

STUDIO WEST *Dance Academy*

AUGUST/SEPT. 2025 NEWSLETTER

FALL REGISTRATION IS OPEN!

Register for 2025-2026 classes early and secure your spot before they fill up! Call the studio at 360.956.WEST (9378) or [CLICK HERE](#) to use your online account. Click the image below to see the online class schedule. **TIP: If a class is full, sign up for the waitlist!** We typically have movement in the first few weeks and spots do open up!

NUTCRACKER REMINDER: All dancers ages 7+ by Nutcracker audition date, who are registered and taking the required number of BALLET classes at Studio West this Fall are eligible to audition for and participate in *The Nutcracker* - performance fees apply. See page 3 for audition information and times.

25/26
CLASS
SCHEDULE

STUDIO WEST
Dance Academy



September 6, 2025 - May 23, 2026
STUDIOWESTDANCEACADEMY.COM

FIRST DAY OF FALL CLASSES: MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 8

Our first day of Fall classes start on Monday, September 8, 2025. Beat the rush and visit us before classes start to grab your dancer's new leotard, fresh tights and shoes for the new season! If your dancer is auditioning for *The Nutcracker*, you will want to make sure you have their new leotard for auditions on September 5-6!

STUDIO HOURS

August 25-28, 2025

August 25 - August 28, 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
We will be closed Friday, August 29 -
Monday, September 1
for Labor Day weekend.

September 2-6, 2025

September 2 - 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
September 3-4 - 2025 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
September 5 - 10:00 am - 6:00 pm
September 6 - 10:00 am - 2:00 pm



ANNUAL END OF SUMMER EVENTS

As we wrap up our summer session, Studio West Dance Academy (SWDA) would like to invite you to enjoy a day of fun with two FREE events on Saturday, August 23.

SWDA SUMMER FLING

12:00 - 3:00 PM • Studio West Parking Lot

Our SWDA Summer Fling will be filled with fun, games, prizes and drawings for tickets to Studio West Dance Theatre's Nutcracker over Thanksgiving weekend, November 28-30, 2025, Coppelia, April 30 - May 2, 2026, and our 5th Annual Track City May 17, 2026! We will also have a drawing for \$100 and \$50 gift certificates to the Studio store and two private

lesson certificates, one with Ms. Stephanie and one with Ms. Marianna. Each family will have 4 chances to win!

SILENT AUCTION

We will have a **silent auction** to benefit our productions this year. Items up for bid include:

- A custom rhinestone Studio West dance bag donated by Jaci at Rebel Athletics filled with fun surprises and a private lesson with Ms. Madie,
- A dance parent survival basket donated by Michelle Rubbert and Pam Abbott, and
- A beautiful musical jewelry box donated by our season sponsor Panowicz Jewelers.

These items will be on display this week at the studio where you can start bidding on them throughout the week with final bidding at the Summer Fling!

Don't forget to purchase all you need for the new dance school year while you are here!



Our weather should be beautiful with the potential of being HOT! Thank goodness Sweetlee's Ice Cream will be in the parking lot scooping up homemade ice cream to help you cool off. We hope you get the chance to support them as well!

DEVELOPING ARTISTS SHOWCASE

3:00 PM • Studio A

Each summer, our Ballet Summer Intensive includes a special Developing Artists Program allowing students in levels 4-8 the chance to explore a new skill: choreography. This year, we extended the opportunity to our Advanced hip hop dancers as well!

Over the past seven weeks, six talented student choreographers have been working closely with Ms. Monica and Ms. Sarah Jane to bring their creative visions to the stage. We are thrilled to showcase their work on Saturday, August 23 at 3:00 pm in Studio A, immediately following the Summer Fling.



NUTCRACKER AUDITIONS

September 5-6, 2025

Do you have a dancer who is 7+ years old on or before Saturday, September 8th and would like to be part of the magic in our Nutcracker production?

Make sure your dancer is signed up for the required Fall 2025-26 BALLET classes and watch your email for the Nutcracker paperwork!

