



**PRE-PROFESSIONAL DANCE PROGRAM**  
**1355 N MAIN AVE, SCRANTON, PA 18508**

Commitment, integrity, self-discipline, balance - these four life principles are the backbone to The Brown Initiative's dance sector, **TBI DANCE**. Our Pre-Professional Dance Program expands a dancer's education with the intensity of big city dance training and live performance.

Thank you for your interest in **TBI DANCE**! Within this packet you will find ample information regarding how our program operates.

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## **I. PROGRAM STRUCTURE**

- a. As part of our Pre-Professional Dance Program, TBI DANCERS perform multiple times throughout the year. These performances range from live stage productions to festival appearances to visual media and more.
- b. TBI DANCERS will learn and perform in a multitude of dance styles, including (but not limited to) tap, jazz, contemporary, hip-hop, flamenco, and ballet.
- c. TBI DANCE consists of four groups of dancers. **Students in preschool/kindergarten, elementary, middle, or high school will be placed in one of three levels/groups.** These groups are based on ability, not necessarily age:
  1. Group A: adults age 18+
  2. Group B: students (intermediate)
  3. Group C: students (advanced)
  4. Group D: students (beginner)
- d. Dancers do not sign up for individual classes/styles of dance. **TBI DANCERS are required to take all classes and attend all rehearsals within their designated level/group.** These include both technique and choreography classes and rehearsals. Choreographic styles are dependent on the performances the company is preparing for.
- e. Optional private lessons will be offered at an additional cost.

## **II. CALENDAR**

The 2023/24 Calendar is as follows:

### **1. Summer 2023:**

- i. July 2 – September 2
- ii. Tentative Performances:
  1. *Moscow Country Street Fair*: July 28 – 29
  2. *Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders*: August
  3. *La Festa Italiana*: September 1 – 2

### **2. Fall 2023:**

- i. September 3 – December 20
- ii. Tentative Performances:
  1. *Wizard Fest*: October 22
  2. *Kick-off to Christmas 2023*: Various Dates/Venues

### **3. Winter Break: December 21, 2023 – January 7, 2024**

### **4. Spring 2024:**

- i. January 8 – May 31
- ii. Tentative Performances:
  1. *Scranton/Wilkes-Barre RailRiders*: May
  2. *A Time To Dance 2024*: Various Dates/Venues

### **5. Summer Break: June 1 – June 30**

*\*Please note that the above calendar is subject to change.*

### **III. CLASS SCHEDULE**

Below is the current 2023/24 weekly schedule:

Sundays:	<del>Group A</del>	<del>6:30-9:00pm</del>
Mondays:	Groups A+B+C	5:30-8:30pm
	<del>Group C</del>	<del>7:00-8:30pm</del>
Tuesdays:	<del>Group B</del>	<del>5:30-7:00pm</del>
Wednesdays:	Groups A+B+C	5:30-8:30pm
Thursdays:	Group D	5:30-7:00pm

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*\*\*Please note that the number of levels/groups and the final schedule are dependent on the demographics of registration.*

### **IV. ATTENDANCE**

- a. **It is imperative that dancers attend every class, rehearsal, and performance within their designated level/group.**
- b. Should a conflict arise, please contact Christian or Dianna as soon as possible.
- c. Make-up classes and rehearsals will be offered should they be cancelled due to inclement weather, etc.

## V. TUITION & PAYMENTS

- a. There will be a \$25 registration fee for new TBI DANCERs. This fee is due with the dancer's first month's tuition.
- b. Tuition varies across levels/groups:
  1. Group A: → \$80/month
  2. Group B: → \$110/month
  3. Group C: → \$110/month
  4. Group D: → \$50/month
- c. Optional private/small group dance or **vocal** lessons are offered as well. The following rates are per person:
  1. ½ hour/week → \$25/ ½ hour
  2. 1 hour/week → \$50/hour
- d. Tuition will not be pro-rated or reimbursed if a dancer/vocalist is absent from class, rehearsal, etc.

## VI. COSTUMES & SHOES

- a. Dancers are **not** responsible for purchasing costumes. Instead, a nominal costume rental fee will be incurred for applicable performances.
- b. Dancers are responsible for providing their own dance shoes and proper classroom and rehearsal attire. Clothing should be form-fitting and easy to fully stretch and move in.
- c. **All dancers will need the following types of footwear/dance shoes:** black flat tap shoes (full sole w/shoelaces), flesh-tone slip-on jazz shoes, and solid white high-top canvas sneakers (i.e. Converse). Dancers will be notified if additional shoes are required.

## **VII. DISCLAIMERS**

- a. The owners/staff of The Brown Initiative are not responsible for any lost or stolen property.
- b. Dancers, vocalists, and their affiliates agree not to hold The Brown Initiative or its owners/staff responsible for any injuries inflicted during classes, rehearsals, or performances.
- c. Dancers, vocalists, and their affiliates recognize that they are participating in an advanced, intensive program that may be physically, emotionally, and psychologically challenging.
- d. Dancers, vocalists, and their affiliates may be filmed, photographed, or recorded during classes, rehearsals, performances, or other events. Said media may be used in visual/audio media, on social media platforms, in printed publications and advertisements, etc.
- e. **NO DRAMA. LOVE, RESPECT, AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER ALWAYS.**

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