



Frequently Asked Questions

Q: Where are the classes offered?

Classes are offered at two locations in the Greater Los Angeles area:

Westlake Village - Aspire Dance Studio | 5700 Corsa Ave., Suite 106

Culver City - Liz Lira Dance Academy | 3500 Overland Drive, Unit 210

Q: When are the classes offered?

Year-round classes for beginning students are offered primarily on Sundays. Browse the [23-24 Class Schedule](#) for additional details. In addition, each summer we offer [Camp Leela](#), a 5-day summer camp that provides students with an opportunity for immersive kathak dance education.

Q: How much are the class fees?

Review our [23-24 Tuition and Fees](#) fact sheet for information on tuition and fees.

Q: How do I register for classes?

You can register for classes [here](#).

Q: What is the starting age for your classes?

Children can enroll starting at the age of 5 and on some occasions at the age of 4. Our open classes are available to adults (18+) of all backgrounds and levels.

Q: Can I start a class in mid-session?

We welcome new students throughout the year. Review our [Tuition & Fees](#) fact sheet for information on proration.

Q: Can my child try a class before enrolling?

New students can drop into one of our beginner classes for a free trial. Check the [23-24 Class Schedule](#) to find a beginner class.

Q: Are there any discounts available?

A family discount of 10% is applicable to the second immediate family member taking a class within the same session. In addition, a 20% discount is available for students enrolling in a second week of [Camp Leela](#).





Q: What should my child wear to classes?

Students should wear a kurta (preferably cotton) to class with churidar or salwar. Hair should be tied back in a neat bun or a braid.

Q: Do you have an annual recital or other performances?

Students at Leela have the opportunity to perform at open houses and annual recitals as well as at performances in the community. Students are also encouraged to participate in talent shows and events at their schools. Consistent attendance is required for participation in performances.

Q: How do I make up for missed classes?

Students are welcome to join a class comparable to their level or below at any location in order to make-up a missed class. Missed classes must be made-up within the same session and will not be credited to the following session. Browse the [23-24 Class Schedule](#) to find a make-up class. Please note that we are not able to schedule additional makeup classes or offer fee adjustments for absences.

Q: When will my child get ghungroo?

Once students have completed 1-2 years of study and the required assessment, they are ready to receive their ghungroo. Students are officially given the ghungroo in a ceremony that initiates the student into their study of kathak and formalizes the relationship between teacher and student.

Q: Can I video the classes so that my I/my child can practice at home?

Utilizing videos as an aid to learning interferes with the development of skills that are critical for kathak dance. As a result, we do not allow students or parents to video classes.

Q: Do you offer private classes?

Leela offers private classes to enrolled students on a case-by-case basis. If you are interested in private classes, please inquire with your child's teacher.

Q: My daughter/son has had some previous dance experience. Can they start at the next level?

Students with previous dance experience are assessed at their first class and placed in a class that is appropriate for their ability and learning trajectory.

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