



DANCE STUDIO
HANDBOOK

FOR
PARENTS AND STUDENTS

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1/ Introduction

It's our absolute pleasure to warmly welcome you into our family at Joyful Dance Studio. Our team is thrilled to see many familiar faces return to the studio and even more excited to see some new faces join our community. We have created this one-stop handbook to hopefully shed some light on how things will run throughout the year as well as answer a lot of questions you may have before the year begins. While we would love you to take the time to read this information carefully and keep your handbook in a safe place to refer to as you need, don't forget that our friendly office staff are always here to help and will happily answer any questions you may have. Nothing is too big or too small, we promise! 😊

QUICK REFERENCE STUDIO INFORMATION

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Owner/Instructor: Shana Hartley

2 / Studio Manifesto

To start us off, it's important to us at Joyful Dance Studio that all members of our team share our vision, our purpose and the philosophy that encompasses everything we do both in and outside of our classes. This is a vision that is shared and demonstrated by the director, teachers and staff members at our studio and it is the driving force behind every interaction with our students and their families.

Joyful Dance Studio is a place where kids of all ages, shapes and sizes learn to dance and perform. This is a studio where creativity, individuality and self-expression is encouraged and has a community of teachers, students and families who are passionate about performing arts. Our goal is to create a positive and happy experience for all of our students. We strive to nurture and develop talent, celebrate the achievements of all students and inspire a love and appreciation of all styles of dance and the arts. We are committed to providing a safe and positive environment in which all students can feel empowered, comfortable and free to express themselves.

We are committed to helping children develop poise, self-esteem and determination while discovering the JOY of dance.

3/ Registration

Before lacing up those jazz shoes, it's important that all students and/or parents – whether returning or new - fill out and sign your registration paperwork so we can ensure we have the most up-to-date contact details for you. This information includes your registration form, media release form (so we can show off photos and videos of our amazing dancers in and around the studios), and public liability / Insurance contract.

You can register in person and take advantage of the early bird special at Joyful Dance Studio during our registration week Aug. 8 – 11, 2016.

Our annual registration fee is \$10 per returning student/family, \$25 per new student/family, or \$30 per student/family registering after September 1st and must be paid in full prior to the commencement of classes. Make sure you get your payment in via Credit Card, Internet Bank Transfer, Cash or Check as failure to pay your registration fee in time may result in losing your place in the class.

We encourage all of our students and families to try a variety of dance styles and we are more than happy to accommodate trial classes for existing students who are wanting to try something a bit different. Please contact reception if you would like to try a new class and we will happily schedule a quick meeting and fit you in for a trial (provided the class has not reached capacity).

**** REMINDER **** Don't forget - if you refer a friend or family member to enroll at our registration day, you'll both only pay \$5 registration fee for the whole year! That's a discount of over 80%, so don't miss this chance to bring your friends.

Parent Release Form for Photography and Videography

I, the undersigned, give permission for Joyful Dance Studio to use video footage and / or photographs of my child/ward, _____ . This usage may include (but is not exclusive to) displaying publicly, distributing, or publishing, photographs, and/or video of my child for use in materials that include, but may not be limited to:

- printed materials (eg - brochures and newsletters)
- online and offline advertising and promotion
- videos and digital images such for use on Social Media.

By signing this form, I acknowledge that I am giving unrestricted permission for my child's image to be used in print, video, and digital media. I agree that these images may be used by Joyful Dance Studio for a variety of purposes and that these images may be used without further notification. I do understand that any identifying information including surname and location will not be used in conjunction with any video or digital images.

Parent/Guardian signature _____ Date _____

Health Information and Medical Release/Waiver Form

I, _____, the parent/guardian of _____, acknowledge that participation in dance is potentially dangerous and there is an inherent risk of injury involved.

In allowing my child to participate in Joyful Dance Studio activities, I hereby assume all the risks associated with the performing arts. I understand the importance of myself and my child following the instructions and rules set by their instructor/s, and I agree to release Joyful Dance Studio and its employees of any and all liability which may arise as a result of my child's participation in activities at Joyful Dance Studio.

4/ Communication

By now you have probably noticed that we are BIG on communication here at Joyful Dance Studio. It is our promise to respond to all enquiries within 24-hours and we will never leave a query unanswered.

Our friendly office staff can be contacted on mobile/cell number 918-244-8003 between 5:00pm and 8:30pm, Monday through Thursday.

