



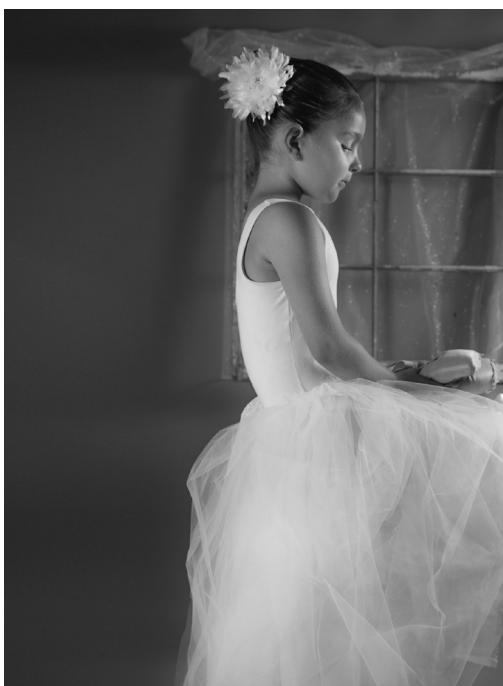
Music

2021-2022  
SEASON

EMC

PERFORMING  
ARTS STUDIO

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# Welcome to EMC Performing Arts Studio!

Whether you're just beginning your journey into the world of performing arts or are ready to embrace the next challenge in pursuit of a dream, EMC can help. We're as passionate about dance, music, theater and AcroGymnastics as you are! EMC is committed to bringing some of the most highly qualified instructors in the region to support the personal and physical growth of our students. Children and adults receive exceptional training through our diverse team of professional performing arts teachers in a family friendly environment.

Inside the classroom, students are taught proper technique, discipline and skills in a safe, non-competitive environment that emphasizes classroom etiquette, perseverance, goal setting and development of self-esteem. Outside of the classroom, the learning continues though activities, events and performances throughout the community, literally setting the stage for success and encouraging families to have fun together through the arts!

We value you at EMC and hope you will choose us to fill your child's after-school time with inspiring lessons, individualized attention and long-lasting friendships. Allow our well-rounded arts education to serve as a foundation for future successes. Parents will appreciate our sincere interest in customer service, instillment of family values, reasonable pricing and conveniently scheduled classes. Contact us to learn more about a program that interests you and let's explore all the incredible things that the performing arts can offer... together!

## Spirit Week

The first week back from the Summer and Winter break is a time for EMC spirit and festivities.

New students are welcome to try classes, returning students may try new things, plus plenty of surprises await.

Spirit Weeks: Sept 13-18 and Jan 3-8

**“**Helping backstage, I was amazed at all the good energy behind the scenes. It doesn't just miraculously come together on performance day. It starts the moment someone enrolls in a class at EMC.**”**

**“**I respect your dance program and studio, and I'm proud to have my girls be a part of it. I know my girls are on a great path to learning how to respect themselves and learn lessons from dance that will help them in other parts of their life. I wish your program was around when I was young!**”**

# 2021-2022 EMC Calendar At-A-Glance

## AUGUST

**Sat, Aug 7**

Video Premier

**Sat, Nov 6, 13, 20**

BTB Holiday Celebration  
rehearsals, 1-1:30 (Nov 20, 1:00-1:45)

**Sun, Dec 19 – Sun, Jan 2**

Studio is CLOSED for the holidays

## Mon-Thur, Aug 16-19

Sparkle Week

**Mon-Thur, Nov 8-11**

Holiday Celebration ticket pre-sale

## Thur, Aug 19

Last day of Summer dance classes

**Sat, Nov 13**

Costume Parade 4-8 pm

## Sun-Sun, Aug 29-Sept 12

Studio is CLOSED, no classes/lessons

**Sun, Nov 14**

Holiday Celebration finale rehearsal

## SEPTEMBER

### Sun-Sun, Aug 29-Sept 12

No regular classes/lessons

**Fri, Nov 19**

Holiday Music Open Mic

## Sat, Sept 11

Nutcracker auditions 1-4 pm

**Sat, Nov 20**

Final dance class for non-performers  
until Jan 3

## Mon, Sept 13

Fall classes and lessons begin/resume

**Sun-Sun, Nov 21-28**

Studio CLOSED for  
Thanksgiving break

## Mon-Sat, Sept 13-18

Spirit Week

**Mon, Nov 29**

Begin production rehearsals

## DECEMBER

**Fri, Dec 3**

Open Gym

**Fri, Dec 9**

Rest Day for Holiday Celebration  
performers

**Fri-Sun, Dec 10-12**

Holiday Celebration performers at the  
Pullo Center

**Sun, Dec 12**

Holiday Celebration performance at  
4:00 PM

**Mon, Dec 13 - Sun, Jan 2**

No regular dance classes. Stay tuned  
for drop-in schedule.

