

ALL STARS GAZETTE

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER, 2018

Hello, ALL STARS!
What an exciting first weeks of classes!

It's great to see you back, and to see so many new faces. This is our 10th year teaching quality dance and performance skills, and we look forward to another fantastic year of growth!

**SO, WELCOME BACK HOME TO ALL STARS!
WE ARE A PROUD FAMILY AND WE ARE HONORED YOU'RE JOINING US.**

Here's what's in the NEWS for August and September.

Dance & Apparel

UNIFORMS

The discipline and honor of a dancer has been well respected for centuries.

So, **get into the groove!** Be proud to be a dancer and wear your uniform with pride.

The new Ballet logo color leotards look fantastic! Please know that orders are still being placed. It takes two weeks to get the ordered leotards back. You may wear a black leotard in the mean time. We can't wait to see everyone in uniform. :-)

HAIR: do not forget to wear your hair up or in a bun, as required for the class you take. Not only does it allow us to see your neck and clean movements, but also keeps the floor from getting full of hair, and any spread of unwanted pests (we have had no reports of lice this year and rather keep it that way...)

BE NEAT. It will show your enthusiasm, your respect and your seriousness about your dance training. You can check out your class required uniform on our website under Uniform Requirements. Thank you!

Things you can buy at ALL STARS: Ballet Uniform Leotard, tights, belly dance skirts, ballroom skirts, dance bags, spirit wear and merchandise. We love our new logo. Make sure to get a sticker (\$2 each), great for your notebooks, computer, etc... Show off your ALL STARS SPIRIT!





don't ever
forget that
you love to
dance.

SHOWS AND DATES TO REMEMBER

Don't just watch the show, Be a Part of it! ALL STARS believes in this and loves to give you opportunities to shine! Here's what's scheduled and important dates to remember:

Aug 11: Show- select classes: White Oak Elementary's Back-To-School Night

Aug 24: Deadline- Parade Shirts- order your shirt and be a part of the Suwanee Fest Parade Sep 15

Aug 26: Show- select dancers: IFA Freedom Mela 2018, Verizon Amphitheater

Aug 31: CLOSED for Labor Day weekend

Sep 3: CLOSED for Labor Day weekend

Sep 8: Show- Ballroom level 2: Atlanta Salsa Congress, Hilton Atlanta Northeast, tickets \$30pp available online www.AtlantaSalsaCongress.com

Sep 9-10: WORKSHOP- Atlanta Salsa Congress, Hilton Atlanta Northeast, passes ages 12-17 \$90, ages 18+ \$195 available online www.AtlantaSalsaCongress.com, suggested for dancer level 2+

Sep 15: Parade Entry- ALL STUDENTS-- Suwanee Fest Parade 2018: Detailed email was sent Aug 16.

Sep 29: AUDITIONS- 2018 An ALL STARS Nutcracker 2-5pm.

Oct 14: WORKSHOP- Brenau Day of Dance for 9th-12th grade. Limited space so register immediately \$25pp <https://www.brenau.edu/fineartshumanities/day-of-dance-registration/>

Oct 20: Show-all classes: Sugar Rush 2018 at Sugar Hill City Hall

Please note: Although participating in shows is optional, we will always count on the entire class performing at the shows they are schedule in. if you cannot perform in a show, please let your teacher or the front desk know so that we can make the appropriate arrangements in choreographies. Thank you. :-)

CLASS OPENINGS

Lots of classes are full and have wait lists, so I thought it a good idea to share which classes have openings so you can consider them for additional cross training and referral of friends and neighbors...

___ **Ballet Technique** Ballet is the base of all technical classes— with Ballet training you will be a better dancer all-around. ALL STARS is proud to be offering classes that are entirely technique focused so that those of you ballerinas who want more, and those of you who do not want to be a ballerina but do want to improve in your other classes, for instance contemporary, jazz, and ballroom, can do so without any choreography and shows involved.