For convenience, our primary means of communication is via email. You will receive regular announcements and important information via email so please ensure you have provided the studio with an up-to-date email address that is regularly checked. We are of course happy to include multiple email addresses per family if you would like your correspondence sent to numerous recipients. Don't forget to add our email address info@joyfuldancevinita.com to your contacts so we don't end up in the dreaded Spam folder!

We are also proud to provide you information round-the-clock via our very own Dance Studio app. You can download Team App at <https://www.teamapp.com>. Just follow the prompts to install our app on your mobile device and you'll receive alerts as they happen.

In the infrequent case of urgent information (for example, unexpected class cancellations or performance changes), we will send an SMS and/or telephone to all families. So, for this reason, please make sure the mobile phone number you have provided to the studio is correct and up-to-date.

Facebook is a great way for us to keep in touch with a large number of people at once, so we encourage all families to join our closed Joyful Dance Studio 2016-2017 Current Dance Family Facebook group. This group can be found at <https://www.facebook.com/groups/JDS2017> and will be monitored to ensure all content is appropriate and relevant.

We always display important information, dates and studio details on our noticeboard in reception so please have a quick look when dropping off and picking up in case there is anything you may have missed. We are always happy to chat in more detail about communications you may receive from the studio, so if you need any clarification please don't hesitate to call us on 918-244-8003 to chat with Ms. Shana during business hours. If after hours, please leave a voicemail and she will return your call as soon as possible.

5/ Important Dates

We understand wholeheartedly how busy the lives and schedules of our dance families can get as the year rolls on, so we have tried to get all of our important dates organised and ready for you. Below we have listed some of our most important dates with more information (including times, costumes, requirements, etc.) to be communicated via email/facebook/app/notes as we get closer to the events. If you know ahead of time that your family will be unable to attend these events due to planned holidays or existing commitments, please let reception know at your earliest convenience.

Date	Event	Description	Who it involves
08/08/16 - 08/11/16	Enrollment Open House	Register for your 2016-2017 classes	Everyone
08/29/16	First Day of Classes	Let's get this dance year started!	Everyone
09/05/16	Labor Day	Studio closed for holiday	Everyone
09/06/16	Competition Deposit Due	Deposit for competition fees	Company members
10/03/16	Costume Deposit(s) Due	1 st half of your costume payments due	Everyone participating in recital
10/13/16	Fall Break	No classes	All students with Thursday classes
11/01/16	Costume balance(s) due	2 nd half costume money due	Everyone participating in recital
11/23/16 - 11/24/16	Thanksgiving Break	No classes	Everyone
12/12/16 - 12/15/16	Costume fitting week	Students measured during class time	Everyone
12/21/16 - 01/03/17	Christmas Break	No classes	Everyone
03/13/17 - 03/17/17	Spring Break	No classes	Everyone
06/02/17	Dress Rehearsal	Full dress rehearsal with hair and makeup	All students
06/03/17	Recital	The big show!	All students

6/ Code of Conduct

To ensure the smooth, safe running of Joyful Dance Studio and an enjoyable experience by all, below you will find our code of conduct. As always we are open to feedback, so if any of the requirements outlined below are unclear or concerning, please give us a call to discuss further. Following a formal meeting, we do reserve the right to dismiss or take disciplinary action on any students or parents who breach our studio's code of conduct.

Families who do not comply with their fee or costume payment obligations may be charged a late fee, and/or excluded from performances. External debt collection may occur when fees remain overdue and this will be at the expense of the client. Costume expenses are the responsibility of the parent, and costumes will not be issued to students with unpaid class fees.

No classes (including private lessons) or teachers are to be disturbed unless it is an emergency. Parents are not to approach teachers or students during class and if messages or food/drink/medication needs to be passed on to a student, it must be done through a Joyful Dance Studio staff member. All parents must wait in the waiting areas or outside of the studios until classes have been dismissed.

We are unable to take responsibility for our students before or after their scheduled classes and it is the responsibility of the parent to ensure their child is picked up and dropped off on time. In the case of an emergency or unavoidable delay, please contact the studio immediately to inform us of the situation so we can keep your child calm and safe until they can be collected.

Any questions or complaints must go through reception – parents and students are not permitted to contact Joyful Dance Studio teachers via phone, in person, or via email / social networking with studio issues unless it has been broached with the principal first. Personal meetings with the studio principal can happily be arranged via reception.

In the rare case of a parent or student showing disrespect or defamation to any parent, staff member or student, a meeting will be called immediately and dismissal may be considered at the discretion of the principal. Physical, mental, emotional or cyber bullying by parents, staff or students will not be tolerated and may result in dismissal from the studio.

