



DANCE 2020 - 20201

We are offering a variety of in-person classes and based on demand, a few virtual opportunities may also be added. After-school classes will be held outside until late October/ early November ; Evening classes will be held indoors. All classes will switch to virtual instruction if situations warrant. See below for updated schedules, policies and procedures.

Outside classes will be held at Washington Hose Field, a short walk from RTA.

*In the event of rain, all outdoor classes will be held at RTA.

*At any time and for any reason, outside classes may move indoors but we hope to be able to stay outdoors, weather permitting until early November.

Session 1 : Fall 2020 - December 2020

Registration opens in August 2020

12 weeks / September 21 - December 18, 2020

End of session performance (December 18-22) ; to be held before school breaks for vacation

PENDING

Session 2 : January 2021 - May 2021

Registration opens in November 2020

15 weeks / January 11 - May 7, 2021

End of session performance (Tentative date : May 14-16)

Safety:

- River Tree Arts is implementing many new policies and procedures in response to COVID-19. [Please read River Tree Arts COVID-19 Protocols and Guidelines for Safely Reopening here](#)
- Classes will be smaller with a limited number of students to ensure that students are able to safely social distance.
- Masks should be worn by everyone when entering and exiting the building, including caregivers and students.
- Outside classes: Masks will only need to be worn when social distancing is not practical.
- Indoor classes: Masks will be worn by instructors, class assistants, and students as required by the governor's orders.
- Classes will be staggered and additional time has been allocated to allow for cleaning in between each class.
- Each dancer will have their own designated, marked space, socially distanced from other students.
- Parents may no longer wait in the building for students. RTA staff, faculty and/ or class assistants will escort students outside after each class.
- Students are only allowed in the building at the time of their class. No early drop off/late pick ups.
- Students and caregivers are asked to pre-screen with the Wellness Checklist before entering the building. [Download the Wellness Checklist here.](#)

- Students or caregivers who are sick are asked to stay home until they are feeling better and only return once they meet the requirements of the Wellness Checklist.
- Snacks will not be permitted in the building. Water bottles will be allowed (please arrive with filled water bottles).
- A newly completed and updated RTA consent form will be required before the first class.

Tuition:

- Full tuition payment is due at the time of registration.
- Registrations may not be held unless payment is received.
- Check payments : registration and securing a space will only be processed once we have received the check. **We encourage online registrations at www.rivertreearts.org for immediate processing and to avoid any delays as space is limited!**
- Tuition fee includes a costume for each student.
- Registrations are final. Due to limited spots, we cannot issue refunds if students decide to not continue after registering or during the session. Considerations will only be made if that class has a waiting list, and we are able to fill the spot.
- Students who donated their reimbursement from the 2019/2020 session will receive a coupon code that they may use for online registrations.
- No refunds, credits or reimbursements will be issued if classes need to switch to virtual instruction for *any* reason.
- Payment plans are available upon request, please email kym@rivertreearts.org for assistance.

Outdoor classes:

- Early afternoon classes will be held outside at the Washington Hose Field, located at 159 Port Rd, Kennebunk. It is a short walk from RTA.
- Parking is available at the field or RTA.
- At any time and for any reason, RTA may decide to move classes indoors.
- All outdoor classes will move indoors for the remainder of the session no later than November 5.

Virtual classes:

- If at any time we need to stop or pause in person instruction, all classes will automatically switch to virtual instruction (currently via ZOOM but subject to change) for as long as necessary.
- No refunds/credits will be issued if classes switch to virtual instruction for *any* reason.
- Virtual lessons will also be used when in person lessons are not possible ie) a teacher gets sick, snow days, RTA makes a call to close for *any* reason.
- Virtual ZOOM classes will be held at the same time and day of regular classes unless otherwise noted.

Costume:

- Each dancer will receive a costume for the end of session performance.
- Costumes fees are included in tuition.
- At the discretion of the teachers, Angela & Dolly, they will decide on the type of costumes to be purchased based on the kind of performance we are able to do.
- Students receive one costume per class.

Performance:

It is our intention to hold an in person performance for dancers during the Holiday season to end off session 1. While we can not guarantee an in person or large group gathering as of right now, we will put together some kind celebration for students to enjoy. That could include but not be limited to: a live performance, a small group showcase or a recorded and shared video, one of which will be decided upon based on current events and circumstances.