



Dear Dance Teacher,

On behalf of Dance Masters of Michigan (DMA Chapter #4), we invite you to become an active member of our organization, and to participate in our events. During the dance year, Dance Masters of Michigan sponsors student and teacher dance workshops, scholarship auditions, benefit performances, and solo and group competitions.

We are a non-profit dance teacher's organization that strives to elevate the art and science of dance, enable teachers to meet and promote mutual interests in dance, and to aid young dancers in the education of dance. Join us for great year of dance and dance education.

**Dance Master of Michigan Teachers:**

- Are certified to teach by examination either at local or national level
- Attend continuing education programs
- Maintain a quality standard of dance education
- Have been teaching for at least 3 years

Our members meet three times a year to discuss and plan upcoming events and the dance year. Meetings are held on the third Sunday in September and in November and during our Solo Title Competition weekend in February.

Our workshops are reasonably priced for students and are free for member teachers. Our chapter strives to bring in quality faculty from around the world to enhance our knowledge and education of dance to students and teachers alike.

**HOW TO BECOME A DMM MEMBER**

Teachers must have been teaching for at least three (3) years to apply for membership. You must successfully complete both written and demonstration sections of the exam for each subject you teach. Exams may also be taken at Teachers Training School through Dance Masters of America each summer at the University of Buffalo in New York.

Manuals for study are available for purchase through the chapter. We offer subject reviews during the year and member teachers are available to help you study for the Dance Masters examinations.

Additionally, if you hold an earned dance degree from a Chapter-approved Michigan institution of higher education, you may be able to substitute the credits for one or two subjects that you teach.

There are several parts to the application process:

- Complete the membership application, which can be found at [dmanational.org](http://dmanational.org) and click on "about us" then "application link".
- Send the application to me, Karen Eck at (17551 Rexwood Livonia, Mi 48152) membership chair, and include your exam fee(s) with your DMM/DMA application. The cost is \$75 for each exam to be taken. You must examine in each subject you teach.
- Study the subject manual(s)
- Schedule your examination(s)

Membership dues are \$160 per year and include your Dance Masters of America/ Michigan dues and the Fall Workshop fees for yourself .

### **DMM CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR 2019-20**

September 15, 2019- Teacher Workshop with Julie Stallcup

September 15, 2019 - Grand Body Meeting at Ginny's Danceworks in Brighton

November 23, 24, 2019 - Fall Convention at the Lansing Conference Center in  
Lansing (Grand Body Meeting)

February 7-9, 2020 - Solo Title Weekend - Competition at South Lyon East  
High School (Grand Body Meeting)

March 13-14, 2020 - Performing Arts Challenge at South Lyon East High  
School

March 15, 2020 - Spring Workshop at Sheraton Hotel, Novi

Kids 4 Kids - Member Teachers and Students work together for a common  
cause for a children's charity - Date TBD

Easter Seals Performances - Miracle Dancers performance in partnership with  
DMM Dancers.

We look forward to meeting you and helping you to become a member of Dance Masters of Michigan. If we can be of assistance in any way, please contact me at 734-612-3353, or any board member listed on the website at [www.DMM4.org](http://www.DMM4.org) .

Karen Eck

Secretary and Membership Chair, DMM