

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 8, 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

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

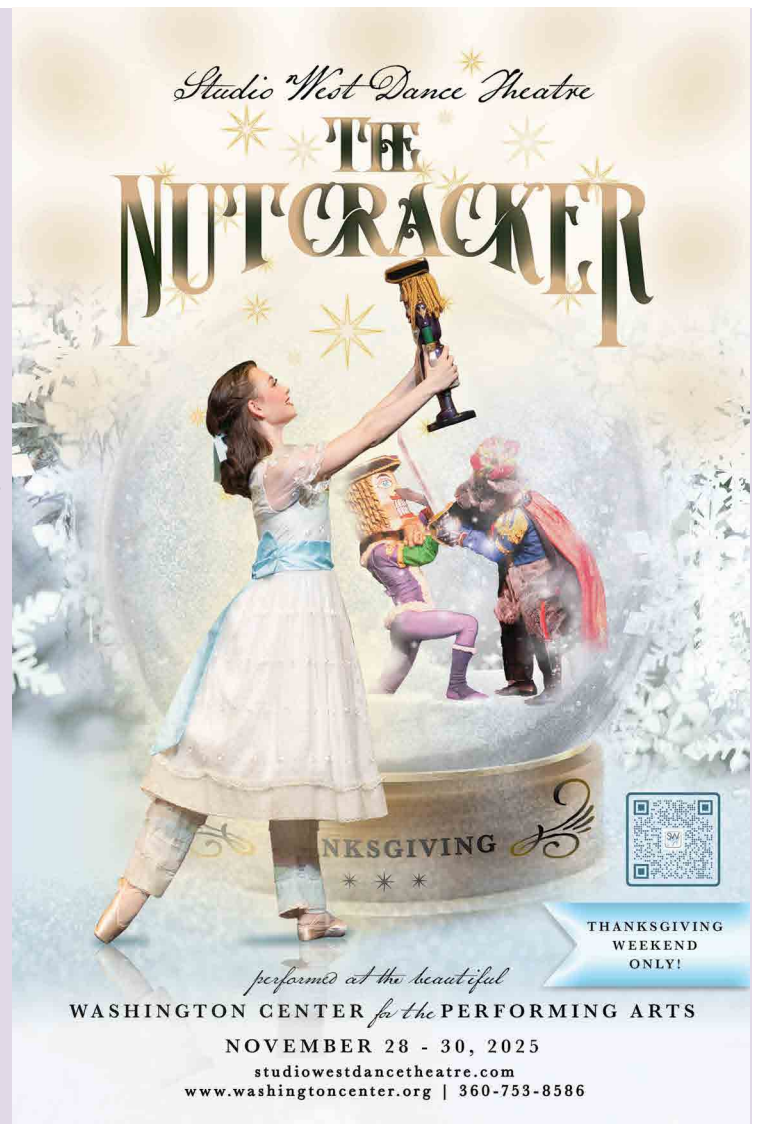
Saturday, September 6

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".



FREE Workshops with Lauren Ostrander McArdle **Tuesday, August 26**

From Tutus to Toughness: Confidence for the Casting Call and Beyond (Part 1) • **FREE**

4:15 - 5:15pm Levels 4-8 (2025-26 levels)

These workshops will be FREE to Studio West dancers thanks to the generous donations from our Season Sponsors.



Tuesday, September 2

Workshop From Tutus to Toughness: Confidence for the Casting Call and Beyond (Part 2) • **FREE**

3:10 - 4:10 pm Levels 4-8 (2025-26 levels)

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

Attend the maintenance class for your 2025-26 Level

IMPORTANT DATES:

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 4: Washington Center Artistic Partners
preview performances

October 17: 4:30-5:30pm 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 HOCCM

November 15: In-Studio Dress Rehearsal

November 22: Studio West at the
Oly BEARZAAR

November 22: 2:30-4:00 pm Nutcracker Meet
and greet & The Skating Rat Queen at
Oly on Ice!

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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