- **Saturday Ballet Comprehensive:** Greater for the more serious dancer and those who wish to pursue dance in college programs, and as professionals. Class meets Sat 9am-12:30pm. Meant for dancers ages 10+ at levels 2+.
- **Prime Technique:** Perfect for all dancers looking to improve their skills. LM Prime Technique meets on Fri at 5:30. Teen Prime Technique 1 meets Thu at 7:30 and is meant for 6th-12th grade in levels 1 & 2. Teen Prime Technique 2 meets on Fri at 7:30 and is meant for 6th-12th grade dancers in levels 2 & 3. Please speak with Ms. Christina, Mr. Murillo or the front desk for more details.
- **Pre-Pointe:** Obsessed about getting on pointe? Every ballerina's dream can become a nightmare if done the wrong way— painful and irreversible long term damage is common in dancers that go on pointe before being ready, or who get promoted and then do not practice pointe properly. Pre-Pointe classes will prepare and educate you to protect your feet and body, and make you a strong pointe dancer. Offered to focused dancers ages 10-18, taking 2+ hours of ballet per week. If this is you, register today! Pre-Pointe class meets on Tuesday's at 7:30.
- **Ballet Partnering:** A fantastic opportunity to learn partnering skills. From turns to lifts, this class will keep you honed into the skills needed to do it right and avoid injuries to yourself and to your partner. Focused on Ballet, but helpful for any style that has partnering. Girls must be level 2+ and approved by Ms. Christina. Boys must be taking another ballet class. Meets Tuesday's at 6:30.

___ **Ballet BOYS:** Yes; Boys dance ballet too! We are so proud and lucky the Georgia Ballet Company's schedule allows us to have Mr. Murillo Barbosa on our faculty again this year. He is helping Ms. Christina in preparing our ballet dancers for Partnering opportunities and he is training boys to be strong male dancers. This class does not only help boys gain great technical skills, but also strength and a better understanding of how to move and control the body. This is a great base for other styles that have strong male dancers, such as contemporary, jazz and ballroom. Ballet Boys meets on Friday's at 6:30.

___ **Ballet:** The base of everything. Openings left: K-2nd Wed 4:30 has only 1 spot left. 3rd-5th Tue 4:30 has 4 spots left, Thu 5:30 has only 2 spots left. 6th-12th level 1 Tue 7:30 has 7 spots left, and Wed 7:30 has only 4 spots left.

___ **Ballroom/Latin classes:** Fun classes! Learn Merengue, Salsa, Cha-Cha, Foxtrot, Swing, Waltz, Bachata, Tango... 3rd-5th meet Monday's at 6:30, 6th-8th Mon at 7:30, & 9-12th meet Thu at 6:30.

___ **LOOKING FOR BOYS:** We are offering FREE Ballroom to boys. What a great opportunity to learn social dances and have fun with friends. These classes are very fun and useful skills for life. Please help us spread the word. :-)

___ **Clogging:** Upbeat, fast moving, heart pumping FUN with Mr. Todd. Everyone loves the clogging numbers! Come join the fun, Wednesdays at 8:30pm.

___ **K-2 Classes** left with openings: Ballet Wed 4:30 (1 spot only), Jazz Thu 5:30 (5 spots), Tap Mon 4:30 (7 spots). We have added two classes on Saturday's: Jazz and Hip Hop. These classes will start once we have a minimum of 6 students enrolled. Spots won't last long, so get yours today!

___ **Bollywood:** Our most called upon class for shows. The Indian community LOVES ALL STARS BOLLYWOOD DANCERS. We have even performed for the Ambassador of India! If you love to perform, this class is for you. Think of it as Indian Hip Hop with gorgeous costumes. Come try this class with Ms. Ranjana, on Fridays, K-5th grade 5:30, 6th-12th 6:30. Then you'll see why it's so popular.

___ **Popping/Animation:** we only have 2 spots left in this class taught by Mr. Lakona, Class meets Fridays 5:30pm.

___ **Hip Hop BOYS CLUB:** YES; IT'S BACK! Mr. Lakona is offering a fun Hip Hop class just for boys. Be a part of this crew. Bring your friends. We just got this one started so please help us get the word around. Hip Hop Boys Club meets Friday's at 7:30pm. What a great way to party on Friday night; dancing with your crew!

