



Texas Dance Masters

Chapter 48

Dance Masters of America

Dance Masters of America (DMA) is a Non-Profit Educational Organization of dance educators, who have been certified by test to teach; have had a professional dance career; have a degreed certification from an approved institution of higher education; or have successfully passed an exam in an approved professional dance organization.

The Mission of DMA

The Dance Masters of America is a professional, certified membership organization of artists and educators committed to the elevation of the art of dance and to provide innovative artistic experiences for the advancement of dance worldwide.

The Objectives of DMA

- enable dance educators and their students to meet for a cooperative and collective study of their profession;
- advance the art of dance and improve the practices of its teachings;
- strive for the mutual interest and fraternal cooperation of its members;
- aid young dancers and dance teachers by awarding educational dance scholarships to accredited colleges, private schools of dance, educational and/or DMA educational workshops or conventions.

DMA has been certifying and setting the standards of dance education since 1884. Since its inception, the goal of the organization has been to improve the standards of dance offered to its members and their students.

Texas Dance Masters (TXDM) was chartered in February 2024 and is made up of chapters in Texas, Louisiana, and Oklahoma. Its membership consists of teachers certified by test, degreed teachers, and dance professionals. Members are active teachers in their respective communities and are required to complete continuing education training each year to ensure they are current with ever emerging teaching techniques and skills.

TXDM Executive Board

President

Joyce Beck, Studio Owner, Dancescape by Joyce, Pearland, Texas

Vice President

Dori Branch, Studio Owner, Ashworth School of Dance, Westlake, Louisiana

Secretary

Amy Feril, Studio Owners, Eminence Dance Complex, Roanoke, Texas

Treasurer

Shelley Naiser, Instructor, Dancescape by Joyce, Pearland, Texas

TXDM hosts a 3-day convention each November offering scholarship auditions on one day and two full days of classes taught by well-respected instructors and industry professionals. Students enjoy instruction in Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Modern, Hip Hop, Modern, Lyrical, Ballroom and more. On Saturday night, students and their families gather for the scholarships awards and recipients are presented with a certificate and a cash award. There are special guest performers and, of course, a dance party! It is the goal of TXDM to not only inspire dancers to realize their potential, but also to build a community and establish friendships that go far beyond the dance room.

Each spring, TXDM hosts a Title Pageant Competition where winners of four different age groups are crowned and earn an entry to DMA Nationals to compete for a national title. Dancers are scored in an audition setting in Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Modern, Acro, and personal interview and perform a solo in front of a live audience. There is also a Performing Arts Competition open to soloists, duos, trios, and groups. Winners are awarded crowns and sashes, medals and trophies and the opportunity to represent the chapter throughout the country as guest performers. Title holders compete at DMA Nationals and enjoy classes with nationally acclaimed teachers, choreographers, and active professionals.

TXDM is proud to have the reigning 2025 Master Dance of America, Shepherd Parr, the 2025 1st Runner Up Petite Miss Dance of America and winner of Outstanding Jazz Award, Ally Poole, and 2025 Top Ten National Finalist Junior Miss Dance of America, Alyvia Adamson.

TXDM also extends membership to students aged 13-18 as Junior Members. Through this opportunity, students learn how the organization operates and serve as mentors to the younger students. They assist faculty at convention weekend, assist with ticket and program sales at Title Competition and enjoy informational talks with industry professionals and private classes with faculty at convention weekend. They perform twice a year at the convention floorshow and at Title Competition. These members are encouraged to continue their dance education and become a full member of TXDM and Dance Masters of America no matter where their post-high school journey takes them.

Annual dues are \$90.00 and include membership in DMA National. Members are required to attend Fall Convention and Title Competition to ensure we provide a well-organized event for our students and their families.

If you're looking for a professional organization to provide a positive environment for cooperative learning, then TXDM is for you!

Contact us at:

texasdancemasters48@gmail.com

Visit our website:

www.txdmchapter48.com





Benefits of becoming a Dance Masters of America / TXDMM Chapter #48 member!

Substantially reduced rates for BMI, ASCAP and SESAC licensing fees.

Educational benefits and opportunities for members and their students.

TXDMM Fall Convention and Scholarship Auditions

TXDMM Spring Title and PAC Competitions

DMA Nationals Summer Convention and Competitions

Teachers Training School / Summer / Ball State University

Student Honor Intensive Program / Summer / Ball State University

Certification through testing in the dance subjects you teach, will give you an advertising opportunity that your competitors most likely will not have!



