

Siddhi Dance Academy

I extend a warm welcome to you into the world of Bharatanatyam. I am indeed very happy that you wish to relish the joy of dancing which I have been doing for the last 30 years. In order to make the learning experience smooth, I will be sharing with you some guidelines to follow. The aim is to create a deeper understanding of our values, instill discipline, and open doors for creativity in a collaborative environment.

Please know that you hold a special place as a student here!

Siddhi Dance Academy Vision and Values:

At Siddhi, we focus on circular (non-hierarchical) learning, providing a safe space for exploration and re-imagination, fostering artistic growth.

Our Core Value:

1. Never Stop Learning: Learn from everyone and every situation
2. Question Everything: Challenge the status quo
3. Create Failure: Be bold to experiment, embrace the discomfort, and don't fear failure
4. Have Fun: Find joy in the artistic process
5. Collaborate: Support, critique, motivate and create together
6. Build Community: Bridge the gap between artists and audience through dialogues, workshops, and community sharing.

Student/Parent Guidelines

Please Ensure that You:

- Do not miss classes. Arrive on time and clarify any queries that you may have from the previous class.

- Practice regularly and come well prepared to every class practicing all the previous lessons.
- Keep your mobile phone on Silent and/or ensure it doesn't ring during class.
- Bring your water bottle to class. Your personal belongings will be your responsibility.
- Do not attend class in-person if you are sick and contagious. You could request to join the class on zoom in such situations.
- Dress code: Uniform is compulsory for all students. Kurtas can be bought for \$10 from SDA and can be paired with black leggings that are comfortable to dance in.
- Braid your hair or tie it back so that it does not come on the face while dancing.
- The Security Code for Music N Beyond Studio – **3690#** in case the door is locked from inside.
- Attend dance performances advertised in class to get exposure to stagecraft and performance standards.
- Parents are not allowed to sit inside the studio during class unless invited
- Tuition needs to be paid on, or before, the 10th of every month. Failing to make the payment within the due date will invite a fine of \$10. We recommend signing up for auto pay.
- There will be no reduction in the fee for missed classes. In case the student will be missing an entire month, a 30 day advance written notice

should be provided to surabhi@siddhicreative.org for the tuition to be skipped for that month.

- All communications related to SDA will be on the WhatsApp group that you will be added to after registration or through your registered email.
- Kindly follow the annual calendar and plan your vacations accordingly, so the students don't miss participating in important events at Siddhi.
- Contact information: Kindly keep us informed about any changes in phone numbers, email IDs, or residence address so that we can update our database to keep you informed about the upcoming events, rescheduling of classes etc.
- FAQs
 - **Missed Classes:** When a student misses a scheduled class, they can request for make-up class within two weeks from the missed class. If there are no spots in another class to compensate, the student could request for a video of the new lesson from the missed class so they can come prepared for their next class.
 - **Videos and Notes:** Access the google folder link with all the class material on the group description of your WhatsApp group. Print out the Adavu checklist and track your progress during your practice.
 - **Virtual Sessions:** In the times where the teacher is sick and a substitute teacher isn't available, as a precautionary measure, the class will be conducted online over zoom. The zoom meeting link and password will be on the WhatsApp group description.

For any further clarifications, you can reach me at surabhi@siddhicreative.org or contact me on my cell phone – 415 597 6543