___ **3rd-5th Belly Dancing:** Only 4 spots left in K-5th Thu at 6:30. And only 4 spots left in 6th-12th Thu at 5:30.

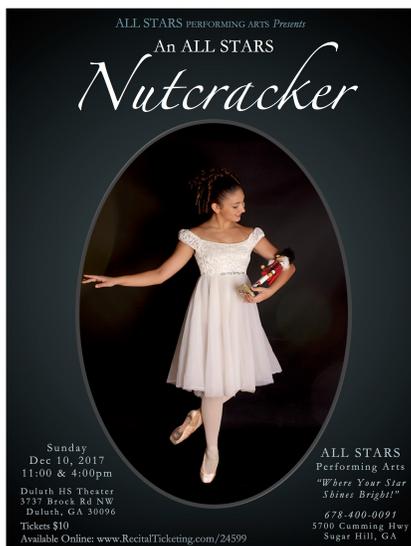
___ **3rd-12th Irish:** Hard, strong and BEAUTIFUL! Irish dance is so respected and enjoyed world-wide. Join the fun with Ms. Victoria on Thursday's at 4:30.

___ **Tap:** Tap is fun and our greatest hit in our past recital, La La Land. Come learn this fantastic percussion dance. K-2 grade meets Monday's at 4:30. 3rd-5th grade meets Thursday's at 4:30. 6th-12th level 1 meets Monday's at 5:30 only 5 spots left.

___ **Jazz:** Ms. Victoria's favorite style! K-2nd only 5 spots left meeting Thursday's at 5:30. 6th-12th jazz 1 has 6 spots left meeting Tuesday's at 6:30.

___ **Turns & Leaps:** Students in level 2+ classes that already have a double pirouette, sodecha and grand jette, can join this class to improve, strengthen and broaden their knowledge and mastery of turns and leaps. Only 6 spots left. Classes meet on Wednesdays at 6:30.

___ **Strength & Conditioning:** Ever wonder how they can do it? How can dancers do so many jumps and kicks with such amazing strength and make it look so effortless? Dancers are the most amazing athletes. The more you train as one, the stronger and better you will get. But it's not all dance classes. Strength & Conditioning class will help you become stronger, more agile and have better resistance, so you can make it through 1, 2, 3, 4, 10 dancers in a row and still be ready for the next. Be the best you can be! Strength & Conditioning meets Wednesday's at 4:30 for dancers ages 10+.



[AN ALL STARS NUTCRACKER](#)

Everyone is looking forward to our 5th annual Nutcracker Dec 7-9.

ALL classes participate in this unique show.

- Participation fee is \$25 per student.
- Some classes will use ALL STARS costumes. Other classes will need to get their own accessories or clothing items for the performance.

Main Cast Auditions will take place on Saturday, September 29, 2-5pm.



[NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY FOR DANCE ARTS \(NHSDA\)](#)

There is still time to join our ALL STARS Chapter of the National Honor Society for Dance Arts for Middle School and High School students.

Our chapter focuses on giving back to the community by spreading the joy that dance brings to the heart and soul of every child. Dance Day are free classes taught by the NHSDA members the first Saturday of every month to Homeless and Foster children in the area.

The club also holds fun events and parties to raise funds for the continuing education of its members in master classes, and is

looking forward to start a scholarship fund for low-income dancers. This club is led by students government allowing them the opportunity to gain leadership and project skills. Check out the Bulletin Board next to Room 3 for details.

[JOIN US ON SOCIAL MEDIA](#)

We love adding photos, videos, and updates to keep you involved and educated as a dancer. Please make sure to friend, follow and be a part of our groups.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/ALL-STARS-Performing-Arts-119826241362276/>

Instagram: allstarsperform



[DOES YOUR CAR WEAR AN ALL STARS MAGNET?](#)

Show off you are an ALL STAR! It helps us spread the word about ALL STARS and gives your dancer great pride. **Get your ALL STARS car magnet at the front desk!** I can't wait to spot you on the road! (and it's easier to find your car in parking lots too... lol)

FACULTY NEWS

We are thrilled to have such an amazing staff at ALL STARS. Many families say this is one of the top reasons they choose ALL STARS for the dance education of their children. This is our 10th year and we have the best faculty in town!

Welcome back Ms. Christina Martin, our Ballet Director, former ballerina with the Orlando Ballet, among others.

Welcome back Mr. Murillo Barbosa, current dancer with the Georgia Ballet.

