

Aloha Parents! My name is Jackie Dowsett Ballinger & am the owner of Dancespiration Hawaii. I am also a new Preschool Parent, my daughter, Brielle Ballinger (3.5yo) is absolutely loving school twice a week on T/TH and we are

grateful to be at Maui Prep! I'm very excited to get a chance to work with your children and share my joy for dance and am so thankful to Dr. Solis & Mrs. Vania Jerome for wanting to bring me in, so we can continue to build the performing arts program. Exciting announcement is that we are planning to start a Dance Program at Maui Prep! Also, wanted to let you know that I am 7 months pregnant, so that is the belly bump you will notice on me. This is also the reason the session is only 7 weeks long, however, it will be a nice "test run" for next semester when the new dance room in the Ray Chin studio in the Bozich Center will be done, complete with mirrors and a proper sprung dance floor!

## **Class Info:**

- Classes are Tuesday's 2:30-3:15pm from Sept 15-Oct 27th for 7 weeks. The last class will be Halloween themed and the dancers are welcome to wear Halloween costumes:)
- At this time there are spots for 12 dancers, however if there is enough interest, I will offer a second class after the first class, from 3:30-4:15pm, and perhaps will split them into 3/4 age groups for that.
- I will gather the students at 2:30, walk them to the cafeteria, change them, & pick up is either at the cafeteria at 3:15 or the ASC kiddos will be walked back to preschool.
- Tuition is \$125 and includes:

7 classes at \$16/class=\$112 \$8-one time registration fee \$5-cost for each dancer's covid safe, individual prop bag, which will include: a scarf, ribbon, wand, & eye mask, that the students may keep once the session is over & saved for next semester:) \*\*\*To Register, please visit <u>www.dancespirationhawaii.com</u> and click on "Classes" Choose your class & review the 3 different tabs, 1) Parent letter/flyer, 2) Registration/Waiver form, & 3) link to pay through Venmo.

## **Covid Rules:**

Safety and good health is extremely important while we navigate covid restrictions in this first semester of classes, so the dancers will need to remain within their "grade pods." High traffic areas, like the door knobs, will be wiped down before and after class. Parents must sign the liability waiver for their dancer.

- The dancers and the teacher are the only ones permitted in the cafeteria, to help reduce any over exposure. You may pick up your dancer from the cafeteria door at 3:15 PM. They will have all of their belongings with them when they leave the classroom. Unfortunately, parents will not be allowed to watch the class due to Covid. If you arrive on campus earlier than 3:15, please wait in your car until right before then. Parents are requested to wear masks at pick up and respect social distance guidelines.
- Dancers will not be required to wear masks while dancing. In accordance to exercise and activity guidelines, we do not require them. We will however do our best to keep social distancing in mind. If you would prefer your child to dance in a mask, that is at your discretion.

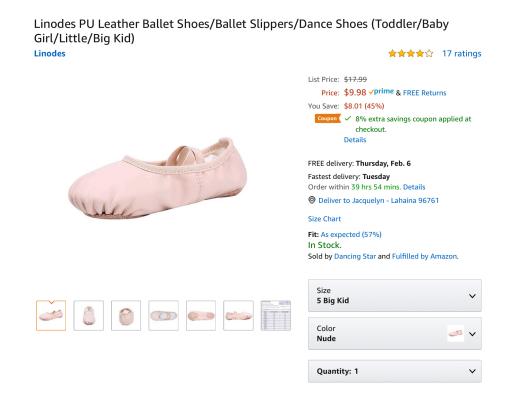
A little about me:) I was born and raised on Oahu, graduated from Punahou, & went to SMU in Dallas, TX to double major in Dance Performance & Elementary Education. After graduating and completing my student teaching, I became a Radio City Rockette for 6 years, then began back up dancing for Cher, for almost 6 years, in Las Vegas & on tour. In between those fun gigs, I performed in multiple musicals, danced in movies and was on the first 3 seasons of *Glee* as a "Cheerio." To learn more about my professional dance career, you may view my dance reel & resume on the website at: <a href="https://www.dancespirationhawaii.com">www.dancespirationhawaii.com</a>

## **Class Description:**

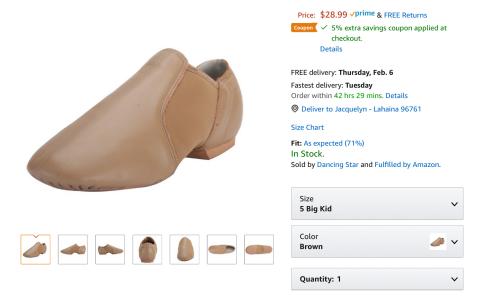
**Pre K (45 min): "Rising Stars"** -The Rising Stars class for preschoolers, enables young dancers to use their imagination, creativity & most of all, have fun! The students will be introduced to basic ballet & musical theater dance steps, while at the same time, belting out their favorite songs from familiar, age appropriate shows and movies. The focus on music & movement through energetic dance games & the use of props (their own set), will help build confidence, rhythm, & coordination while engaging the young dancers' minds & bodies.

**Attire:** The dancers may come in their favorite dance outfit or costume. Miss Jackie will help them change once they get to the cafeteria. They may also stay in whatever they wore to school.

**Shoes:** Dance shoes are not required for this semester, but nice to have:) Ballet or Black/Tan jazz shoes can be purchased on amazon or <u>discountdancesupply.com</u>. Otherwise they can just wear whatever shoes they wore to school, or even go barefoot.



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