

## Dance4All | 2022-23



*"We dance to be delivered from narrowness, partiality, exaggeration, bigotry. To the dancer all religions, all nations are alike."*

Dance4all is a community outreach endeavor born from a partnership between BD Ballet Academy / Ballet South, local educational institutions and non-profit organizations. Dance4All is about sharing the love of dance with the Cullman community through a variety of carefully devised artistic programs aimed at children 6 to 12 years old. Through Dance4All programs, participants are offered a unique exposure to the world of dance in a positive and caring environment. Dance4All programs focus on achievement and success through the appreciation of the arts. Our program offers ballet/dance workshops to elementary and middle schools over 4-week periods. These workshops involve structure and discipline, listening and following instruction skills, persistence, problem solving, cooperation, body awareness and creative

expression. Indeed, it is important to note that beyond an exposure to dance, all our activities are based on an uncompromising and profound students' self-esteem and respect for each other. Dance is the vehicle, but the goal is also to provide children with a strong sense of self and the necessary skills required to overcome difficulties in the dance studio and beyond.

Dance4All is a two-way street that allows us to discover future dancers that will join our ballet school and company on scholarships and an opportunity for children to discover dance, and more specifically ballet, an artistic discipline that gets little or no exposure in rural Alabama. Diversity and inclusion are at the heart of our program. Our goal is to build a community of young artists who learn from each other and care for each other. We build our corps de ballet out of differences, not similarities. Love for their craft and respect for their peers are the values we teach our students and prospective recruits and these values have a reverberating effect on our community. During our popular free community performances, we often hear that our dancers look confident and happy on stage and that is certainly the best publicity for our program.

If you would like to learn more about our scholarship program to get involved and/or support Dance4All, please contact us or send a text at 256-338-6401.