



SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

We couldn't be more excited to welcome all the new and returning families back to THE STUDIO this Fall! We have a lot going on this dance season; please feel free to email us if you have any questions about any of our programming. It is our goal to help your family feel comfortable and informed while dancing at THE STUDIO.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

OPENING

THE STUDIO will begin regular classes for the 26/27 dance season on Monday, September 14th! Fall Semester classes will begin the following week, on Monday, September 21st.

STUDIO CLOSURES

We will be closed for National Truth and Reconciliation Day on Wednesday, September 30th and will re-open on Thursday, October 1st as usual. Any Fall Semester classes affected will be made up at the end of the semester.

THE STORE

THE STORE will be open before classes resume to give students a chance to buy what they need to prepare for the season ahead. Please refer to the Dress Code found on our website to ensure you have what is required for your child's dance classes. Everything on our Dress Code is available for sale in THE STORE. If you're unsure about what your dancer will need, pop in to chat with us at the pre-season sale and we'll be happy to help you out. Adult dancers and Kids Multi-Genre are free to wear comfortable, stretchy clothing that can be sweat in. All dance footwear can be purchased from THE STORE with exception to Hip Hop shoes. For Hip Hop, we require clean, indoor, non-marking sneakers – this includes the Adult Hip Hop class. Check out our hours of operation below:

PRE-SEASON STORE HOURS:

Sunday, Sept. 13th | 12:00 – 3:00pm

REGULAR STORE HOURS (Sept. 14th onward):

Monday - Friday | 2:45 – 6:00pm

Saturday, Sunday | CLOSED

Any dancers enrolled in multiple full season classes are eligible to receive a discount to THE STORE! If your dancer is enrolled in more than 1 class, make sure to receive your discount card. We will be handing out cards the first week of classes so please let us know if your child has not received theirs.

OFFICE HOURS

We try our best to be available to answer questions and help in any way we can, but it is important to us that we start our classes on time; please try and catch us before or in between classes on the hour if you have a quick question. We are happy to schedule a meeting if you require anything more and are in the office most Mondays throughout the day. Email us at thestudiodanceandwellness@gmail.com to schedule an appointment.

DRESS CODE

Please take the time to familiarize yourself with the Dress Code found on our website [here](#). Adherence to the Dress Code ensures that teachers can see a dancer's proper alignment in order to prevent injuries and correct improper technique. Teaching kids to follow a dress code instills discipline, responsibility and respect for the artform. This also helps with steps towards equality within the dance studio. Everything required in our Dress Code is available for purchase in THE STORE and can often be found second hand online. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask. If your child has outgrown their old dancewear, feel free to resell your items on "THE STUDIO – Community" Facebook group. Second-hand items can also be donated to THE STORE. All second-hand items are resold for a minimum donation of \$10 to The Wellness Fund. The Wellness Fund is used to pay for wellness workshops available to our students throughout the season. To learn more about the fund, feel free to ask one of the directors.

ACCOUNTS & BILLING

Please be sure to regularly check your Jackrabbit Portal account. If your child is enrolled in a full season class, additional fees do apply and will be posted to your account by September 15th. You are welcome to pay down your fees in advance but please note that ALL additional fees are due and will be automatically withdrawn on September 20th along with the first month's tuition payment. Additional fees include the Photography/Video Fees, Costume Deposit, a portion of the Competition Fees (for COMPANY members) and a Registration Fee (only 1 per dancer).

Returning families will need to double check their account to ensure they are scheduled for the proper payment plan. A reminder that your choices include:

- Split 2-Payment Plan: Tuition will be split and posted on Sept.15th and Jan.15th. Accounts will be automatically charged on the 20th of September and January.
- 7-Month Payment Plan: Tuition will be posted on the 15th of each month from September through March. Accounts will be automatically charged on the 20th of each month of the payment plan.
- ALL Fall Semester: Tuition will be charged on the first day of the semester: Monday, September 21st.

IMPORTANT DATES

We understand that families are busy and that is why we post our IMPORTANT DATES on the bulletin board at THE STUDIO and on our website as early as July 1st. Please be sure to check for any upcoming closures and the most up to date version. Any change in our IMPORTANT DATES will be announced through our newsletter and updated on all platforms to ensure families can plan. Please familiarize yourself with this document to stay in the know on studio events. It is downloadable directly from our website.

DROPPING A CLASS

With the start of a new dance season, we want to remind everyone of our drop policy. All full season classes require 1 month's notice to drop a class and have a \$75.00 drop fee added to their account. Semester classes are pre-registered and paid in full and no drops are permitted once the semester has begun. As always there are NO REFUNDS for any additional fees or tuition.

COMPETITIVE REGISTRATION DEADLINE

A reminder to all our competitive families that there is a registration deadline of Tuesday, September 1st. This is to assist in ensuring the schedule can be further solidified prior to the start of classes. If classes do not reach our minimum required enrolment they will be cancelled and likely combined with other companies. Please inform us if your child will be trialling any classes.

