

STUDIO WEST

Dance Academy

March/April Newsletter

Weekly Volcano Best of Olympia 2018



The Weekly Volcano featured Studio West Dance Academy as the Best Dance Studio in their Best of Olympia 2018 publication! We have to share this honor with our dancers and families for making our SWDA community such an awesome one! Check out the article at the following link <http://www.weeklyvolcano.com/guides/online-newspapers/2018/02/best-of-olympia-2018-studio-west-dance-academy/>

Studio West ❤️'s Camp HOPE



On March 2nd, we welcomed the Camp Hope campers to Studio West for a Hip Hop Dance Party. The campers and counselors had a great time meeting everyone and learned some cool new dance moves too. Thank you to dancers Megan, Asuka, Brielle, and Joslyn for sharing your talents and hosting this fun event.



We Dance to Make a Difference

It was another beautiful evening of wine, dine, and dance at our 10th Annual Dance to Make a Difference (DTMAD) Charity Gala, benefiting the Family Support Center of South Sound. Thank you to the Studio West Dance Guild, dancers, volunteers, staff, and all attendees for your generous support! Many of our patrons tell us that they look forward to this event every year, and we are so grateful for the opportunity to lend our talents in giving back to the community.



Jump Down the Rabbit Hole and Hold on to Your Teacups!

Follow Alice and your imagination into the topsy turvy world of Wonderland. This family favorite ballet was a hit with South Sound audiences when we debuted the production four years ago, with original choreography, enchanting costumes, a beautiful score, and quirky characters, including a larger than life, glow in the dark Cheshire Cat!

Alice in Wonderland performances run May 3-5, 2018, at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts!

Alice's Tea Party

"It's always Tea Time" – Lewis Carroll Children ages 3 and up are cordially invited to Tea Time with Alice. Follow the White Rabbit and the trail of cards to a festive and fun gathering beginning one hour before the Saturday Alice in Wonderland productions at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts on May 5th. With the help of your favorite characters, make a keepsake



craft, sip on some tea, indulge in delectable treats, and enjoy a reading of the beloved story before the curtain opens on the main stage. Adults chaperoning their children do not need to purchase tickets.

Don't be late for this very important date! Grab your tickets for the tea party and ballet today by calling the box office 360-753-8586 or at washingtoncenter.org.

Next up, Studio West will host Camp Hope campers and counselors for an evening at the ballet at our Friday night performance of Alice in Wonderland. We can't wait for this very important date!

Volunteer with FSCSS

Join us in volunteering at the FSCSS donation room on Sunday 3/18 or Sunday 4/15. Please email guild@studiowestdanceacademy.com.



Calendar of Upcoming Events

Sun 3/18, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Volunteer at FSCSS office

Fri 3/23 – Sun 3/25

Northeast Youth Ballet visiting Studio West

Sat 3/24, 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Dance Festival Northwest at the Corbet Theatre in Centralia

Sun 4/1 – Sun 4/8

Studio closed for Spring Break

Sun 4/15, 1:00 – 3:00 pm

Volunteer at FSCSS office

Sat 4/21, 11:30 am – 12:30 pm

Alice in Wonderland community outreach at Hands On Children's Museum

Sat 4/21 & Sun 4/22

1:00 – 3:00 pm both days. Alice in Wonderland book fair at Barnes & Noble

Fri 4/27, 7:00 pm

Spring Arts Walk performance in downtown Olympia

Thu 5/3 – Sat 5/5

Alice in Wonderland ballet at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts



9th- August 25th and young ones will love Dance with Disney and The Princess Workshop scheduled the last week of both June and August! Stay on the lookout... the summer session will be released soon.

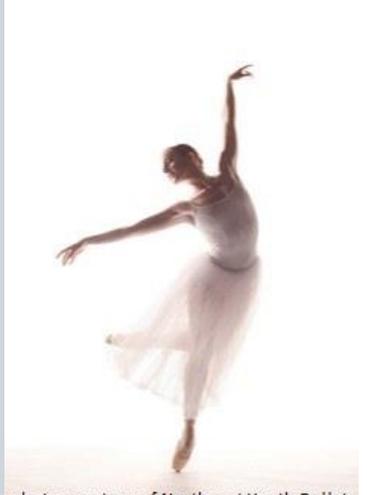


photo courtesy of Northeast Youth Ballet

Northeast Youth Ballet to visit SWDA!
Traveling all the way from Reading, Massachusetts, we welcome the Northeast Youth Ballet! This school/company is very similar in structure, quality & performance opportunities as SWDA and... a dozen of their students will be traveling to Olympia to stay with us! We had hopes of these dancers performing in our Charity Gala, but due to their own scheduled performance on the same weekend, we invited them to perform in our next upcoming festival, Dance Festival Northwest, at the Corbet Theater in Centralia. We are thankful some of our SWDA families are opening up their homes to host these students while they are exploring the Pacific Northwest. This partnership is formed through Joseph Jefferies, our former cavalier, guest teacher/choreographer, and Ms. Stephanie & Ms. Marianna's longtime friend and former colleague. Don't miss Northeast Youth Ballet and SWDA dancers take the stage on Saturday, March 24th at Dance Festival Northwest. Tickets can be purchased at the door or through <https://search.seatyourself.biz/webstore/accounts/swwdance/buy-tix?d=0#evt=20CD2FD60A90DCC851C0753C4D17628C&sc=2&sp=ANY&tab=select-seats>



SPOTLIGHT on Cole McMason

It is one of the most rewarding feelings when you witness a young student, just learning how to plie for the first time, to then develop into a strong, graceful and accomplished dancer. This change does not (of course) happen overnight, but the eagerness and spark in the eye is there from the start. Cole McMason had this special something nine years ago when he walked into Studio West for the first time at eight years old. Cole is now sixteen and has spread his wings, dancing on a full merit scholarship in Portland at the Oregon Ballet Theatre School. In addition to this exciting transition, Cole is continuing his training at Studio West on the weekends. We at SWDA are very proud of his accomplishments and are excited to see what his future will bring. Don't miss Cole in our production of Alice in Wonderland in May.

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