**Sat, Dec 18**

Kreative Kidz Nutcracker Tea Party  
10-12 pm

## 2022

## JANUARY

### Mon-Sat, Jan 3-8

EMC classes/lessons resume

Sparkle Week

## Wed, Jan 5

Spring Concert theme big reveal

## Fri, Jan 7

Open Gym

## Fri, Jan 28

Imagine That! Mini Camp event

## FEBRUARY

### Mon, Feb 1

Costume payments due

## Fri, Feb 4

Open Gym

## Sun, Feb 6

Ensemble and Showstoppers trip

## Fri, Feb 25

Imagine That! Mini Camp event

## MARCH

### Sun, March 1

Begin Summer registration

## Fri, March 4

Open Gym

## Fri-Sun, March 18-20 (tentative)

Company Elite trip

## Thur, March 24

New Hot Shots info meeting

## Sat-Sun, March 26-27

Open Marley Weekend

## Mon-Fri, March 28-Apr 1

Studio CLOSED for Spring Break

## **APRIL**

**Mon-Fri, March 28-Apr 1**  
Studio CLOSED for Spring Break

**Sat, April 2**  
Music Recital rehearsals

**Sun, April 3**  
Music Recital

**Fri, April 8**  
Open Gym

**Wed, April 13**  
Class Mom meeting

**Sun, April 24**  
Discovery Gym  
Placement evaluations

**Sun, April 24**  
SYB auditions 1-4 pm

## **MAY**

**Sun, May 1**  
Company Elite and Ensemble auditions

**Fri, May 6**  
Open Gym

**Mon-Thur, May 9-12**  
Spring Concert ticket Pre-Sale

**Fri, May 13**  
JFK Showcase 7-9 pm

**Sun, May 15**  
The Discovery Gym's Spring Fling  
11-4 pm

**Mon-Thur, May 16-26**  
JFK Try-It Days

**Fri, May 20**  
Spring Concert finale rehearsal  
5-9 pm

**Sat-Thur, May 21-26**  
Parent observation week for  
dance classes

## **Sat, May 21**

Costume Parade 4-8 pm

**Sun, May 22**  
The Discovery Gym's Spring Fling  
(rain date) 11-4 pm

**Tues, May 26**  
Theater classes performance

**Thur, May 26**  
Last day for non-performing dancers

**Fri-Mon, May 27-30**  
Studio CLOSED for Memorial Day  
weekend

**Tues, May 31**  
Production rehearsals for dancers  
begin

## **JUNE**

**Fri, June 3**  
Open Gym

**Fri-Sun, June 10-12**  
Spring Concert performers at the  
Pullo Center

**Sun, June 12**  
Spring Concert performance at  
11 am and 5 pm

**Mon, Jun 20**  
Summer Dance session begins

**Mon, June 27, 6:30 pm**  
Dance Company Parent Meeting

## **JULY**

**Thur, July 1**  
Priority Fall registration begins

**Fri, July 1**  
Open Gym

**Sun-Sun, July 3-9**  
Studio is CLOSED, no classes/lessons

## **AUGUST**

**Sun, Aug 1**  
Fall registration begins for NEW to  
EMC Families

**Fri, Aug 5**  
Open Gym

**Mon-Sat, Aug 15-20**  
Sparkle Week

**Sat, Aug 20**  
Last day of Summer dance

**Sun-Sun, Aug 28-Sept 11**  
Studio is CLOSED, no classes/lessons



# Policies

As we enter a new era, we have found it necessary to adjust our policies and procedures in order to adapt. Please take a close look at how we plan to accommodate the safety and well-being of our students, parents, and team. We are making it a priority to maneuver amidst the recommended best practices, while also keeping our students engaged and thriving. Additionally, we need to protect the fiscal health of the business, so that we will be able to serve our community for generations to come.

