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WELCOME PACKET
2023-2024 SEASON

September 2, 2023

Welcome!

The Princess Mhoon Dance Institute would like to **welcome you to be a part of PMDI for the 2023-2024 season.**

The Princess Mhoon Dance Institute is an acclaimed dance institute located in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area.

We believe that dance is a catalyst for personal, professional and artistic development.

Our mission is to deliver art and culture that will educate, unite, transform and heal our community through the power of dance.

Through the leadership and training of Director & Choreographer Princess Mhoon, many students have realized professional careers on Broadway, the Concert Stage, and in Hollywood while others have developed self-esteem and skills that translate their training from the studio, to the stage, to the real world.

We value your investment in our program and invite you to join the PMDI family for the upcoming season.

We look forward to you dancing with us for the 2023-2024 session! Thank you!

Sincerely,



Princess Mhoon, Founder & CEO
Princess Mhoon Dance Institute

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ABOUT PMDI

Established in 2010, the Princess Mhoon Dance Institute is an acclaimed dance company and dance institute located in the Washington, DC Metropolitan area. Having served thousands of families through our performances, in-studio and off-site programs, we believe that dance is a catalyst for personal, professional and artistic development.

Through the leadership and training of award winning Director & Choreographer Princess Mhoon, many students have realized professional careers on Broadway, the Concert Stage, and in Hollywood while others have developed self-esteem and life skills that translate their training from the studio, to the stage, to the real world.

OUR REACH

PMDI has served thousands of families in the DC Metropolitan Region through classes, school programs, performances, summer programs and community outreach. We partner with the DC Department of Recreation to develop and facilitate summer Ballet Camps, write curriculum and teach movement arts for area Public and Charter Schools.

PMDI's impact has expanded to reach the White House. In February of 2016 the institute was invited to perform as a part of a Celebration of African-American Women in Dance hosted by First Lady, Michelle Obama. PMDI was also Nominated and won BEST DANCE COMPANY by Washington City Paper's Reader's Choice Award from 2016-2018.

Princess Mhoon is the Director of the Chicago Black Dance Legacy Project and has been featured in Essence Magazine and the New York Times for her work.



PROGRAM OVERVIEW & WEEKLY CLASS SCHEDULES

Program Overview

The classes offered below provide a leveled dance curriculum that allows your dancer to grow and progress through their dance education while basing their learning in technique. Our Little Ballet classes focus on body awareness, spatial awareness, rhythm, and musicality. Older students have the opportunity to continue their dance education with a deeper understanding of and exposure to rhythmic dance with our African dance classes. Additionally, older students may choose to take Jazz classes, which allow them to learn an art form created in America that combines the musicality of African dance with the technique of ballet.

Class Schedules

Class schedules are designed to help your dancer grow. All placement and promotions are at the sole discretion of the Directors and instructors.

Saturdays:

9:00am - 9:45am	Little Ballet (ages 4-5)
9:00am - 10:00am	Ballet I (ages 8 - 12)
10:00am - 10:45am	Little Ballet (ages 2-3)
11:00am - 12:15pm	Ballet I (ages 6-7)
12:15pm - 1:30pm	Jazz (ages 6 - 10)
1:30pm - 2:45pm	Ballet I (ages 9 - 15)
3:00pm - 4:00pm	African (ages 9 - 15)



Mandatory Uniform Requirements

BALLET:

Royal Purple Leotard
Flesh Tone Convertible Tights (2 pairs)
Flesh Tone Ballet Slippers

ENSEMBLE (Ballet II):

BALLET:

Red Leotard
Flesh Tone Convertible Tights (2 pairs)
Flesh Tone Ballet Slippers

JAZZ:

Black Leotard
Black Convertible Tights (2 pairs)
Black Jazz Shoes
Black Tap Shoes

HIP HOP:

(worn over leotard/tights)
T-shirt or Tank Top
Athletic Pants or Shorts
Socks
Sneakers- clean, not worn outside

AFRICAN

Black Leotard
Lapa (African dance skirt)- purchasing info coming soon
No shoes

MODERN

Black Leotard
Flesh Tone Convertible Tights (2 pairs)
No Shoes

MALE DANCER (He/Him) UNIFORM:

Black or White T-shirt (1 worn, 1 spare)
Black Athletic pants (1 worn, 1 spare)
Black Dance Shoes for All Styles

STUDIO COMPANY- JUNIOR & SENIOR PERFORMERS

BALLET:

Black Leotard
Flesh Tone Convertible Tights (2 pairs)
Flesh Tone Ballet Slippers
Flesh Tone Pointe shoes

JAZZ/TAP:

Black Leotard
Black Convertible Tights (2 pairs)
Black Jazz Shoes
Black Tap Shoes