Nutcracker Audition Times:

Friday, September 5

Levels 7/8: 4:15-5:50 pm

Level 5/6: 6:00-7:40 pm

Callbacks: 8:00 8:30 pm

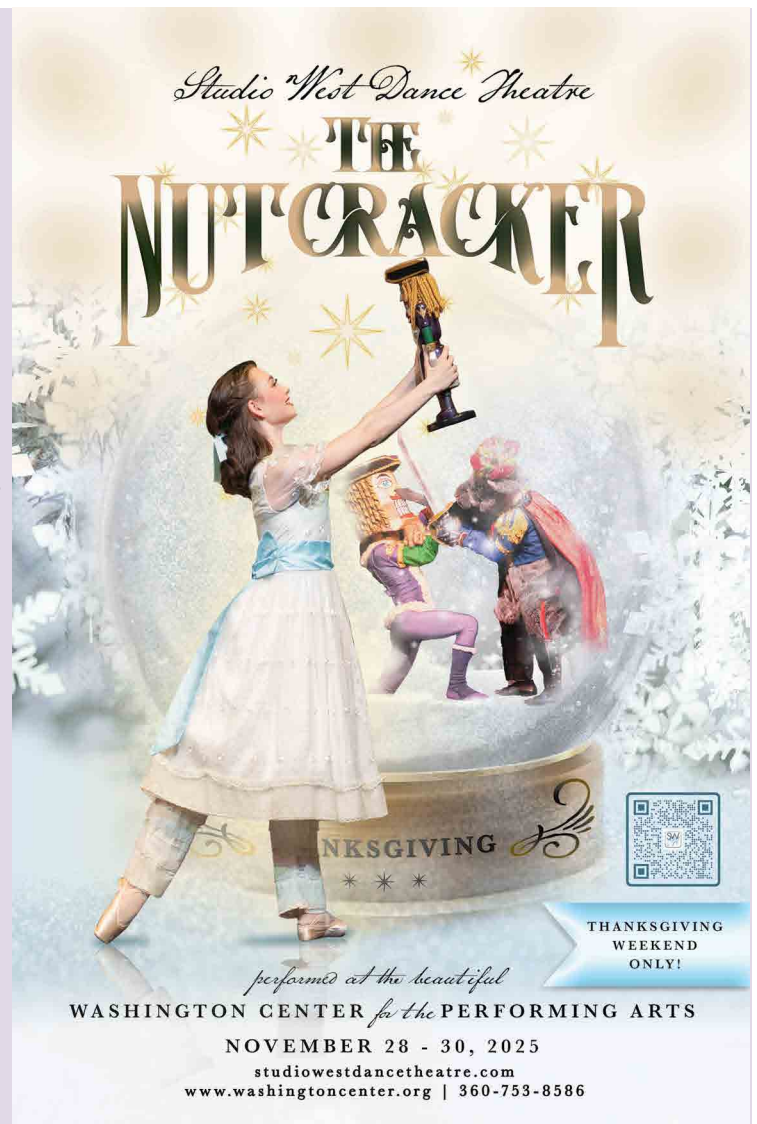
Saturday, September 6

Pre-Ballet - Level 1: 11:00 am - 12:20 pm

Level 2: 12:30-1:40 pm

Level 3: 1:50-3:00 pm

Level 4: 3:15 - 4:30 pm



TEAM "EFFEX" AUDITIONS

Studio West Dance Academy is looking for passionate, energetic beginning hip hop dancers to join EFFEX—our youngest Performance Division hip hop team!

All dancers who are taking a beginning hip hop class this fall are eligible to audition for EFFEX on Friday, October 17, 4:30 - 5:30 pm. A required PARENT MEETING will be held during the first 20 minutes of the audition.

Team lists will be announced the week after auditions.

Not all dancers who audition will make the team.

A participation fee, class/attendance requirements, rehearsals, and performance requirements apply, as well as a Code of Conduct that must be signed by parents and dancers. **Additional information will be emailed out soon.** We encourage all dancers who are interested to audition!

EFFEX

HIP HOP CREW

THE BEAT BOX

STUDIO WEST DANCE THEATRE

Master Classes and Maintenance Classes

Maintenance and Master Classes are a great way to get tuned up before Nutcracker auditions and the start a new school year. Dancers who have been placed in levels 3-8 for the 2025-26 school year are encouraged to sign up in your online account and take class. Sign up for these opportunities in your online account under "Private Lessons & Master Classes".