Joyful Dance Studio takes no responsibility for any stolen or misplaced property on the studio premises and we encourage our families to avoid bringing valuable items into the studio where possible.

Joyful Dance Studio management reserves the right to change teachers or timetabling when necessary at any time throughout the year.

Choreography, costuming and studio policies remain the intellectual property of Joyful Dance Studio and may not be reproduced or sold by any students, parents or staff without permission of the principal.

7/ Age groups

Preschool Classes

Mommy & Me is a great class for our 2-3 year olds. We use music they know and love while learning beginner dance moves with a ballet or jazz basis with mom/dad/guardian. We learn all about warming up, stretching, nursery rhymes, role playing and obstacle courses to foster a love for dance and enhance gross motor skills.

Baby Ballet is an introduction to classical ballet for 3 – 4 year olds using creative, imaginative role-playing and fun props. This class may involve pretending to be animals, playing instruments to learn rhythm, learning balancing, skipping and running and techniques using costumes and ribbons, or picking up “diamonds” (shhh...they’re actually just scarves) from the ground to develop their hand-eye coordination. This class is suitable for both boys and girls who are having so much fun that they don't even realise that they are learning the fundamentals of ballet technique along the way.

Princess Ballerinas – This is a class for our older preschoolers who are 3.5-6 years. The music for this class is fun and familiar to them and expands on the techniques learned by our younger classes. We do some warming up, stretching, progressions across the room (including skips, kicks and basic turning skills) as well as putting together a dance for the recital.

Mini Tap – For our dancers ages 3.5-6, in this class your child will be learning super fun basic tap skills in an imaginative way while also playing with instruments to help promote rhythm. They will learn steps including toe-heel, heel-toe, stamps and shuffles as well as making as much noise as they can in our fun, safe and educational environment.

Mini Hip Hop – For dancers ages 5-8 years, this is hip hop style dancing with an emphasis on FUN! Age appropriate music and choreography. Dancers will do some warm-up and stretching, learn isolations, choreography and progressions across the floor as well as perform in the recital.

Primary Classes

Level I Ballet - For ages 6-9, in this class, our dancers build on their ballet technique using creative roleplay, costumes, props and will thrive from positive reinforcement.

Level I Jazz - Our Primary Jazz students are building on the basics of jazz technique to popular and age appropriate music. Some examples of the techniques our jazz students will learn include turns, kicks, leaps and body isolations.

Tap Basics - For dancers ages 7+, in this class students would be learning the basics of tap technique as well as building on their sense of rhythm and their confidence when it comes to performances. Our tappers love dancing to popular, age-appropriate music and getting LOUD!

Hip Hop – For dancers ages 9+ years, we dive deeper into the complexity of hip hop dance and experiment with tempos, characters and FUN! Keeping an age-appropriate but fun approach, dancers will be active and engaged. Dancers will warm up and stretch, practice isolations, learn choreography and progressions across the floor as well as group and partner work.

Musical Theater – Broadway Baby! For dancers ages 7-13 years. Strong emphasis will be placed on learning portrayal of characters with a jazz dance technique. Dancers will be exposed to a variety of musical styles, history of Broadway musicals and the many different characters played in those.

Middle School Age Classes

Level II Ballet – For dancers ages 10-13 years, dancers will build upon skills learned in Level I Ballet. While being Cecchetti-based, our ballet curriculum encourages dancers to develop poise, grace and self-discipline that is valued throughout their dance career (and life!)

Level II Jazz – Increasing in difficulty from our Level I class, dancers ages 10-13 will continue to build upon their jazz technique and skills repertoire. Focus is on flexibility, strength, musicality, isolations, leaps, jumps and turns as well as learning progressions across the floor.

Musical Theater and Hip Hop – as seen above.

High School Age Classes

Level III Ballet – Dancers ages 14+ build upon skills learned in Level II Ballet. Skills increase in difficulty but are tailored to all skill levels. While being Cecchetti-based, our ballet curriculum encourages dancers to develop poise, grace and self-discipline that is valued throughout their dance career (and life!)

Level III Jazz – Increasing in difficulty from our Level II class, dancers ages 14+ will continue to build upon their jazz technique and skills repertoire. Focus is on flexibility, strength, musicality, isolations, leaps, jumps and turns as well as learning progressions across the floor.

Musical Theater and Hip Hop – as seen above.