HIP HOP:

(worn over leotard/tights)
T-shirt or Tank Top
Athletic Pants or Shorts
Sneakers- clean, not worn outside

AFRICAN

Black Leotard
Lapa (African dance skirt) -- purchasing info coming soon
No shoes

MODERN

Black Leotard
Flesh Tone Convertible Tights (2 pairs)
No Shoes

Attire, Hair, Nails & Presentation

Your dancer should bring to wear all colored leotards, a black leotard, flesh tone convertible tights, flesh tone ballet slippers, black jazz and tap shoes, a clean soled pair of sneakers for each class & rehearsal. For all classes, hair must be in a neat ballet bun. All braids and hair extensions must be in a bun or neatly combed off the face and neck. Dancers are not permitted to wear long or large braids that do not permit them to properly secure the hair out of the face and neck. Nails must be groomed short and free of loud color polish. All dancers must present themselves in a professional and well-groomed manner at all times.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Studio Address:

Fall Semester
4301 Harewood Rd., NE
Washington, DC 20017

Parking is available along the side streets.
Please enter at the main entrance.
You may drop your dancer off at the semicircular driveway at the front of the building.

Phone:

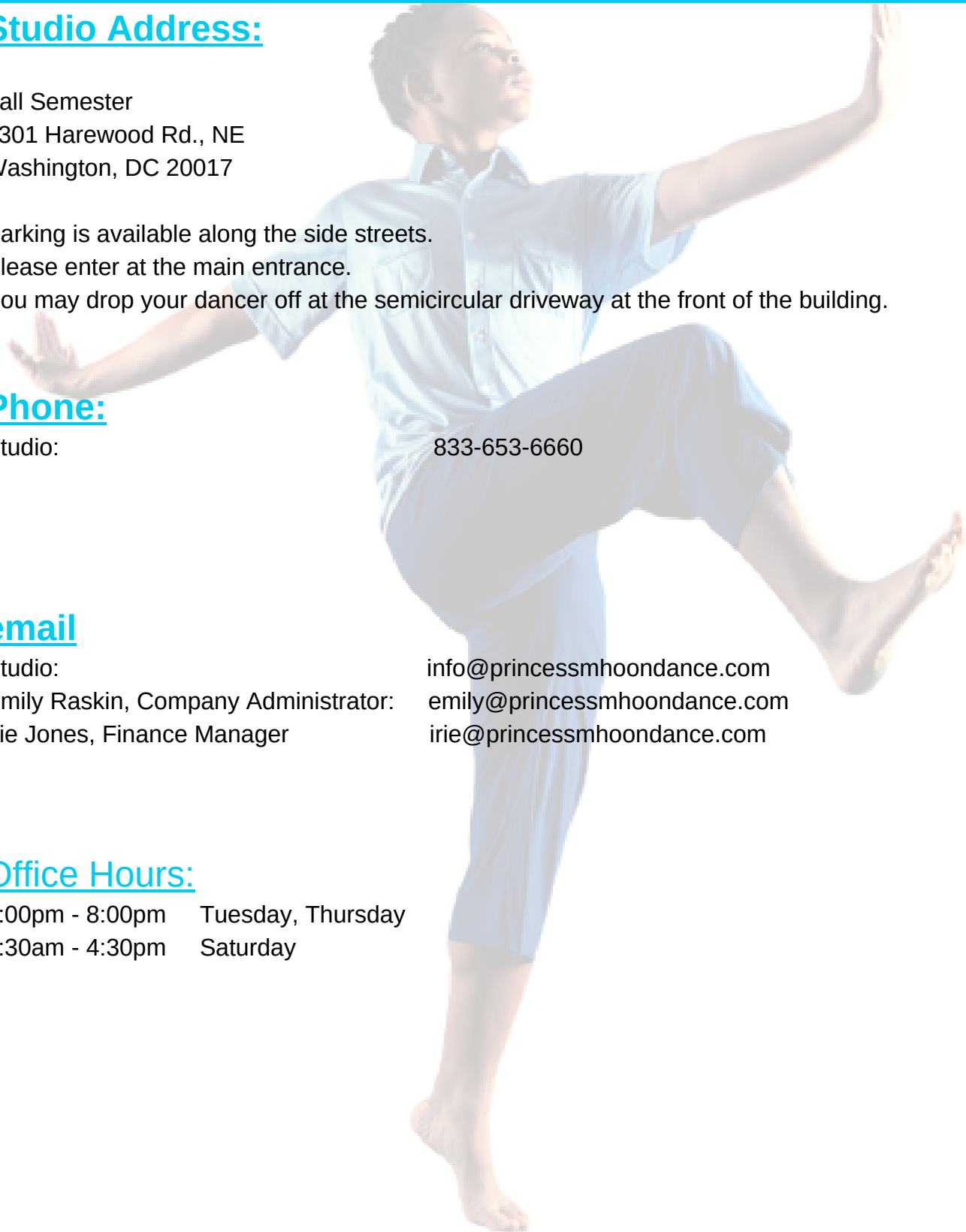
Studio: 833-653-6660

email

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Office Hours:

5:00pm - 8:00pm	Tuesday, Thursday
8:30am - 4:30pm	Saturday



PMDI Rules & Policies

Dress Code/Uniform

Each class has a mandatory dress code. Dancers are issued a verbal warning the first week they are without proper attire. The second week they will be sent a written warning to be returned signed by a parent. A third warning and the dancer will be asked to audit the class until the proper attire has been acquired. See Mandatory Uniform Requirements page for details. Students can leave additional dance attire at the studio if needed if this will assist in maintain this policy.

Studio Etiquette

Please arrive 10-15 minutes before class start time and change in the dressing rooms. Once dressed, prepare for class by stretching and warming up the body. Loud talking and disruptive behavior is not permitted in class. *No food, colored beverages, or street shoes are allowed in the dance studio.

Mobile Phones & Technology Policy

Mobile phone and Ipad use is not permitted while studying at the Princess Mhoon Dance Institute. Students may only use the phone to contact parents, research, find music, rehearsal video or for dance related reasons with special permission only. All devices that are abused at PMDI must be submitted to the administrative office during instruction time. Inappropriate use and social media posts will result in a conference with the Director and the entire family about the dangers of the internet and possible suspension depending on the severity of the matter.

Attendance & Punctuality Commitment

Weekly attendance is required. Poor attendance delays the learning process of the student and affects everyone in the class. Tardy students disturb punctual students and the instructor by interrupting the lesson. Students are more than welcome to sit in on classes if they are injured. Members who have more than three absences will be flagged for family conference and removal from performance opportunities or the program.

Missed Classes/Make-Ups

There are no make-ups for unexcused/ personal absences. If a student is seriously ill or injured, we will accept an official doctor's notice and offer up to 2 make-up classes per semester. Classes should be made up within two weeks of absence.

Refund Policy

There will be no refunds issued for the Fall/Spring dance sessions once classes begin. This includes all classes, workshops, concerts, camps and PMDI paraphernalia. A credit will be issued to your account for unforeseen circumstances beyond your control.

Bullying

PMDI has a zero tolerance for bullying. Immediate intervention and investigation will take place if it occurs and the offender will be suspended and/or permanently removed if found guilty.

Tuition/Late

Tuition is automatically processed on the last Friday of every month. Declined funds, returned checks and late payments will receive a \$35.00 charge. PMDI has the right to refuse class participation for anyone that has not submitted payment. ACH and Auto-Debit opt-outs will incur a \$35 administrative fee.

Studio Closing/Inclement Weather

Studio closings will be posted on our website once the Director has made the decision to close. All studio closings are eligible for make-up classes during the make-up week only. You may also call and email the studio for an update.

Photo & Video Release

PMDI reserves the right to use all photos and videos taken on the premises or during off-site performances for marketing purposes. Objections to photo or video release must be submitted in writing to the studio. Parents cannot take video or photos without permission from instructor.

Insurance

All parents must have insurance coverage for their dancer(s).

Tuition & Fees

1 Day Program	Fall Tuition	Paid upon enrollment (1st & last month tuition)	Remaining Auto Debit Monthly Payments
1 Class: 1 Class that takes place weekly	\$400	\$200	Oct 27, Nov. 24

Important Notes & Policies

All monthly payment plans are automatic withdrawal via a credit card on file, on the last Friday of each month for the following month's tuition.

For example: November tuition is charged October 27.

First and last months' tuition is paid upon enrollment and is non-refundable after classes have begun. Studio credits are available by request if your classes must be dropped.

Tuition does not include costume, performance and/or other additional fees assessed throughout the season.

Please note: Additional fees are an estimated \$200 each session per class. If monthly tuition is not paid by the dates below, we will assess a \$35 late fee (unless special payment arrangements are made).

Families with 3 or more children enrolled receive a 10% discount on tuition.

IMPORTANT DATES

FALL, 2023

SEPTEMBER

- 09/16 Open House
- 09/18 Regular technique classes begin

OCTOBER

- 10/27 November tuition due
- 10/31 Studio Closed (Halloween)

NOVEMBER

- 11/24 December tuition due
- 11/20 - 11/25 Studio Closed (Thanksgiving)

DECEMBER

- 12/02 In-Studio Showcase
- 12/16 Last Day of Classes (fall season)