## Membership

Enrollment in the EMC Membership Site is required when enrolling in any classes or events at EMC Performing Arts Studio.

This will be your source of all the information needed to navigate through our many classes, rehearsals, performances, events and opportunities throughout the year.

Membership Fee will be charged \$7 per month as long as you are enrolled in an EMC class and charged through Dance Studio Pro (DSP).

## Payment Methods

Monthly payments are set up through AutoPay, directly debited from your checking account or charged to your credit card on the first of each month. All students must have a valid credit card on file for monthly charges. If you make a cash or check payment prior to the first of the month, your card will not be charged via DSP.

## Tuition

Tuition is based on a per lesson rate, specific to the class(es) you enroll in. This rate is multiplied by the total number of lessons offered from the time you start until the end of our year: Sept-June (Dance) or Sept-Aug (Music, Theater, AcroGymnastics). If you enroll mid-year, your tuition is prorated to reflect your individual start date. The total yearly tuition is then divided into monthly payments equal to the number of months in your year PLUS ONE MONTH (not to exceed 12 months). This extra payment is the DEPOSIT. It is NOT an additional charge. We are dividing the total tuition into more payments than there are months. For example, if you are going to attend classes from Sept-Mar, we will take your total tuition and divide it into eight payments: Deposit, Sept, Oct, Nov, Dec, Jan, Feb, Mar. If you start in Jan and end in June, your total tuition will be divided into seven payments: Deposit, Jan, Feb, Mar, Apr, May, June.

## Perpetual Enrollment

Music, Theater, Tumbling and AcroGymnastics are offered on a perpetual basis. This means that the sessions don't end, they continue from month to month, perpetually. You may end your lessons at any time, by following our withdrawal policy below. If you do not withdraw, your enrollment will be automatically renewed in July for the next year. Your monthly

payments will be recalculated, and you will be sent an invoice. If your child is promoted to the next skill level, we will notify you of the schedule change at this time. No action is needed on your part to continue your perpetual enrollment.

## Insufficient Funds Fee

A Fee of \$45.00 will be charged for insufficient funds or failed credit card transactions.

## Withdrawal

Non-attendance does not constitute withdrawal from our program. We contract our instructors based on your registration, not based on your attendance so we need advance notice to process your withdrawal.

If you wish to discontinue your classes, we require 60 days written notice of withdrawal. This can be via email or a letter submitted to the front desk. Students may continue to attend lessons for the 60 day period, or may try another group class in any discipline.

## Summer Camps/Classes

Additional classes and camps are added to the schedule in the summer. If you wish to add a Summer Camp or Class, registration begins in March. If you are simply continuing your perpetual enrollment throughout the summer, and not adding anything new, your monthly payments will remain the same and no action is needed on your part.

## Referrals

We will happily credit the account of any student who refers a NEW TO EMC family to our program. When the family registers and pays, we will credit the referring student \$25 for a Summer student or \$50 for a yearlong student. The referral credit may take up to 90 days to post to your account.

August and December are DOUBLE REFERRAL months, and your credit will be doubled when your referred family registers and pays during those months!

## Discounts

A Family Discount of 5% will be applied to the second and third student with the lowest yearly tuition. Family discounts do not apply to Private Music Lessons, Drop-ins or Summer Session. Discounts on Summer Camps are available for those who register early.

## Drop-ins/Trial Lessons

Students who are unable to commit to attending class on a regular basis may do so on a drop-in basis. Drop-in rates are slightly higher than the rates for those who commit. Drop-in fees must be paid prior to the lesson. Drop-in students must complete a Registration Form, and an Injury Release Form (for AcroGymnastics) before they attend class. Membership Fee will be applied after the 2nd drop-in.

## **Drop-in / Trial Lesson Rates:**

Private lessons: based on the specific instructor

30 minute group lessons: \$18

45-60 minute group lessons: \$20

90 minute group lessons: \$30

## **Costumes**

All performing Technique Program and Kreative Kidz dancers are required to purchase costumes for the Spring Concert. Some costumes will be new, purchased by EMC and sent home with dancers after the show, to keep. Some will be rented from our extensive costume inventory. The Costume Fee includes everything associated with costumes, including measuring, ordering, some alterations, receiving, organizing, fluffing, distributing, managing, accessorizing and so much more.