Modern/Contemporary – Contemporary dance is a style of expressive dance that combines elements of several dance genres including jazz, lyrical, and classical ballet. This class will stress versatility and improvisation, unlike the strict structured nature of ballet. Dancers will warm up and stretch, then will learn various combinations of floorwork, turns, leaps and choreography to many different styles of music.

8/ Safety

With the safety of our families a number one priority, Joyful Dance Studio is very serious about upholding Child Protection laws and policies within the studio as well as at public performances and in the online arena (website and social media).

As part of your registration, you will have read and signed a media waiver allowing us to proudly use images and video footage of your student for advertising and promotional purposes. Should you have any concerns whatsoever with signing this declaration, please see our reception staff who will happily assist you.

We have a number of parent viewing sessions within the studio rehearsal space which can be used by parents and family members from within our studios. All of our teachers and staff members have undergone official checks allowing them to work with children.

The directors and staff at Joyful Dance Studio are educated in the negative impact of inappropriate music and costume selection when it comes to performing dance routines and are wholeheartedly committed to ensuring children in all of our dance routines are not subjected to any inappropriate songs or costuming. We recognise that songs with sexist, explicit, violent, racist, homophobic or criminal content may influence our dancers and/or audience and will strive to avoid using such music. We are committed to restricting costumes that project sexuality, contain explicit graphic or textual content.

Our staff members have all been trained in first aid. We enforce a nut-free policy at the studio to ensure the safety of any students or parents with allergies to nuts or nut products and encourage gluten and dairy free foods when involved in fundraisers or studio events if any of our students require it.

Joyful Dance Studio takes no responsibility for any stolen or misplaced property on the studio premises and we encourage our families to avoid bringing valuable items into the studio where possible.

You will find within our enrolment paperwork a public liability / insurance statement. Please read this document carefully and sign it prior to the commencement of classes so you fully understand the rights and responsibilities of your family and our studio.

9/ Privacy

When you purchase or hire a product or service with Joyful Dance Studio, the information we may collect from you includes your name, address, telephone numbers, email addresses, medical information and perhaps credit card or bank details. It may also include details of the products and services we provide to you as well as the status of your enrollment. We only collect information directly from our students or their parent/guardians primarily for the purpose of providing services and products to you and to administer and manage invoicing and debt collection.

We may occasionally use your information to promote and market to you information which we consider may be of interest to you unless you contact us and tell us not to do so.

We will never sell or pass on any of your information to third parties unless required by government authorities or in the event of debt recovery. Any information passed on will be done so with appropriate privacy and confidentiality protection.

Information is stored securely in paper or electronic form and is accessible only by authorised personnel.

If you would like to know what information we hold about you or wish to update the information, or if you wish to be removed from all further direct marketing communications, please contact our office on telephone 918-244-8003.

10/ Timetable

Timetabling our classes is a huge task and we take all care to ensure that children are given classes at an age-appropriate time without long hours that may lead to fatigue or disrupt home / school life. Please find below our timetable for 2016-2017 and please contact us if you have any questions at all. Students can be placed in alternate classes with instructor approval.

	<i>Monday</i>			
Time	Class	Ages	Studio	Instructor
5:00 - 5:30	Mommy & Me	2 – 3 yr	B	Ms. Shana
5:30 – 6:00	Baby Ballet	3 – 4 yr	B	Ms. Shana
5:30 – 6:30	Ballet I	6 – 9 yr	A	Ms. Toni
6:00 – 7:00	Mini Hip Hop	5 – 8 yr	B	Miss Gracie
6:30 – 7:30	Jazz II	10 – 13 yr	A	Ms. Toni
7:30 – 8:30	Modern/Contemporary	13+ yr	A	Ms. Toni
	<i>Tuesday</i>			
Time	Class	Ages	Studio	Instructor
5:00 – 6:00	Princess Ballerinas	3.5 – 6 yr	B	Ms. Shana
5:30 – 6:30	Hip Hop	9+ yr	A	Miss Gracie
6:30 – 7:30	Musical Theatre	7 – 13 yr	A	Ms. Toni
7:30 – 8:30	Ballet II	10-13 yr	A	Ms. Toni
	<i>Wednesday</i>			
Time	Class	Ages	Studio	Instructor
5:00 – 6:30	Jr. Company Rehearsal	N/A	A	Ms. Shana
6:30 – 7:30	Tap Basics	7+ yr	A	Ms. Toni
7:30 – 9:00	Ballet III	13+ yr	A	Ms. Toni
	<i>Thursday</i>			
Time	Class	Ages	Studio	Instructor
4:30 – 5:30	Mini Tap	3.5 – 6 yr	A	Miss Gracie
5:30 – 6:30	Jazz I	6 – 9 yr	B	Ms. Shana
5:30 – 6:30	Jazz III	13+ yr	A	Ms. Toni
6:30 – 9:00	Sr. Company Rehearsal	N/A	A	Ms. Toni/Ms. Shana

