

Dance

WORKSHOPS — WITH SUPPORT FROM GRITMAN MEDICAL CENTER

Join the fun in a variety of “hands-and-feet on” workshops led by guest artists, university faculty and specialty dance instructors. Our swing and Latin dance classes will get you ready for the dance floor at the Thursday and Saturday night concerts, so grab your dancing shoes!

Dance offers a variety of “hands-and-feet-on” workshops designed just for Jazz Festival participants. These energizing, jazz-related sessions move from Swing to Hip Hop and B-boying, Musical Theater and Disco to Krumping, Show Choir Dance Moves and Rhythm Tap. Grab your dance shoes - our Swing, Ballroom and Latin Dance classes will get you ready for the dance floor at the evening concerts. With classes led by guest artists, university faculty and specialty dance instructors, this is your chance to dance.

WEDNESDAY-SATURDAY FEB 25 - 28

DW SMOOTH BALLROOM: AMERICAN FOXTROT – MORGAN DOUGLAS

Wed 3:15pm / Jeff & Becky Martin Wellness Center

Enjoy dancing to medium-tempo Big Band vocal music (think Frank Sinatra or Bobby Darin) with this smooth progressive dance (now think Fred and Ginger). The foxtrot is an easy dance to learn with a simple combination of walks and chasses; it's ideal for social dancing. Come solo or with a partner, all levels are welcome. The class will offer plenty of time to simply enjoy the dancing and to practice some new steps.

DW LATIN DANCE: HAVE SOME CARIBBEAN FUN – MORGAN DOUGLAS

Wed 4:30pm / Jeff & Becky Martin Wellness Center

You've seen it on Dancing with the Stars! Learn the basics of Latin social dancing including step patterns, leading and following and, of course, Latin hip action. Come solo or with a partner. All levels welcome. Just be ready to move your hips and dance! Also offered Sat 1:30pm / Physical Education Building (Studio 212).

DW KRUMPING – CHRISTA DAVIS

Thurs 9:30am / Physical Education Building (Studio 212)
Fri 9:30am / Physical Education Building (Studio 212)

Learn one of the newest forms of street dancing. You've seen this highly energetic, improvisational movement in movies and music videos and on TV reality dance competitions. As you dance, jab, swing, pop and stomp to upbeat, fast-paced music and learn some background of this Urban Dance movement originating in LA.

DW SWING DANCE – SWING DEVILS

Thurs 10:00am / Physical Education Building (Studio 110)
Thurs 12:00noon / Physical Education Building (Studio 110)
Fri 10:00am / Physical Education Building (Studio 110)
Fri 12:00noon / Physical Education Building (Studio 110)
Sat 10:30am / Physical Education Building (Studio 212)

Swing is still here! Have the time of your life learning to swing dance. Learn how people danced and see why the 30s swing bands survived as you move to the rhythms. If people didn't flock to the large dance halls during the Depression, the Big Bands of the late 20s and 30s would never have survived with their Swing Jazz. This is your chance to groove to the beat and develop some flair in your steps.

DW MOVE IT! BODY PERCUSSION PLUS – DIANE WALKER

Thurs 10:30am / Physical Education Building (Studio 212)
Fri 10:30am / Physical Education Building (Studio 212)

Be your own instrument as you improv with body percussion and body “scales,” uneven rhythms and syncopation. Then we'll “stage it” to make the blues form both visible and audible. No experience needed. Come ready to move and have fun with it.

DW HIP HOP & B-BOYING (BREAKING) – JESSI BROWN, BENJAMIN DEVAUD

Thurs 11:00am / Physical Education Building (Studio 110)
Thurs 1:00pm / Physical Education Building (Studio 110)
Thurs 3:00pm / Physical Education Building (Studio 110)
Fri 11:00am / Physical Education Building (Studio 110)
Fri 1:00pm / Physical Education Building (Studio 110)
Sat 10:00am / Physical Education Building (Studio 110)

Everyone is excited for some super-energetic dancing. Don't miss this workshop! We'll get the music going and the rhythm in your body to learn the latest steps and styles and start dancing!

