

# DTL Class Levels & Descriptions

2025-2026

## TAP CLASSES

**Beginner Tap** is designed for individuals with little to no experience in tap. Classes will focus on the basic tap steps & rhythm while developing proper body placement, position, weight shifts and clarity of tap sounds.

Beginner Tap has 2 levels:

- Beginner-1
- Beginner-2 – must complete Beginner- 1 or by instructor discretion

**Intermediate Tap** is geared toward mastering basic tap skills, building upon the technique of the beginning fundamentals and perform steps with clarity of sound. You will begin to add speed and syncopated rhythms with each intermediate level.

Intermediate Tap has 3 levels:

- Intermediate-1 – must have completed Beginner-2 or by instructor discretion
- Intermediate-2 – must have completed at least 1-year of Intermediate-1 or by instructor discretion
- Intermediate-3 – must have completed at least 1-year of Intermediate-2 or by instructor discretion. \*If you are new to the studio, have only attended our mini-summer sessions or are unsure if you are an Intermediate or Advanced tap dancer, Intermediate-3 is the class for you. Enrollment in this class will allow us to evaluate your skills and transition you to the appropriate class, if necessary.

**Advanced Tap** is focused on faster and more intricate footwork while executing complex combination with precision and clarity without review. In addition, you are expected to identify steps and combinations by name and without review. The advanced level is for the student who has completed at least 6 years of tap AND instructor approval.

Advanced Tap has 3 levels:

- Advanced-1 – must have completed at least 2-years of Intermediate-3 or by instructor discretion
- Advanced-2 – must have completed at least 1-year of Advanced-1 or by instructor discretion
- Advanced-3 – must have been enrolled in main season classes for a minimum of 2 seasons AND enrollment is by instructor invitation

## JAZZ CLASSES

**Beginner Jazz** is designed for individuals with little to no experience in jazz. Classes will focus on basic body isolations & movement, weight shifts and position of the body, feet & arms. Note: For the 2024-2025, Beginners should enroll in Intermediate Jazz.

**Intermediate Jazz** is geared towards building upon the jazz basics and places an emphasis on flexibility, control, conditioning and incorporates techniques with extensions and turns. Must have completed at least 1-year of Beginner Jazz or have instructor permission to enroll. \*If you are new to the studio, have only attended our mini-summer sessions or are unsure if you are an Intermediate or Advanced jazz dancer, Intermediate is the class for you. Enrollment in this class will allow us to evaluate your skills and transition you to the appropriate class, if necessary.

**Advanced Jazz** is focused on mastering the technique learned in Intermediate jazz while introducing more complex choreography, speed and more synchronized articulation & rhythms. The advanced level is for the student who has completed at least 3 years of jazz AND instructor approval.

Advanced Jazz has 3 Levels:

- Advanced-1 – must have completed at least 3-years of jazz or by instructor discretion
- Advanced-2 – must have completed at least 4-years of jazz or instructor discretion
- Advanced-3 – must have been enrolled in main season classes for a minimum of 2 seasons AND enrollment is by instructor invitation

### **MISCELLANEOUS AND SPECIALTY CLASSES**

**Non-Performance Classes** are offered in Ballet, Tap and Jazz. These classes are recreational and geared for the dancer who is interested in movement and learning but does not want to participate in our annual Performing for Life show.

**Seated Tap & Tambourine** is for those that have balance issues but would still like to dance. The class will be taught while seated on chairs.

**Opening Number** is a class offered by invitation only and as an extra class to Advanced-2 and Advanced-3 Tap levels. This class allows us time to prepare for the opening production for our annual Performing for Life show. Students must be enrolled in a minimum of 2 additional classes to qualify.

**Step Steppers** is a class offered to dancers 50-years old & older. The dancer must meet all criteria to be considered. Must be over 50-years old, be enrolled in 2 or more dance classes, be at the Intermediate-3 or above tap level AND be able to perform in BOTH the Performing for Life show and Senior Olympics (or equivalent) in May. If you are interested in joining, please contact Christine directly. There is no additional fee for this class.

**Timesteppers** is a class offered to dancers 50-years old & older. The dancer must meet all criteria to be considered. Must be 50-years old, be enrolled in 2 or more dance classes, be at the Advanced-2 tap or above tap level AND be able to perform in BOTH the Performing for Life show and Senior Olympics (or equivalent) in May. If you are interested in joining, please contact Christine directly. There is no additional fee for this class.

**Summer Classes** are offered in 3 separate mini-seasons – June Season, July Season and August Season. Class levels are blended and are not considered prerequisite classes for our main season. For example, Summer Advanced Tap is a blend of Advanced 1, Advanced 2 and Advanced 3 tap combined. Taking a Summer Advanced Tap class does not automatically qualify you to enroll in an Advanced Tap for the main season if you have not completed the prerequisites for either Advanced 1, Advanced 2 or Advanced 3 main season classes. If you are unsure if you should register for an Intermediate or Advanced class after completing a summer session or sessions, we recommend enrolling in an Intermediate main season class for evaluation. This will allow us to evaluate your skills for a main season class and transition you to the appropriate class, if necessary.