11/ Uniform

At Joyful Dance Studio, we believe that wearing studio uniforms give students a sense of belonging to our family as well as creating an identity for our studio in the greater community. Our uniforms also:

- Encourage discipline
- Help students resist peer pressure to buy stylish clothes for class
- Help identify non-students in the studio
- Diminish economic and social barriers between students
- Increase a sense of belonging and school pride
- Improve attendance

Uniforms can be purchased year-round from the studio or from a commercial dance supply store. For a complete price list, please contact our office staff.

Please ensure all parts of your child's uniform are clearly labelled - individual shoes, socks, underpants...you'll be amazed at the amount of lost property we generate!

Further style-specific uniform requirements are as follows:

Ballet- Ballet students must have split sole pink / black ballet shoes (for boys) which can be purchased from our uniform shop. You will also need pink ballet tights and a black or pink leotard. Hair needs to be in a bun.

Jazz and Tap- Students require black jazz and/or tap shoes with socks/tights. For their uniform, students may wear any combination of shirts, crop tops, shorts or pants from our uniform shop. Hair needs to be in a ponytail or bun.

Hip Hop- Students require black sneakers / jazz shoes along with any combination of shirts, crop tops, shorts or pants from our uniform shop or home. Hair needs to be in a ponytail.

Lyrical/Modern/ Contemporary- Students can wear bare feet or ballet shoes for this class. As they get more advanced we suggest getting some half sole shoes or *Footundeez*. Hair needs to be in a ponytail or bun.

Musical Theatre- Students require black jazz shoes with tights. For their uniform, students may wear any combination of shirts, crop tops, shorts or pants from our uniform shop. Hair should be in a ponytail or bun.

12a/ Fee Structure

Please find below the fee structure for 2016-2017. Feel free to contact our office staff if you have any fee-related queries.

Age	Description	Price Per month
2-3 years	Mommy & Me	\$35
3-4 years	Baby Ballet	\$35
3.5 years - Adult	One class per week (1 hr per class)	\$40
3.5 years - Adult	Two classes per week (1 hr per class)	\$45
6 years - Adult	Three classes per week (1 hr per class)	\$50
9 years - Adult	Four classes per week (1 hr per class)	\$55
13 years - Adult	Five classes per week (1 hr per class)	\$60
13 years - Adult	Six classes per week (1 hr per class)	\$65
Costume Deposit	Per dance performed at recital – Recreational students	\$25
Costume Balance	Per dance performed at recital – Recreational students	\$20
Company Members	Fee per competition routine (in addition to monthly tuition)	\$10
Private Lessons	30 minute private tuition	\$35

12b/ Payment

We offer the following options for fee payment:

Upfront Payment – you will receive your quarterly invoice prior to the commencement of the quarter and have until the first week of each quarter to pay these fees in full. Payment options include cash, check, or credit card.

Overdue fees will accrue a late fee of 10% per week that it is past due and if fees remain unpaid in week 4 of classes students will not be permitted to participate in their lessons.

Direct Debit – This is our most popular and simple payment method, in which you may choose to pay your fees in monthly installments through our Direct Debit providers: Square Inc. There is no fee for this service and paperwork must be filled out at reception prior to the commencement of classes. Clients who have previously paid by direct debit will still need to complete their adjustment paperwork at the beginning of each year.

Please note: All students are invoiced based on a monthly basis so your invoice will be the same each month unless you change classes or unless you pay quarterly tuition. If you decide to withdraw from classes mid-month for any reason, you will still be charged for the entire invoiced period – this includes Direct Debit customers.

Refunds will not be issued for missed classes due to cancellation or public holiday – where possible, we will endeavour to arrange make-up lessons for classes cancelled by Joyful Dance Studio or will offer an alternative class.

If you wish to withdraw from classes at Joyful Dance Studio, it is a requirement that you notify the studio in writing.

13/ Attendance

Your child's attendance in class is very important to their peers and our teaching staff. As a member of the team, it is a commitment for you to ensure your child attends their classes on time each week and attends all lessons planned for them. Not only do absences impact the recital routines we create, it also impacts the social and confidence-building principals we work hard to foster in each age group.