Welcome back Ms. Yoli, master teacher, still shaping dancers at the young age of 81!

Welcome back Ms. Ranjana, Bollywood teacher and respected choreographer.

Welcome back Mr. Todd, former competition Clogger and ballroom dancer.

Welcome back Mr. Lakona, ALL STARS Alumni and professional dancer.



Welcome to ALL STARS, Ms. Ursula Kendall!

a modern-contemporary dancer, choreographer and instructor. Formerly an Alvin Ailey AileyCamp Atlanta, University of North Carolina Greensboro, Charlotte and University of North Carolina School of The Arts Instructor.

Her works can be viewed on FGTV, a broadcast for Georgia local artist, BET, VH1, Musical Theater Organizations and Celebrity Artists such as: Fantasia Barrino, Nikki Gilbert, T.I & Tiny Family Hustle and Grammy Award Artist Rudy Currence.

Her professional performance skills have landed her opportunities with Disney TV, VH1 and 6 Motion Pictures with Jamie Foxx, Sarah Jessica Parker, Woody Allen, and Denzel Washington.

Ms. Ursula is teaching Contemporary, Jazz, Strength & Conditioning and Tap on Wednesday's and Thursday's.



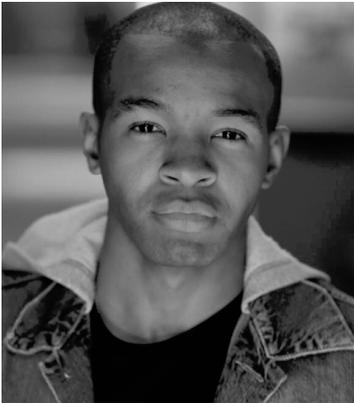
Welcome to ALL STARS, Ms. Rhonda Henriksen!

Rhonda Henriksen started professionally dancing at the age of 19. She started her training under full scholarship with Gus Giordano Jazz Dance Chicago and Lou Conte Dance studio (home to Hubbard Street Dance Chicago) and Milwaukee City Ballet company. After this, she was hand picked by Alvin Ailey to continue her full scholarship training in New York City with the Alvin Ailey company. Her training came from the Masters and Pioneers of Jazz Dance. These Masters are Twyla Tharp, Gus Giordano, Bob Fosse, Lou Conte, Sherry Zunker, Alvin Ailey, Limon, Martha Graham, Merce Cunningham, Lar Lubavitch, Elisa Monte, and so many others. She was classically trained in ballet by some of the very best including Warren Conover, Birute Barrodiciate, Igal Perry, Stone and Cameron, Basil Thompson and many others.

Her professional career was with some of the very best contemporary dance companies of our time. Her dream of becoming a Hubbard Street dancer came true in 1993. She was in the company for 4 years and while there was hand picked for every new work that came to the company. She was a soloist for Twyla Tharp, Danny Ezralow, Kevin O'Day, Mauricio Wainrot, Margo Sappington and many others. She has also danced for Elisa Monte, Diane Jacobowitz, Sam Watson and River North Dance Chicago.

She has been fortunate to dance for some of the best choreographers of our time and brings to the studio a wealth of knowledge from the very best choreographers and teachers of our time. Ms. Rhonda is teaching Jazz on Tuesday's.

FACULTY NEWS (CONTINUED)



Welcome back to ALL STARS, Mr. Aaron James!

Aaron James born in November of 1988 was born into a family of athletes, music lovers and creators. So it's no surprise that his favorite sport, basketball, had much to do with the professional dancer he is today. As he was on his high school varsity basketball team his grades took a slight drop and his parents decided to take him off the team to focus on school work more. Being the competitor he is, Aaron found he could use his competitiveness in dance. Entering himself and his group of dance friends in dance battles around the southeast turned into forming his own dance crew & then eventually turned into a full fledged professional dance career. Aaron has danced all over the world for various recording artists and has appeared on many movies and tv shows as an actor and/or dancer. Some of his credits include :

America's Best Dance Crew, Pharrell, Little Big Town, T-Pain, CMT Awards, Jacob Latimore and more. As Aaron is still a very active and working professional dancer, he likes to share what he has learned, experienced, and is currently learning as an industry dancer with the students who are learning from him in order to reach their desired full potential as a dancer.

