

STUDIO WEST

Dance Academy

OCTOBER 2025 NEWSLETTER



It may be October, but our dancers are hard at work preparing for Studio West Dance Theatre's The Nutcracker - **ONLY PERFORMED OVER THANKSGIVING WEEKEND!** Join Clara and the Stahlbaum family as we kick off the holidays with our spectacular Nutcracker at the Washington Center for the Performing Arts! Prepare to embark on a whimsical journey to the enchanting Sugar Plum Kingdom where you'll witness magical dance, professional sets, exquisite costumes, and talented performers. Studio West's version of this beloved holiday classic blends traditional ballet with moments that are sure to entertain the entire family. Tickets range from \$15-\$42 (including Washington Center service fee.)

We invite our young patrons ages 3 and up to join us at Clara's Nutcracker Party, beginning one hour before each matinee performance. Make a holiday keepsake, delight in the reading of The Nutcracker story, visit and take pictures with Nutcracker performers, and enjoy holiday refreshments! This add-on event requires the purchase of a separate youth party ticket (\$24 including WCPA service fee) for entry. Adults chaperoning their children do not need to purchase a party ticket. Party tickets do not include entrance to the Nutcracker Performances.

Don't miss your opportunity to be part of the holiday magic at one of six performances over the Thanksgiving holiday weekend. Get your tickets now and let the festivities begin!

Friday, November 28 - Clara's Party: 1:00 pm • **Performances:** 2:00 pm (Cast A & 7:00 pm (Cast B)

Saturday, November 29 - Clara's Party: 1:00 pm • **Performances:** 2:00 pm (Cast B) & 7:00 pm (Cast A)

Sunday, November 30: Clara's Party: 12:00 pm • **Performances:** 1:00 pm (Cast A) & 5:00 pm (Cast B)

TICKETS: washingtoncenter.org/organizer/studio-west-dance-theatre • 360.753.8586

HIP HOP HALLOWEEN

Saturday, October 25, 2025

Ms. Joslyn, Ms. MC, Ms. Trish and some special helpers will be hosting this age-appropriate SPOOKY FUN event at the Beat Box for children aged 4-10 from 4-7pm.

This is a drop off party with dinner for your child. HELLO date night/running errands kid-free!

Cost is \$40 per child and includes:

- Halloween themed activities
- Halloween crafts
- Games
- Cheese Pizza
- Trick or treating, and
- A costume DANCE party!



HIP HOP HALLOWEEN PARTY

Have your child join us at the Beat Box for some spooky fun! Young dancers ages 5-10 will enjoy Halloween themed activities, crafts, games, pizza, Halloween treats and best of all... a costume DANCE PARTY and trick or treating! Get ready to howl and play, hip hop style, with monsters, goblins, creatures and more!

OCTOBER 25, 2025

4:00-7:00 pm at THE BEAT BOX
Come dressed in Halloween costumes!
\$40.00 per dancer.

IT'S SURE TO BE A SPOOKTACULAR TIME!



LIMITED SPACE! Reserve your child's place today!

To register, please call Studio West Dance Academy
(360) 956-9378 or visit us online at studiowestdanceacademy.com

AUDITIONS

TEAM EFFEX

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. **Check your 10/15/25 email for additional information.** We encourage all dancers who are interested to audition!

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**THE
BEAT
BOX**

STUDIO WEST DANCE THEATRE

HALLOWEEN CREATIVE WEEK

FRIDAY, OCT. 24 - THURSDAY OCT. 30, 2025



Our first Creative Week of the year starts Friday, October 24 and we can't wait for the hallways to be filled with dancers and friends! In addition to our themed days, we are inviting all dancers in Levels 1 and below to "Share the SWDA Love" and bring a friend to class for FREE!*

Baby Ballet/Discover Dance/Pre-Ballet/Ballet 1/ Beginning Jazz/Jazz 1/Tiny Hoppers/Introductory Hip Hop/ Beginning Hip Hop classes -

- Wear a danceable costume to class or participate in the theme for the day listed above!
- Share the SWDA Love during Creative Week and bring a friend to class for FREE!*
- Any friends who attend class and sign up on or before October 31, 2025, will receive \$25 off their registration fee**

Ballet 2 /Jazz 2/Intermediate Hip Hop and ALL levels above -

- Wear a danceable costume or participate in the theme for the day

Make sure to use our hashtags in your social media posts so we can see your photos; we might repost them to our stories! **#SWDA, #SWDACreativeWeek, #WeAreSWDA**

****Friends attending class for free MUST***

- 1. Be an appropriate age for the class and**
- 2. provide a completed waiver signed by their parent or guardian to the front desk.**

**Dancers must be new to Studio West, must register on or before October 31, 2025 and have a signed waiver on file to receive the registration fee credit.

Follow us on Social Media --Facebook and Instagram!

In addition to fun photos, did you know we post important information on social media? We no longer have the ability to text our families so when we have important information and time-sensitive updates we will always email AND post important info to social media. This is especially true for studio closures due to weather! You can find us here:



<https://www.instagram.com/studiowestdanceacademy/>



<https://www.facebook.com/StudioWestDanceAcademy>

IMPORTANT DATES:

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 and Meet and Greet at the
Hands on Children's Museum

November 11: Veteran's Day - Classes and
Rehearsals run normal

November 15: In-Studio Nutcracker Dress
Rehearsal

November 22: Studio West at the
Oly BEARZAAR

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

November 23-30: Nutcracker Theatre Week

November 26-30: No Classes!
Studio Closed for Thanksgiving Break

November 28-30:
THANKSGIVING WEEKEND ONLY!

Studio West Nutcracker at the
Washington Center for the
Performing Arts



November 30: EDGE & DYNAMIX -
Performing at Winterfest -
10:00 am - Corner of 5th & Washington

December 14 & 20: Summer Intensive Audition
Photo Sessions

December 15-20: Creative Week

December 21- January 4: No Classes!
Studio CLOSED for Winter Break

December 29 and January 2: Ballet Levels 3-8
Maintenance Classes

January 2-4: Monsters Hip Hop Convention

January 7-8: Coppelia Auditions

Nutcracker Mini-Preview Performance and Meet & Greet*



**Saturday, November 1
& Sunday, November 9**

This year we have **two** opportunities for Hands on Children's Museum patrons to hear the story of The Nutcracker told by Clara, watch a mini-preview performance of The Nutcracker and meet and take pictures with a few cast members. Join us at the Museum!

10:30 am - Meet & Greet

11:00 am - Story & Mini-Preview
Performance

*HOCM Admission fee required to view
this performance.



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