If you know ahead of time that your child will be absent due to holidays/vacations, commitments or school trips, please let us know ahead of time so the class impact is minimal. If your child is too unwell to attend class, we ask that you inform our admin team as soon as you can so they can let the teachers know and preparations can be made to catch up on any missed work.

Unfortunately we are unable to accommodate make-up sessions for students who miss classes, but will make every endeavour to schedule a catch-up class in the unlikely event that Joyful Dance Studio needs to cancel a lesson.

14/ Social Media

Joyful Dance Studio's Social Media Policy refers to all social networking sites, video/photo sharing sites, blogs, micro-blogs, wikis, podcasts, forums, instant messaging and geo-spatial tagging (for example, Facebook check-ins). Please see below for our regulations regarding Social Media and feel free to contact our office staff if you have any questions.

- Please remember that your anonymity on Social Media is never guaranteed and to exercise particular caution when posts, images or videos identify children in your class.
- Remain mindful that your behaviour on Social Media remains in keeping with Joyful Dance Studio's code of conduct as outlined in chapter 6 of this handbook.
- Any comments or posts perceived to be obscene, defamatory, threatening, harassing, discriminatory or hateful towards Joyful Dance Studio staff, students or families may subject the owner to disciplinary or legal action.
- Should you wish to engage on Social Media while identifying as a studio volunteer or employee, you may only do so with integrity, respect, and adhere to privacy and confidentiality policy.
- Any content revealing or referring to sensitive studio information is not allowed to be shared online.
- Intellectual property laws (for example, costume design and choreography) must be observed by all studio patrons when posting online.
- All matters pertaining directly to the studio - whether it be fees, scheduling, placements or performance opportunities - may not be communicated via Social Media. We have an open door policy and encourage all communication, complaints and feedback to be communicated to the principal directly.
- We discourage parents / students and teachers from becoming 'friends' or 'followers' on Social Media, unless there is an existing relationship. We consider all studio members to be family and as such feel the obligation to respect and monitor personal boundaries.
- Families found to be engaging in 'hidden' or 'private' groups formed for the specific purpose of discussing studio matters will be encouraged to join our closed Facebook group for public discussion and warned against discussing Studio matters in their private online groups.

- Photos or Videos taken from performances or rehearsals may NOT be posted online.
- You may not post photographs / videos that feature Joyful Dance Studio dancers other than your own online without the proven consent of their parent/guardian.
- Identifying information of any featured minors - including names, ages or location - must be removed when posting on Social Media.

15/ Our Teachers / Faculty.

Finally, it's our pleasure to introduce our faculty for 2016! Our enthusiastic, passionate and dedicated teachers are thrilled to be a part of your family's dance journey this year. We are truly looking forward to growing together to mould this generation of skilled, confident, genuine and unique performers.

Shana Hartley – Owner/Instructor

Shana started dancing at the age of 3 and continued for 15 years. Trained in ballet, jazz, tap, pointe, lyrical, character, and clogging. She competed in many dance competitions, including Dance Masters of America, Dupree and Tremaine, and attended many dance convention classes. She continues her dance education by attending dance teacher conventions and being a member of The Dance Studio Owners Association and Dance Teacher Web.

Shana is committed to providing quality dance education to the children of Vinita and surrounding areas. She strongly believes that every child should be given exposure to the arts and that dance has benefits beyond measure on a child's life.

Shana has been married to her husband Travis for 15 years and they have three beautiful children – Emma, Abby and James.

Toni Christian – Instructor

Toni Christian is a native of Pryor, OK. She has a Bachelor of Fine Arts from St. Gregory's University. Toni has been involved in the dance world for 35 years and has been teaching dance lessons for 27 years. She is proficient in ballet, tap, jazz, and lyrical. Toni has taken dance classes from some of the top dance instructors in the country and continues her dance education by attending dance teacher conventions. She enjoys working with the students and watching them grow each week with what they learn.

Goldie "Gracie" Smoke – Student Instructor

Gracie Smoke is a Sophomore at Ketchum High School. She began her official dance training here at Joyful Dance Studio in 2012 but had been dancing on her own long before that! Gracie has been a Student Assistant for two years and has undergone training to be able to teach classes on her own as a more independent Student Teacher. Gracie not only continues to receive her own dance training here at the studio but also is committed to furthering her dance education by attending dance conventions and master classes from some of the best in the industry!