Mr. Aaron has been subbing and teaching workshops at ALL STARS since 2011. He is Mr. Jared's older brother and we have spent years trying to get him as a permanent faculty member. He is teaching Hip Hop on Monday's



Welcome to ALL STARS, Mr. Daniel Lopez!

Our students have yet to meet Mr. Daniel, because he has been on set for the Netflix series, Step-Up High Water. He is a phenomenal dancer and we cannot wait to have him. In the mean time, we have been so lucky to have Mr. Erick Nathan and Mr. Anthony Ranchez substitute for him— very thrilling opportunities for our students. Mr. Daniel is teaching Hip Hop, Contemporary and Turns & Leaps on Wednesday's.



Welcome Back, Ms. Alexia Gonzalez!

I am so proud to have my beautiful and talented daughter back on the Faculty. Ms. Alexia began dancing professionally as a freelance dancer at the age of 14. Once off to college she could not help but become involved in the college dance teams, dance troupes and dance clubs. She teaching Teen Ballroom on Thursdays bringing even more spice and creative choreography to the table. She will also be available to substitute most classes, given she is trained in almost every style of dance. <3



SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

Sep 1 Jaina Kersey 9!
Sep 2 Reet Bhumbra 8!
Sep 3 Jaida Ash 9!
Charlotte Gallant 7!
Sep 4 Elora Abercrombie 9!
Sep 7 Preston Baumgart 18!
Caroline Laschinger 15!
Sep 8 Silvana Sierra 6!
Sep 10 Keagan Fibula 4!
Samantha Dominguez 7!
Sep 11 Faith Keasler 14!
Ms. Ursula!
Jaiden Outten 15!
Sep 12 Aundrea Fernandes 12!
Kierstin Rawls 13!
Sep 14 Kaitlyn Bonilla 9!
Sep 15 Morgan Donahue 18!
Caroline Noll 6!
Sep 16 Isis Abercrombie 17!
Sep 18 Amelia Ramsey 5!
Makenna Reilly 12!
Sep 19 Allison McGuire 12!
Sophia Tiborczzszeghi 9!
Sep 21 Cynthia Molnar 13!
Gabrielle Sogoian 7!
Sep 22 Danica Noble 13!
Sep 23 Taylor Boron 13!
Sep 25 Addison Barrett 12!
Akira Kaham 9!
Kirah Walker 12!
Sep 26 Haley Tate 13!
Sep 28 Caryn Miller 15!
Sienna Snyder 18!
Sep 30 Harper Lagac 10!
Ella Mujanovic 14!
Evelyn Slattery 6!

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

Aug 4 Gabrielle Mignott 7!
Aug 5 Addison Humphrey 8!
Mr. Lakona!
Eileen Park 9!
Alexis Tiborczzszeghi 12!
Aug 8 Olive Borland 6!
Aug 9 Ellianna Mujanovic 6!
Aug 15 Amelia Alexander 5!
Mayukha Ravela 5!
Aug 18 Samantha Brody 13!
Jie Ji 8!
Aug 19 Kinzie Pugh-Roberts 9!
Aug 20 Leah Nam 11!
Aug 23 Claire Bicknell 14!
Alexandra Dominguez 5!
Nicole Nam 7!
Aug 24 Alannah Mota 3!
Aug 26 Tessa Nichols 15!
Sirrus Sigman 15!
Aug 27 Jazmyn Yawn 8!
Aug 28 Aaliyah Remy 9!
Aug 29 Samiah Laws 7!



ALL STARS IS BEST OF GWINNETT!

We are so proud to be serving you and working hard to exceed your expectations this 10th year of classes.

We are honored to have been awarded **Best of Gwinnett** as Best Performing Arts School and Best Summer Camp for the years 2013, 2014, 2015, 2016 and 2017.

Please place your vote for ALL STARS Performing Arts Academy by visiting www.guidetogwinnett.com/best-of-gwinnett

Thank you for your support and for trusting us with the dance education of your children. <3

We hope to keep you informed monthly with our ALL STARS GAZETTE. However, new things develop everyday and we don't want you to miss a thing. So, please make sure to read all emails from ALL STARS. It might not always apply to you, but it's great to know what's up. :-)