

STUDIO WEST

Dance Academy



December Newsletter

A Thank You from Studio West

As we reflect on the success of our six fabulous shows, we are filled with gratitude for everyone who made them possible. To our incredible dancers: your countless hours of rehearsals and unwavering dedication brought stunning performances to life on stage. To our amazing rehearsal coaches your commitment to excellence and guidance through countless rehearsals shone in every scene. To our wonderful families: thank you for your tireless support, from getting your dancers to rehearsals and the theatre, to cheering them on from the audience and volunteering behind the scenes. To our dedicated production staff and volunteers: your hard work created the perfect foundation for these memorable performances and your care ensured that every aspect of our production ran seamlessly.

The shows were truly a testament to the magic that happens when talent, teamwork, and heart come together. Thank you for being part of our Studio West family and making the 2024 Nutcracker season unforgettable!

Summer Intensive Photos - Saturday, December 7

Heather Chard will be taking the photos from 1:30pm - 6:00pm, and Ms. Marianna will be on-hand for each session for posing assistance.

You can book a 20-minute time slot through your studio account under the "Private Lessons & Master Classes – December 2024" season (they will be listed as 15 minutes, but you get 20). If your dancer is going to need more than 3 poses, then we recommend booking two 20-minute slots.

The cost is \$75.00 per 20-minute time slot - \$50.00 payable to Heather Chard (by cash or Venmo) and \$25.00 to SWDA for Ms. Marianna and your studio time. The charge to SWDA will automatically be put on your Studio West account when you register your dancer for the time slot. Please refer to the email on November 21 at 10:19pm for the form to fill out for Heather Chard Photography.

Creative Week Starts SATURDAY, December 14!

Our Holiday Creative Week of the year starts Saturday, December 14! We can't wait for the hallways to be filled with festive dancers!

Wear a danceable costume or participate in the theme for the day listed.



Master Classes - December 12 with Ms. Leigh-Ann Cohen-Hafford

Thanks to the Season Sponsors and Fund a Floor Donors, we will be able to offer a few master classes this year! The first one will take place with Ms. Leigh-Ann Cohen-Hafford on Thursday, December 12 in place of classes for levels 4-8.



Ms. Cohen-Hafford is a sought-after coach and guest teacher, currently specializing in ballet coaching with professionals and students worldwide. Her diverse professional repertoire included contemporary ballet, the classics, Balanchine works and modern dance, providing her with a comprehensive background and understanding of the essential requirements for ballet professionals.

LEVELS 4/5

4:00-5:30pm - FREE Ballet Master Class

LEVELS 6-8

5:30-7:00pm - FREE Ballet Master Class

7:10-8:25pm - FREE Variations Master Class

8:25-9:25pm - Semi Private Lessons (for a fee)

Please register through your online account using the "Private Lessons & Master Classes"

Closed for Winter Break!

Studio West will be closed
Saturday, December 21-
Sunday, January 5.*

*Open for Maintenance Classes
December 30 & January 2

Maintenance Classes

With a long break and to prep for Giselle and Summer Intensive auditions, we are offering two maintenance classes for dancers to keep their bodies moving and tuned up. Each class is \$18. Please register through your online account using the "Private Lessons & Master Classes" tab. Be sure to choose the month/year. Classes/times are listed below:

**Monday, December 30, 2024 and
Thursday January 2, 2025**

Levels 3 & 4

12:00-1:15pm

Levels 5-8

1:20-2:50pm

IMPORTANT DATES:

AUDITIONS:

Wednesday, January 8, 2025

Level 5 - 5:50-7:00pm

Level 6-8 - 7-8:30pm

Thursday, January 9, 2025

Level 3 - 5:30-6:40pm

Level 4 - 6:45-7:45pm

***MANDATORY* Parent Meeting**

1 adult per family

IN-STUDIO DRESS REHEARSAL:

Saturday, April 26, 2025

THEATRE WEEK:

April 28-May 3, 2025

PERFORMANCES:

May 1-3, 2025

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the Performing Arts



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Choose your theme:
Ballet,
Hip Hop, or
Jazz

Then let us handle the rest!

Celebrate your child's birthday at Studio West!

TO AUDITION/PARTICIPATE:

- Dancers **MUST** be in Levels 3-8
- MUST** be enrolled **AND** taking the required number of **BALLET** classes per week
- Audition level determined by Fall 2024-2025 BALLET placement.
- Dancers MUST be available AND attend:**
(Please do not audition if you cannot attend these dates)

April 26, 2025 - In Studio Dress Rehearsals

AND

April 28-May 3, 2025 Theatre Week Rehearsals

NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE!!

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