

Creative Dance

With Jennifer McGowan



Goals of the Dancers Workshop:

To share our love of dance with the community

To increase people's awareness of and appreciation for creative and expressive dance

To dance amongst a group of friends who respect and admire each other's unique ways of moving

Class/Rehearsal

*Rehearsals are held Mondays from 4:30-5:25pm at the Sis McGrath Community Center in Pepperell. Occasionally, an extra rehearsal will be added as needed before performance times. In addition to attending rehearsals, dancers are required to attend a creative modern dance class at their age level. Grades 3-6 meets Saturdays from 9:45-10:40am and Grades 6+ meets Mondays from 5:30-6:25pm. (Dancers who have class/rehearsal back to back can bring a nut-free snack).

*Good attendance is important for members. Rehearsals are like putting together a jigsaw puzzle – if one piece is missing, it is much more difficult to assemble the others and the picture is different. Therefore, to ensure a positive feeling of support and community within the group, **students who miss more than 2 rehearsals in a session without prior notification will be given an appropriately simplified part in the production.** If a dancer is sick or unable to attend rehearsal please show courtesy by calling in advance so the rehearsal can be planned accordingly.

Dancers Workshop Membership Fees

*Dancers Workshop runs through the 2026-2027 school year. Membership Fees are divided into 2 sessions. Cost for Dancers Workshop is \$256 for the Fall session of dance (Aug 31, 2026-Dec 14, 2026.) This fee includes all rehearsals and performing costs. In addition, tuition for the required Creative Modern Dance is \$192 for the 12 week fall session Grades 3-6 class or \$192 for the 12 week fall session Grades 6+. Please don't let money prevent you from participating. I am happy to work with you to make it possible. Winter and Spring Session fees (Jan-June 2027) will be due in January.

Costumes

*Dancers must have a solid black tank/camisole leotard/or fitted t-shirt for boys and black ankle-length fitted leggings. Most other costumes are provided by me and remain the property of the Creative Dance Center. Occasionally, additional costume fees will be requested.

Registration

*To register please visit <https://pepperellma.myrec.com>.

Payments can be made online or made payable to the Town of Pepperell. (No refunds will be given after the start of the session except in the case of injuries and family emergencies.) Please register by August 1, 2026. This gives me time to choreograph dances before rehearsals begin. In addition, please complete the Dancers Workshop Contract (on the back of this notice) and return to me at the first rehearsal.

Start of Classes

*Rehearsals begin August 31, 2026. On August 31, all dancers rehearse from 4:30-6:25pm. This includes an annual potluck welcome. It is important that dancers attend this rehearsal as this is when choreography will be set for individual dancers. Regular class/rehearsal schedule will begin September 14, 2026. (No class/rehearsal will be held on September 7 for Labor Day.)

Dancers Workshop Pepperell

(a performing dance company of young people ages 8 to 18)

2026-2027

Do you?

- like to dance and learn new steps
- like to perform in front of an audience
- like to choreograph (create your own dances)
- work hard and to the best of your ability
- enjoy working with groups of people
- like making new friends

Can you?

- concentrate and focus on a task
- be patient as we learn new dances
- cooperate and be part of a team
- work hard and practice even when you're tired and may not feel like it

Then Dancers Workshop is Right for You!

Performance Dates* for Dancers Workshop Members

- Sun, Nov 22, 2026, 5:30-7:30pm, Rehearsal, Stow Town Hall
- Fri, Dec 4, 2026, Nursing Home Performance
- Sat, Dec 5, 2026, 11:00-2:30pm Nutcracker Workshop and Performance, Sis McGrath Community Center
- Fri, Dec 11, 2026, Nursing Home Performance
- Sun, Mar 14, 2027, 5:30-8:30pm, Rehearsal, Pepperell Community Center
- Fri, Mar 19, 2027, Nursing Home Performance
- Sun, Apr 11 or Sat, Apr 24, 2027, Tentative Date Dance Share in Brattleboro, VT
- Sun, May 14, 2027, 5:30-7:30 pm, Rehearsal, Stow Town Hall
- Sat, May 15 or Sunday, May 16, 2027, Afternoon of Dance Performance, Stow Hale Middle School Auditorium (To Be Confirmed)
- Optional Fieldtrips, Performances, and Dance Shares TBD

Please note:

*Being a part of the Dancers Workshop means being part of a team. Please make sure you can attend these performance dates before committing to participate. However, if you already know that you have a conflict with a rehearsal (due to a planned in advance family vacation or school event), it does not mean you can't be a part of the Dancers Workshop. Please talk with me as I would love to have you be a part of the group and it is possible we can make it work! I know that kids are busy with many activities and I want to honor that as best I can. All I ask is that you do your best to make dancers workshop a priority and to please let me know well in advance of any conflicts so I have time to plan and re-work the choreography for dances if necessary. I look forward to having you be a part of The Dancers Workshop! Thanks!

For more information please call 978-433-8349 or check out our website at www.creative-dance.com

2025-2026

Dancers Workshop of Pepperell Contract

**PLEASE READ AND AGREE TO THE TERMS ON THE PREVIOUS PAGE BEFORE SIGNING.
THANK-YOU.**

**Dancers Workshop will be hard work at times but will also be a lot of fun! You get to meet new people and make wonderful friends over time. You get to work as a team. You get to learn a lot about dance and feel accomplished after each performance knowing you did your best. You get to share dance with others and make people smile which is an exciting and rewarding experience. And, you get to share laughs along the way!
Be a part of the experience!**

Dance Member:

I, _____, have read and understand the information stated above and agree to abide by this contract. I agree to attend weekly rehearsals, extra rehearsals scheduled before performance dates, and performances. I also agree to attend the required creative modern dance class for my age level. I will arrive at class and rehearsal on time ready to actively participate and promise to do my best. I understand that I am working as part of a team and I will do my part to help the team succeed. I understand that the joy of being a member of The Dancer's Workshop comes through hard work and dedication and willingly accept the challenge.

_____,
(member signature)

_____,
(date)

Parent Guardian:

I, _____, give permission for my child, _____, to participate as a member of The Dancers Workshop, and I understand the commitment involved. I agree to get my child to weekly rehearsals and performances on time. If my child is sick and or unable to attend rehearsal I will call in advance to inform the teacher so she can plan accordingly. I will do my best to promote and support The Dancers' Workshop in any way I am able. I give permission for my child to have his/her photograph appear in dance brochures, flyers, social media, and other publicity to promote The Dancers Workshop and Jennifer McGowan's Creative Dance Center. I understand that the photograph will be used for Creative Dance Center purposes only. I have read and understand the information stated above and agree to abide by this contract.

_____,
(parent/guardian signature)

_____,
(date)