook page or Twitter account or listen to KCUE, KWNG or KLCH radio for studio closings. The studio answering machine will also include a message on the status of studio closings. When school is cancelled early in the day, the weather may be better in the evening, and we may still have classes. If the weather changes late in the day, we may be cancelled even if school was in session.

The best advice is to check the weather conditions in your own area – please do not come to dance class if the local roads are unsafe for your family. And if you choose to stay home, please contact the studio and let us know you will not be attending class.

## Lost and Found

The Lost and Found always grows at such a tremendous rate!! It is filled with clothing, shoes, water bottles, etc. Please check the cart often for your lost belongings. It is located near the coat hooks in the back of the studio.

All items left in the Lost and Found for a significant time will be donated to the Salvation Army. Thank you for looking for your lost items!