## **Performance Fees**

A Performance Fee is charged to Technique Program, Kreative Kidz and Just For Kix students who perform. This fee covers costume rentals for community performances, staff salaries for additional rehearsals, supplies, sound equipment, etc. A professional DVD is included with the Performance Fee for the Holiday Celebration and Spring Concert.

## **Make-up Lessons**

We have a very flexible and generous make-up policy. If a student misses a lesson for any reason, a make-up lesson can be scheduled in ANY discipline, and can even be transferred to another family member. For example, if your daughter misses her dance class, your son (who has been wanting to try theater) can do the make-up lesson in a Theater class. Please schedule your make-up lesson at the front desk, or email [billing@danceEMC.com](mailto:billing@danceEMC.com).

## **Weather Related Closings**

If EMC deems it necessary to close due to weather related issues, we will post the cancellation in our EMC Families Facebook Group and send a mass email and text. If you opt out of emails and are not a member of EMC Families on FaceBook, you will not receive the notification. When we close due to weather or emergency, students may sign up for a make-up lesson as stated above, or take advantage of our digital options.

## **Teacher Cancellations**

If an EMC staff member has a professional conflict or illness and needs to cancel a lesson, we will try our best to find a suitable substitute to avoid changing your schedule. At EMC, we work as a Team. Specific instructors are not guaranteed. We reserve the right to exchange teachers as needed.

**At EMC, we provide opportunities for socialization and normalcy, in an environment that teaches proper technique, goal setting and work ethic while also encouraging self-expression through the arts. Smiling faces are welcome here.**

## **Refunds**

Membership Fees, Tap Shoe Rental, Tuition, Performance Fees, Costumes and Tickets are nonrefundable.

## **Billing Questions**

Please address all billing questions or concerns to Kathy at [billing@danceEMC.com](mailto:billing@danceEMC.com). She can also be reached by phone Monday 9:00-9:00, Tues, Wed, Thurs 3:00-9:00

## **Communication**

Our primary methods of communication are the Monthly Newsletters in the Membership Site, EMC Families FaceBook group, Dance Companies and Hot Shots FaceBook group. Please be sure we have your current email address, and visit the Membership Site and Facebook Group regularly. It is the parent's responsibility to read the information provided. We do not hand out paper reminders, and our teaching staff does not make announcements. Please feel free to ask the desk staff if you have any questions or email the director at [RSnyder@danceEMC.com](mailto:RSnyder@danceEMC.com).



# About Our Facility

Our facility consists of five air-conditioned Dance Studios with wood, dance vinyl or sprung floors, an AcroGymnastics Space, five Music Practice Rooms, and a Theater Room. There are also several comfortable waiting areas with closed circuit TV monitors or observation windows for viewing the students.

## Water Coolers

We provide water coolers for our students, however, for the sake of the environment, we do not provide cups. Please send a water bottle with your student each week.

## The Dance Shoppe

The Dance Shoppe, located in "The Factory" on Forrest Ave in Shrewsbury, has partnered with EMC to give you access to the brands you love, including Capezio, Bloch, and Motionwear. The Dance Shoppe's leotards are MADE IN AMERICA and are high quality, ensuring that your apparel will be durable and will last.

Rena is certified to fit and sell pointe shoes and offers a complete line of pointe shoes and accessories at her Shrewsbury location.

## The Playroom

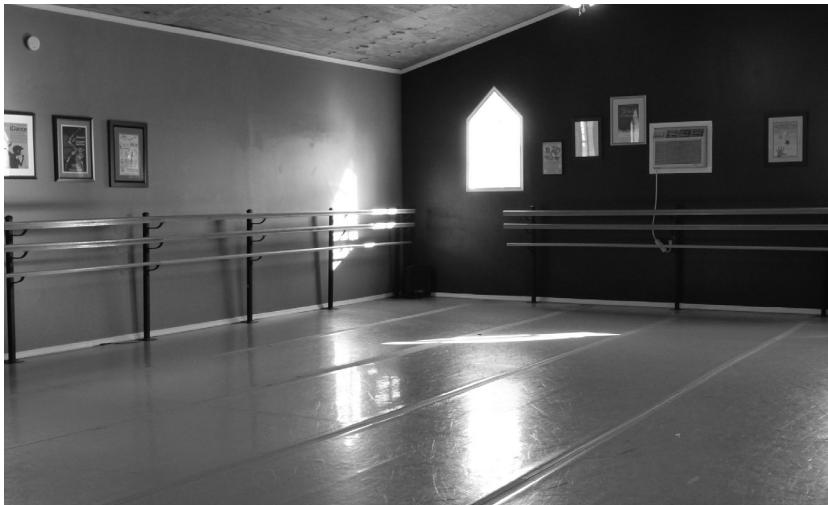
For your convenience, we offer a small play area that keeps siblings happy while waiting. We ask that parents please monitor their children while in the playroom and encourage them to clean up when they are done. This will help make the Parents' Lounge more comfortable for everyone.

