



Tapestry Folkdance Center's mission is to welcome all to participate in the joy of dancing from a variety of cultural traditions. Ownership and stewardship of our own facility is a key component of how we accomplish this. While our mission is primarily activated through Tapestry sponsored programs and extended through Legacy and Partner Renters, we also desire to make our beautiful studios available to a wide community of dancers, movers, and more at accessible prices. We hope to build a diverse community of care, where people from many different backgrounds, experiences, dance styles, and traditions can intermingle and find a path to thrive.

Tapestry values community, tradition, stewardship, Cultural Equity and Inclusion, and FUN, and as you come into our space, ask that you reflect on what these words mean to you and how you can embrace them in the way you interact with others and care for the facility while at Tapestry.

We have created our Rental Rules & Regulations for multiple purposes, but particularly to ensure we are stewarding our resource of space so that it can be sustained for many uses for many years to come AND to provide clear communication and standards for use that allow all to overlap and coexist the best way possible in our building.

In Tapestry-led programs, we also embrace the following Dancers' Rights and Responsibilities, and ask that all renters take the principles present and abide by them while in our facility:

I HAVE THE RIGHT

- To feel safe when I dance
- To tell my partner if I prefer not to move in specific ways that feel unsafe or unwelcome to me, whether for physical, emotional, or unstated personal reasons
- To accept or deny dance partners as I choose
- To ask anyone to dance and to accept their response graciously
- To participate or not, as I choose
- To have my personal boundaries respected
- To say NO as loudly as necessary
- To speak up when I feel my boundaries are disrespected or if I have been touched inappropriately
- To be heard and believed if I have a complaint
- To have formal complaints properly recorded by the House Manager or Admissions Manager, and have a formal process conducted as per Tapestry's policies.

I HAVE THE *RESPONSIBILITY*

- To know my own boundaries and communicate them to my partners
- To touch dance partners appropriately
- To listen to my partner and accept their limits – whether for physical, emotional, or unstated personal reasons – without argument
- To respect personal boundaries
- To be kind if I choose to decline a dance
- To honor everyone on the dance floor and keep the dance floor a welcoming, safe place for all dancers

- To respect someone else saying NO to another dancer, and understand they have a reason for doing so
- To respect the privacy of dancers who are making a formal complaint and to trust that Tapestry's policies will be followed

On a monthly basis, over 600 individuals walk through our doors. **THANK YOU** for choosing to make Tapestry Folkdance Center a part of your life for whatever reason that has brought you to us. The beauty of the TAPESTRY of programs and rentals housed in this space, and the many people they bring together, is one of the reasons we are here.