

NC Dance Institute Spring Newsletter

Spring is just around the corner. Let's leap into the new season!

As we look ahead to the arrival of spring, we're gearing up for an exciting season filled with performances, special events and summer plans. There's so much happening at the studio — read on so you don't miss a thing!

Summer Session 2026: Registration NOW OPEN

Mark your calendars for **June 22 – August 1**. Registration is NOW OPEN for our six-week Summer Session! From technique-building camps to more than 50 high-energy classes, there's something for every dancer. [Visit our website](#) today to secure your spot, as classes and camps fill up quickly.

New This Summer:

- **Welcome, Ivan Avila** – We're thrilled to announce that [Ivan Avila](#), a seasoned Triangle-area hip hop instructor with roots in street and commercial styles, will be joining our summer faculty! Ivan is teaching two classes on Tuesdays: Beg/Int Hip Hop from 7-8 p.m. and Int/Adv Hip Hop from 8-9 p.m. [Click here](#) to experience his recent community masterclass at NCDI.
- **The [Commercial Dance Experience](#)** – This NEW, week-long intermediate camp is designed for dancers ages 11-18 who are ready to explore the commercial dance industry, with training in jazz, contemporary, musical theatre and hip-hop. Throughout the week, dancers will build industry-relevant skills for both stage and screen, culminating in an audition workshop where they will learn resume formatting and experience the audition process through a mock audition.
- **Heels Classes** – Summer just got a whole lot sassier! Rooted in jazz technique, our new Heels classes promise to help you train strong, move with intention and level up your power and performance. A Beg/Int class will be offered Thursday evenings from 7-8 p.m., and an Int/Adv class will take place on Wednesdays from 7-8 p.m. Dancers ages 18 and older are invited to register. Questions? Contact Victoria: victoria@ncdanceinstitute.com.
- **Special Offer:** Register for **two or more camps by April 15** and receive **20% off** your total camp tuition!

Community Masterclass: Int/Adv Contemporary with Sarah Putterman

Join us **Saturday, March 14 from 1-2:30 p.m.** for an **Intermediate/Advanced Contemporary masterclass** with Boston-based artist and educator (and former NCDI teacher) **Sarah Putterman!**

Sarah brings a dynamic blend of performance experience, thoughtful instruction and a deep commitment to artistry in community. Her work invites dancers to move with clarity, intention and emotional depth — challenging both technique and creative voice in a supportive, high-energy space.

The class is \$30, payable upon arrival via cash, check or Venmo. Community masterclasses are geared towards dancers ages 11 and older and are open to the entire Triangle community (no need to be a current NCDI student!).

Spots are limited. Reserve yours via [this Google Form](#) today!

Silver Spotlight: A 25-Year Celebration of Dance

We are so excited for our inaugural Steps to Stage performance, *Silver Spotlight: A 25-Year Celebration of Dance*. This special end-of-year showcase will take place on May 30 at Wakefield High School, with performances at 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. Tickets will go on sale at the front desk on March 23 and are priced at \$15 for adults and \$10 for children ages 12 and under. We look forward to celebrating 25 incredible years of dance and honoring the dedication and artistry of our students.

NCDI dancers who are interested in our performance program should mark their calendar for the following audition dates: June 13, June 27 and July 18 – all at 2 p.m. at NCDI. Dancers are required to sign up to audition via [this link](#).

UNCSA Festival of Dance: A Weekend of Artistic Growth

Recently, our dancers attended the Festival of Dance at University of North Carolina School of the Arts. Our Executive Director, Kirstie Spadie, an alumna of the school, returned to campus to teach musical theatre and jazz classes – creating a meaningful full-circle moment for our studio community. We were also proud to see NCDI alum s.a.m Means perform in the UNCSA spring show.

Spring is nearly here, and we're ready to step into it with energy, creativity and community. Thank you for being part of our dance family — we can't wait for all the exciting things this next season is sure to bring!

With gratitude,

Victoria, Kirstie and the NCDI Team