WHAT'S HAPPENING AT THE STUDIO

MANDATORY COMPETITIVE MEETING

All competitive students and parents are required to attend a mandatory meeting on Thursday, September 10th from 5:00 – 7:00pm at THE STUDIO. This meeting is to discuss the upcoming year, our expectations of dancers and their parents, competitive and wellness events, travel accommodations and the handing in of signed contracts. This meeting is absolutely required to any parent taking part in the SPARK, SHIMMER, PRISM, RADIANCE and LUMINOUS competitive companies. Dancers are not required to attend but are welcome to be at the studio during the meeting.

ASSISTANT PROGRAM

Older dancers have the opportunity to become a class assistant and this involves learning more closely from teachers, becoming a leader and role model within THE STUDIO community, plus more time dancing! This program is free of charge and available to all dancers ages 10+. If your dancer is interested, please fill out the form below; dancers will be assigned classes based on age, abilities and availability. Assistants are required to assist all season and in some cases are required to dance on stage with our youngest students. NEW this season we will be offering a short training course on Sunday, September 13th from 3:30-5:00pm. Our goal is to help our assistants feel more confident stepping into their assigned class and to be as useful to the teacher as possible. Placements to classes are on a first come, first serve basis. If you have questions about this program, please email the office.

Assistant Program Application Form: <https://forms.gle/Q8DakwdQvHTgoVvy5>

SNOW WHITE – MAIN CAST AUDITIONS

With each new season, comes a new Winter Production! This year, THE STUDIO will be presenting the story of Snow White! All full season dance classes from Tiny Dancers to LUMINOUS Ballet will dance in part of the production.

Main cast auditions will take place at THE STUDIO on Sunday, September 20th from 9:00am – 12:00pm. Auditions for the main cast are open to all Ballet dancers, ages 8 and up. If your child is interested, dancers are asked to prepare a short solo to a song as the character they aspire to be cast as. All students who audition will receive a part in the show. Rehearsals for Snow White are scheduled each Sunday from 9:00am – 12:00pm from Sept-Dec. Students wanting to participate must understand the commitment

and attendance to all rehearsals is extremely important. If your dancers would like to audition please be sure you have filled out the online audition form. If you'd like more information, please email the office at thestudiodanceandwellness@gmail.com.

Snow White Audition Form: <https://forms.gle/QY2k29CpZDJK5ZG57>

LUNA PERFORMANCE

Again this year THE STUDIO is going to be performing at LUNA and we are thrilled to be included. We will have a dance performance happening throughout the evening. Please come support your dance family and cheer us on! An e-mail went out in July inviting last year's STELLAR Open and this year's PRISM and RADIANCE Modern dancers to participate.

BRING-A-FRIEND WEEK

Back again this year, we are hosting Bring-A-Friend week at the studio. All recreational classes are eligible, including Fall Semester and Adult classes (depending on space). From Saturday, October 3rd – Friday, October 9th all dancers are encouraged to bring a friend to their class(es). All friends will need to register for the class by creating an account through our website and enrolling in the "Bring-A-Friend" class in Jackrabbit. It is required that all persons dancing at THE STUDIO have signed our online waiver before attending class. For our competitive classes, we ask that friends are not brought to choreography classes but can be invited to any technique classes. You can send them the link below to make it extra easy to register:

Bring-A-Friend Link: <https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/regv2.asp?id=543345&preLoadClassID=22292793>

SOLOS/DUOS/TRIOS & SPECIAL GROUPS

All competitive students are welcome to take part in a solo. Solos are a great opportunity for dancers to get one on one training with a teacher and work towards a common goal. Sometimes the thought of dancing alone on stage can be overwhelming for a young dancer which is why duets and trios are another great option. If considering a duet or trio, it is up to the student to find their partner(s). If your dancer is considering a solo, duet or trio please let Kenley and Jacqui know by Thursday, October 1st. Students will need to know which style of solo/duo/trio they'd like to perform and will be required to attend a meeting on Sunday, October 18th with their assigned teacher to determine song choice and costuming. Costumes will be ordered in November so decisions will need to be made early before rehearsals begin in January. Tuition for solos/duos/trios along with competition fees and costume deposits will be posted and charged in November. Special group tuition, competition fees and costume deposits will be posted and charged in January.

The pricing for solos/duets/trios/special groups are as follows. Solos include x12 30min rehearsals, duos/trios include x12 45min rehearsals and special groups include x12 1 hr rehearsals.

Solo | \$460.00 Duet | \$347.50/dancer Trio | 235.00/dancer Special Group | \$235.00/dancer

FIRELIGHT AUDITIONS

Auditions for our special guest choreographer groups will be held on Friday, October 23rd, with rehearsals to immediately follow and run into Saturday, Oct. 24th & Sunday, Oct. 25th. Students must pre-register for these auditions. A \$74.83 audition fee will be required which will go towards tuition if selected to participate and will be credited back if the student is not selected. Please register through your Portal if you plan on attending by Thursday, October 1st. We are excited to invite the incredible Taylor Kyriluik back but this time as our guest choreographer! She will set a Lyrical piece for the FIRELIGHT company which could be comprised of the RADIANCE & LUMINOUS dancers. Any dancers wanting to participate must be enrolled in the full season genre of Lyrical.

Sincerely,

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