Dance Shoes

Like any line of work that requires professional equipment, dancers need quality shoes. There are many brands, many styles, and many price points for dance shoes. While budget is a driving factor for every dancer, it's important to keep in mind that in dance shoes, you get what you pay for. If that \$10 shoe seems too good to be true, IT PROBABLY IS.

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Ballet shoes are typically the least expensive shoe you'll need. We recommend sticking with a brand name shoe to help ensure quality, but in a pinch just about any ballet shoe will serve its purpose. Ballet shoes come in leather or canvas. Leather shoes are typically more expensive, harder to break in, and often, less comfortable than a canvas shoe. The material from which a ballet shoe is made is really a personal choice. We would recommend buying a cheaper ballet shoe and putting your budget into your character or tap shoes. Trusted brands of ballet shoes include Capezio, Bloch, and Sancha. Ballet shoes run between \$7 and \$30 per pair. There is no need to spend more than about \$15-

• <u>Miller and Ben</u>: New Show Girl, Classic Jane, T-Step, Broadway Diva, La Coquette – Order all of these shoes without taps.

• <u>La Duca</u>:

- o The Roxie and Angelique styles have hard soles and are suitable for all dancers comfortable in heels.
- o The Alexis, Elizabeth, Teresa, Leanne, and Rachelle styles are soft sole shoes designed for advanced dancers with very strong feet and ankles. These shoes lend very little arch support and are not safe for dancers who are new to dancing in heels.
- Capezio: Cadence (CG19), Roxy, K360 (requires the purchase and