DW BROADWAY JAZZ – CHRISTA DAVIS

Thurs 11:30am / Physical Education Building (Studio 212)
Fri 11:30am / Physical Education Building (Studio 212)

Dancing from the Big Shows. Learn basic movements and dances from Broadway favorites. Discover how Bob Fosse's choreography in Sweet Charity finds its way into Beyoncé's Get Me Bodied. Jazz Hands? Oh yes, there will be Jazz Hands! Explore your theatrical side in this fun and showy class that emphasizes rhythm, style, and stage presence.

DW RHYTHM TAP – LISA NIKSSARIAN, RACHEL WINCHESTER

Thurs 12:30pm / Physical Education Building (Studio 212)
Fri 12:30pm / Physical Education Building (Studio 212)
Sat 11:30am / Physical Education Building (Studio 212)

Find the rhythm in your feet & become a “hoofer”. Find out how to make a hard-hitting tap sound. This is a great way to be a percussive musician. You can even dance a cappella. Any shoes will do.



DW ALL THAT JAZZ! – BELLE BAGGS

Thurs 1:30pm / Physical Education Building (Studio 212)

Fri 1:30pm / Physical Education Building (Studio 212)

It's all about rhythm and energy! Immerse yourself and reinforce your sense of dynamics, rhythm and especially syncopation with movement. Jazz dance as it was meant to be! It's something to explore.

DW SHOW CHOIR DANCE MOVES – JESSI BROWN

Thurs 2:00pm / Physical Education Building (Studio 110)

Fri 2:00pm / Physical Education Building (Studio 110)

Sat 12:00noon / Physical Education Building (Studio 110)

Bring more energy and personality to your dynamic show choir. Movement enhances the visual aspect of your performance and adds spirit to your vocal music. Learn steps and ideas to incorporate into your stage choreography and end up dancing like Glee.

DW DISCO JAZZ DANCE – LAUREN SMITH

Thurs 2:30pm/Physical Education Building (Studio 212)

Do you love the throwback beats of Earth, Wind & Fire, The Tramps, The Bee Gees, and early Michael Jackson? If so, come learn some sweet 70's moves to some groovy tunes!

DW MUSICAL THEATER – RACHEL WINCHESTER

Fri 2:30pm/Physical Education Building (Studio 212)

Sat 1:00pm/Physical Education Building (Studio 110)

Since Pal Joey in the 1940s, musical theater dance and choreography has drawn from whatever dance type supports the music, plot and characters and boosts the spirit of the show. Personalities are enlarged and plots are enhanced. Experience and explore this world as you learn a movement sequence from a known musical. Use the same movements in show choir choreography.

DW ROOTS OF SWING – SWING DEVILS

Sat 12:30pm/Physical Education Building (Studio 212)

Have fun with historical swing steps. Discover Prohibition Era dances such as the Charleston, the Black Bottom, the Shim Sham Shimmy or Truckin', and put it all to the music. No partner necessary.

DW LATIN DANCE/SALSA – MORGAN DOUGLAS

Sat 1:30/ Physical Education Building (Studio 212)

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DW YOGA FOR MUSICIANS – BELLE BAGGS

Sat 11:00am/Physical Education Building (Studio 110)

Proper movement and alignment helps improve sound and tone as well as prevent over-use injuries common in musicians and vocalists. In this all-levels yoga class we will incorporate stretches as well as do poses to open up the energetic centers of the chest and throat. Uplift and restore your energy so that it is a deeper resource for your musical expression.

DW OPEN REHEARSAL: DANCERSDRUMMERSDREAMERS® (DDD) "GRANMA'S CLUB" – UI DANCERS

Sat 2:00pm/Physical Education Building (Studio 110)

DancersDrummersDreamers® (DDD) is in its 25th year of a unique professional training program that exists at no other university. Music/sound and movement are blended into a seamless whole and the overall performance is like a modern vaudeville show with music, dance, songs and some slapstick comedy. Guest Choreographer Christy McNeil Chand was in-residence for the 2015 Jazz Fest week and choreographed this 40s jazz dance style showpiece. You are invited to see UI dancers rehearse the dance to revive it for the March 2016 DDD show. The great swing music by Sampson & Webb and Garland has been arranged to fit a smaller swing combo for the show.