We are excited to have Ms. Lauren Ostrander McArdle, BSc, back at Studio West. She will be in the studio offering master classes on August 26, private lessons and a two-part sports psychology workshop "From Tutus to Toughness: Confidence for the Casting Call and Beyond." This workshop series is designed for dancers preparing for auditions, casting, and other high-pressure moments. Each session blends practical tools with interactive activities to help dancers show up prepared and leave feeling confident, no matter the outcome. Dancers should attend both sessions for maximum benefits.

This workshop will be **FREE** to Studio West dancers thanks to the generous donations from our Season Sponsors.

Master Classes with Lauren Ostrander McArdle

Tuesday, August 26

12:00 - 1:20 pm Level 4/5 • Technique • **\$22**

1:30 - 3:00 pm Level 6-8 • Technique • **\$22**

3:10 - 4:00 pm Level 6-8 • Pointe • **\$10**

FREE Workshops with Lauren Ostrander McArdle

Tuesday, August 26

4:15 - 5:15pm Levels 4-8 • From Tutus to Toughness: Confidence for the Casting Call and Beyond (Part 1) • **FREE**

Tuesday, September 2

3:10 - 4:10 pm Levels 4-8 • From Tutus to Toughness: Confidence for the Casting Call and Beyond (Part 2) • **FREE**

Semi-Private lessons for Levels 6-8 with Lauren Ostrander McArdle

4:15 - 5:15 pm (\$65 - \$100 depending on number of dancers)



END OF SUMMER MAINTENANCE CLASSES

Maintenance Class • Thursday, August 28 • \$18

12:00 - 1:20 pm Levels 3-4

1:30 - 3:00 pm Levels 5-8

Maintenance Class • Tuesday, September 2 • \$18

12:00 - 1:20 pm Levels 3-4

1:30 - 3:00 pm Levels 5-8

IMPORTANT DATES:

August 23: Last day for Summer Session, Summer Fling and Developing Artists Showcase

August 23: Last day to clean out your locker.

August 26: Master Classes and Workshop with Lauren Ostrander McArdle

August 26: Workshop Part 1 with Lauren Ostrander McArdle

August 28: Maintenance Classes

September 2: Maintenance Classes

September 2: Workshop Part 2 with Lauren Ostrander McArdle

NUTCRACKER Auditions

September 5-6



September 8-13: First week of classes

September 13: Code of Conduct Meeting for Ballet 4-8, EDGE, DYNAMIX, and EFFEX

September 13: DWC Pointe Shoe Fitting

September 15: Dr. Neely Mobility Workshop

September 20: Teacher Assistant Orientation

October 3: 6:30pm EDGE/DYNAMIX/EFFEX at Arts Walk

October 17: 4:30-5:30 pm EFFEX Audition

October 24-30: Creative/Bring a Friend Week

October 25: Hip Hop Halloween Party

October 31: Studio CLOSED for Halloween

November 1 & 9: Nutcracker Mini - Performance at the HOCM

November 15: In-Studio Dress Rehearsal

November 23-30: Theatre Week

November 28-30:

THANKSGIVING WEEKEND ONLY!

Studio West Nutcracker at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts.

TA INFORMATION

Studio West dance students who are enrolled in level 3-8 ballet/jazz or intermediate/advanced hip hop are eligible to volunteer as a Teaching Assistant. Dancers who meet this criteria and are interested in volunteering as a Teaching Assistant for our young dancer classes should call or visit the front desk with your dancer's name and class names, dates, times that your dancer is interested in for the 2025-26 school year.

Dancers will

- Commit to attending the assigned TA class and finding a sub when needing to miss class.
- Be enrolled in the classes you were placed in for the school year.
- Commit to learning and leading the spring showcase dance for your class (Discover Dance and Tiny Hoppers only).
- Display confidence and care when working with young children.
- Dress and conduct yourself appropriately for the class and age you are TA-ing.
- Attend the TA Orientation on September 20, 2025 at 9:30 am.

LOCKER CLEAN OUT - LOST & FOUND

Saturday, August 23rd is the last day of Summer session and lockers must be cleaned out! Please ask your dancer to take some time this week to remove all items. We will begin our annual deep clean of the studio and locker rooms next week and ALL items left in lockers after Saturday, August 23rd will be donated to the Goodwill.

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