

Press Release:

Hip Hop Dance Classes

The Contemporary Art Center (CAC) offers two classes in Hip Hop Dance.

On Wednesday evenings, August 24-September 21, two levels of instruction are taught by Levi Thomas and Anthony Turner. Each session focuses on a particular dance piece, so missing a class is not detrimental. However, students must sign up for the entire 5 weeks to participate. Class fees are \$45 for members of the Contemporary Art Center and \$60 for nonmembers. Registration deadline is Saturday, August 20 by midnight. A minimum of 6 students is required to offer a class.

The classes are held on the 2nd floor of the facility in the Preston Jackson Gallery. Press 2R in the elevator upon arrival. Students should wear whatever will enable their best performance, whether loose or tight. Tennis shoes or any comfortable dance shoes are fine, but sandals are not allowed.

Students may register at www.peoriacac.org, over the phone or come in during business hours: Tuesday-Saturday, 11-5:00 or during an event. We will contact students for payment when we reach the minimum students required to run the class/workshop. Payment can occur on the website or in person with credit card, cash or check. For more information about each class, call 309-674-6822, email cac@peoriacac.org or visit www.peoriacac.org.

Adult Hip Hop Groove Class, 6:15-7:10 pm

This class is instruction for adults with some dance skills featuring slower paced yet upbeat songs to inspire. This class is not for beginners as at least a good sense of rhythm is required. Get back in shape and learn some new moves to impress on the dance floor.

Adult Intermediate-Advanced Hip Hop Class, 7:15-8:10 pm

Take the next step to becoming a great dancer, learning complex moves in five sessions. This class is fun but fast paced, expecting students to pick up moves quickly so that a lot is accomplished in a short time. *Prerequisite:* Completion of entire Adult Hip Hop Groove Class or with instructor's permission.

About the instructors:



Levi Thomas is a Peoria native involved in Hip Hop dance for over 28 years. He is formerly owner/instructor of Studio X- Galaxy Dance Studio with Elite Force competition team. He has a life-long love for dancing. Dancing is a way for Levi to share his vast knowledge, stay in shape and enjoy seeing the smile on a students' face after mastering a new move.



Anthony Turner has been a part of a dance team and has won awards in competitions. Dance is one of his biggest passions with 17 years experience. He loves sharing his gifts with others. While he has explored many dance forms, his primary education is in Hip Hop. He gives his best to anyone willing to learn.