## The Café

While waiting, feel free to relax in the Café. Coffee and tea are available year-round. You may also bring your own food along to make lunch or dinner time work with your activity schedule. You are welcome to use our refrigerator and microwave. We ask that you please keep all food and drinks in the Café, and as a courtesy to the other families, clean up after yourselves.

## Parking

EMC has a small lot in the rear of our building, and street parking is also permitted. We ask that you do not park in the marked student drop-off area for more than three minutes. Also, the VFW will tow you if you park in their lot. The church on Main Street doesn't mind if we use their lot (except on Wednesdays and Sundays). We encourage parents to carpool or drop-off and pick-up whenever possible.



# The Music Academy



Our program is dedicated to advancing the development of musicians through private instruction, bands, groups classes and performance opportunities. Our accomplished teachers will work with students to enhance their skills in reading, playing and performing music while helping them gain confidence.

**Tuition is based on each specific adult instructor and \$60 per month with a student teacher. Enrollment is perpetual with 60 days notice of withdrawal.**

## Make-up Lessons

When you enroll in a private or group lesson at EMC, you are reserving a weekly time slot, or a chair in a group lesson/band. It is the students' responsibility to attend all classes and lessons as scheduled. Instructors are contracted and paid by EMC based on your registration, NOT on your attendance. Tuition is due in full each month regardless of the number of lessons or classes you are able to attend. With that being said, we have a very flexible and generous make-up policy. If a student misses a PRIVATE OR GROUP lesson for any reason, a GROUP makeup lesson may be scheduled in any discipline, and can even be transferred to another family member. For example, if your daughter misses her music lesson, she (or anyone in your family) can attend a Music Master Class as a make-up. Take as many hour long Master Classes as you wish, regardless of the number of make-ups you need. Making up a lesson in another genre is also allowed. Try something new if you'd like: dance, AcroGymnastics or theater classes are also available.

## Music Recital

Music students who are recommended by their teachers may participate in a formal music recital.

Rehearsal on Saturday, April 2, recital on Sunday, April 3.

## Community Performances

Examples of past EMC Community Performances: EMC Open Houses (Fall, Winter, Summer), New Freedom Fest, Shrewsbury Fest, Stewartstown Fest, Hereford Fest, SES Holiday Secret Shoppe, Holiday Celebration at The Pullo Center, SHS Battle of the Bands, Spring Concert at the Pullo Center, Brown's Orchard, Private Parties and Events.

## Master Classes

Music Master Classes are one of the many perks we offer to EMC Families at no additional charge. Take advantage of it! Parents and siblings are also welcome to receive valuable instruction from an EMC Music Academy instructor at no charge.

These Master Classes are offered to all EMC Families, not just Music Academy Families! Music Master Classes will be scheduled on a monthly basis.

## Your monthly tuition covers

- A 30 minute private lesson with a professional music instructor or a student teacher (student teachers' fees are lower).
- Hour long Music Master Classes in a variety of styles, open to all members of your family. These are offered on Friday nights, several times per year.
- Friday Night Jam Sessions for musicians that are ready to start working with others in an ensemble setting.
- A semi-formal recital in the winter.
- Open Mic Night in the fall.
- An informal recital in the summer.
- Opportunities to perform in the community, including The Pullo Center, as they arise.

## Additional perks that all EMC Families can take advantage of:

- FREE Open Gyms for children under 13 years old, once per month.
- The ability to make-up missed music lessons in theater, dance or AcroGymnastics.
- Complimentary coffee, tea and a comfortable waiting area.



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