

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 <u>dmanational.org</u>, 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 \$100 for <u>each</u> 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.

Calendar of Events

September 17, 2023. Educational Event @ The Dance Shoppe

November 18,19, 2023 Fall Convention @ SVSU

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January 28, 2024 Solo Title Event

January 27, 2024. Grand Body Meeting

March 8,9 2024. PAC

March 10, 2024 Spring Workshop

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.

Karen Eck Secretary and Membership Chair, DMM