Dance Masters of America, Inc.

Application for Membership

Date received by Chapter _____ Date received by the National Office _____

Name of Applicant: _____

Home Address: _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone: _____

E-Mail Address _____

Date of Birth _____

Number of years you have studied dance _____

Number of years you have taught dance _____

Do You own your own dance school? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, please give the name of the dance school _____

If no, please give the name of the school(s) you are currently employed to teach dance and the name of the studio owner.

Studio Name _____ Owner _____

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Check the dance subject(s) you actively teach at this time.

Ballet ___ Pointe ___ Tap ___ Jazz ___ Lyrical ___ Modern ___

Contemporary _____ Hip Hop _____ Acrobatics _____ Other _____

Have you ever applied for membership in the Dance Masters of America, Inc.?

No ___ Yes ___ Chapter # _____ Year Applied _____

Are you reapplying for membership? No ___ Yes ___

PART II

With the signing of this application, I do hereby acknowledge that the information given on page one (1) of this document is complete and honest, and that my membership in the Dance Masters of America, Inc. has been made through one of its Affiliated Chapters.

Signature of Applicant

Date Application was submitted to Chapter

PART III - CERTIFIED ACTIVE MEMBERSHIP

I do hereby affirm that the above named applicant has passed with a satisfactory grade, Dance Masters of American Examination(s) and has proven his/her qualifications as a bona fide teacher in the dance subjects indicated below.

The above named Applicant received the following grades:

Acrobatics Grade _____% Modern Grade _____%

Ballet Grade _____% Tap Grade _____%

Jazz Grade _____%

____ A certification from Royal Academy Royal Academy of Dancing-Elementary Examination

____ A certificate from Cecchetti Teachers Elementary Examination (formerly known as Grade V)

____ A certificate from DMA Teachers Training School Examination

After completing the membership process in Chapter# _____ the Applicant was approved as a Certified Active Member of our Chapter on the _____ day of _____ 20 _____

Signature of Affiliated Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Date

PART IV – Please check one of the following:

____ **Degreed Membership** ____ **Professional Membership** ____ **Partnering Membership**

I, _____ the Secretary/Treasurer of Affiliated Chapter # _____ have reviewed this Membership Application and do hereby affirm that it is complete, with the required chapter approved documentation and signatures.

After completing the membership process in Chapter# _____ the Applicant was approved as a

____ Degreed Member ____ Professional Member ____ Partnering Member

of our Chapter on the _____ day of _____ 20 _____

Signature of Affiliated Chapter Secretary/Treasurer

Date

Note: The Dance Masters of America, Inc. prohibits discrimination on the basis of race, color, religion, creed, sex, marital status, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

To all Affiliated Chapter Secretaries,
As Chapter Secretary, you are personally responsible for the immediate submission of this application - Payment of National dues and copies of examinations and/or documentation to:

Dance Masters of America
c/o Ruby Toy
75-30 196th Street
Fresh Meadows, NY 11366



Dance Masters of America, Inc.

Educational Material Order Form

Please email the following educational material to TOYRUBY1@AOL.COM.

NAME: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

MAILING ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP CODE: _____

CONTACT PHONE NUMBER: _____

| ITEM | QUANTITY | PRICE PER COPY | TOTAL |
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| DMA Acrobatic Manual DIGITAL COPY | _____ | \$40.00 per copy | \$ _____ |
| DMA Ballet Manual DIGITAL COPY | _____ | \$40.00 per copy | \$ _____ |
| DMA Ballet Supplemental DVD (While supplies last) | _____ | \$25.00 per copy | \$ _____ |
| DMA Jazz Manual DIGITAL COPY | _____ | \$40.00 per copy | \$ _____ |
| DMA Modern Manual DIGITAL COPY | _____ | \$40.00 per copy | \$ _____ |
| DMA Modern Supplemental DVD (While supplies last) | _____ | \$25.00 per copy | \$ _____ |
| DMA Pre-School Manual DIGITAL COPY | _____ | \$40.00 per copy | \$ _____ |
| DMA Tap Manual DIGITAL COPY | _____ | \$40.00 per copy | \$ _____ |

SHIPPING & HANDLING INCLUDED for DVD's.

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Payment must be sent within 2 weeks of the form being sent, or mailed with the form. The check must be in U.S funds, drawn on a U.S. Bank made to Dance Masters of America. Once the payment has cleared the bank the Manual/DVD will be sent.

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