

STUDIO WEST

Dance Academy

September/October 2021 Newsletter

Question:

Why are instructors always running late when parents come to pick up their dancers?



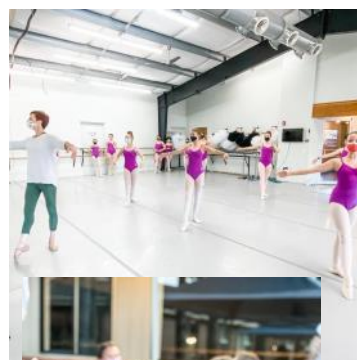
Answer:

Studio West runs on Studio Time! Our clock runs 5 minutes behind.

Ideally this will allow you to arrive at the studio "on time" and give you the ability to get inside and finish your last preparations for class before the instructor begins. Many times our dancers are welcomed into their classroom/studio at the "real" time so instruction can begin on "studio time."

WE ARE BACK!

Our 2021-22 school year has kicked off! We are so excited to be back in the studio with all of our dancers. Classes are filling up and there is an abundance of excitement in the air as dancers return to the studio for another year of dance! We are in LOVE with our new leotards. If you have not had a chance to purchase one for your dancer, stop by the SWDA store and place your order. In some cases, we may be sold out of your size, but our new shipment should arrive soon.



Creative Week

It's time for our first Creative Week of the 2021-2022 session! Monday, October 25 through Saturday, October 30, dancers can come to class dressed up in an appropriate outfit/costume of their choice. Dancers do not have to follow the theme, they just need to wear something they can dance in!

Parents of our young dancers will be sent a link to a special Zoom recording to watch and share with family and friends (the following week).

Monday, 10/25

Varsity/Sports Day

Tuesday, 10/26

Pajama Day

Wednesday, 10/27

SWDA Spirit Day—wear your SWDA gear!

Thursday, 10/28



Pink Day for Breast Cancer Awareness

Friday, 10/29

Old Spring Showcase Costume Day

Saturday, 10/30

Halloween Costume Day

Congratulation to the 2021-22 members of Edge!

Dancers auditioned in August to be part of EDGE, Studio West's high-energy Hip Hop performance group. Dancers immediately began rehearsing and performed for the first time on Saturday, October 2 at the City's Annual Fall Arts Walk Festival.

Edge dancers are preparing for Monsters Hip Hop Convention in Vancouver in January and will continue with performances at dance festivals this spring and our all Spring Showcase in June!



2021-2022 EDGE Dancers

Kail'ah A.
Ciera B.
Alaina C.
Malia C.
Darah C.
Elizabeth F.

Zachary F.
Camryn G.
Lee H.
Kadie H.
Allegra I.
Sarah P.

Allie R.
Anna R.
Tehya S.
Chisanna S.
Sarah W.
Zennie S.



Auditions will be held for Track City, Studio West's new All-Hip hop show on Sunday, November 7! All dancers in Hip Hop Levels 2-6 who are taking the required number of classes per week are encouraged to audition. Track City will feature several pieces and the dancers will have the opportunity to participate in a master class. The performance will be held on Saturday, February 19th at the Kenneth J. Minnaert Center for the Performing Arts at South Puget Sound Community College. *(Participation fees apply.)*

AUDITIONS SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7TH

Audition Times:

Hip Hop 2	1:00pm
Hip Hop 3	2:15pm
Hip Hop 4	3:30pm
Hip Hop 5 & 6	4:45pm

STUDIO WEST DANCE THEATRE

THE NUTCRACKER

November 27 - 30, 2021

Washington Center for the Performing Arts



NUTCRACKER REHEARSALS

2021 Nutcracker rehearsals are well under way! We can't wait to take the stage and bring the Nutcracker Ballet to life again!

Dancers/Parents, please check the online calendar often. <http://www.studiowestdanceacademy.com/calendar>

View the calendar by clicking the "Agenda" tab and then clicking on each calendar item to see the details. Some calendared events will be a general name and you will need to click into it to view which dancers are required to be at rehearsal.

Parents—Nutcracker rehearsals are usually the last class at the studio in the evenings. Please arrive at the studio to pick up your dancer before the scheduled end time for the rehearsal.

NUTCRACKER TICKETS

Nutcracker tickets are on sale! Return to the theatre and take in the Studio West Dance Theatre's enchanting Nutcracker ballet. We will be performing at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts for the first time and you have four shows to choose from:

Saturday, November 27—7pm

Sunday, November 28—1pm

Sunday, November 28—5pm

Monday, November 29—6:00pm

Tickets prices are:

Adult: \$28*

Senior/Student: \$24*

Youth (14 & under): \$17*

** Plus a \$4 Washington Center Service Fee*

To purchase tickets visit:

www.washingtoncenter.org/organizer/studio-west-dance-theatre/

LATE NIGHT SAFETY AT THE STUDIO

As we head into fall, we want to remind dancers and their families that dancers should remain inside the studio until their parents/ride arrives to pick them up.

If your dancer is waiting outside, we will ask them to

step back into the studio until you arrive.

Please be aware of any suspicious activity and if you see something, say something.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 25-30

Creative Week



Creative Week!
October 25-30
*Watch your email and
social media for info!*

November 7

Track City Auditions

November 11

Veterans Day -
Classes run normal

November 27-30

SWDT Nutcracker at Washington
Center for the Performing Arts

December 2-6

Barnes & Noble Book Fair

PARKING LOT SAFETY

We want to make sure all our dancers are staying safe!

As the weather starts to change and the daylight disappears please be aware of dancers in the parking lot heading to and from the Beat Box as well as to their cars.

We have also observed many people using the wrong drive-ways to enter/exit the parking lot. Please be sure to enter the parking lot through the **ENTRANCE** and exit through the **EXIT**.

And last, but not least, please keep your speed down.

COVID Protocols

Did you know 70% of Studio West dancers are not old enough to be vaccinated? When the mask mandate was lifted, we continued to mask-up to keep all of our dancers safe. Our goal is to keep everyone healthy and allow for classes, rehearsals and performances to go on as scheduled.



ALL dancers, staff and families are expected to take the following precautions:

1. **STAY HOME if you are not feeling well.** Contact the front desk and let them know you will not be in class.
2. **If you have been exposed and you are not vaccinated,** you are required to quarantine. You may contact the front desk if you would like to participate via zoom. This will be especially helpful for Edge and Nutcracker rehearsals.
3. **If you have been diagnosed with COVID-** Contact the front desk ASAP. This will help with contact tracing and allow us to prevent or limit an outbreak at the studio!
4. **If you are feeling well and you will miss a rehearsal** you can ask to have Zoom turned on so you can join.

If you have questions, please call our Covid Supervisor
Rachel Zeigler (360)628-0236

BARNES & NOBLE

The Studio West Dance Guild has planned a bookfair at Barnes & Noble from December 2-6! Be on the look out for more information on how you can support the Guild and help contribute to their mission to provide supplemental dance education/ opportunities for our dancers!



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