

Affordable Places to Dance (that I either go to myself or associate with)

DISCO RIOT

Type: Contemporary, improvisation, community classes (adults)

Cost: Often donation-based or free

Vibe: Social justice-oriented, queer & BIPOC-friendly and community-driven

Find them at: discoriot.org | IG: @disco_riot

Mounarath-Powell Dance

Type: Ballet, jazz, contemporary, and more (kids and adults)

Cost: Offers drop-ins, class packages, and sometimes free community workshops

Vibe: Welcoming to all levels, known for high-quality instruction in a warm environment

Find them at: mpdance.org | IG: @mounarathpowelldance

Rap A Tap Center for the Arts

Type: Tap, jazz, hip hop, ballet, and more (Kids and Adults)

Cost: Offers affordable classes; occasionally hosts free or donation-based events

Vibe: Energetic, youth-focused, and rooted in cultural empowerment through the arts

Find them at: rapataparts.com | IG: @rapataparts

TILTshift Dance

Type: Contemporary, modern (Graham technique), floorwork, creative labs

Cost: Free monthly classes, affordable drop-ins, and donation-supported programs

Vibe: Artist-led, inclusive, and community-centered, fostering creative exploration

Find them at: tiltshiftdance.org | IG: @tiltshiftdance

Books for Artistry

The Artist's Way by Julia Cameron

The Alchemist by Paulo Coelho

Some Community Groups

Camino23 Collective @camino23collective

SD Black Artist Collective @sd_bac

United AAPI Artists @unitedaapiartists

The Filam Film Collective @thefilamfilmcollective