

WELCOME TO WALH PERFORMING ARTS STUDIOS

OUR MISSION

WALH PERFORMING ARTS STUDIOS IS A MUSICAL THEATRE AND DANCE SCHOOL THAT BUILDS CHARACTER & CONFIDENCE. WE ARE COMMITTED TO EXCELLENCE IN THE ART AND EDUCATION OF ALL TYPES OF THEATRICAL DANCE, SINGING, AND ACTING.

OUR FACULTY IS COMPRISED OF COLLEGE-EDUCATED EXPERTS IN THEIR RESPECTIVE FIELDS.

WALH STUDIOS' PURPOSE IS TO RECOGNIZE AND DEVELOP YOUNG TALENT IN A PROFESSIONAL, POSITIVE, AND NURTURING ENVIRONMENT. AGE-APPROPRIATE CHOREOGRAPHY, COSTUMING, AND MUSIC CHOICES ARE AN INTEGRAL PART OF WHAT WE DO.

DRESS CODE

WALH STUDIOS' FACULTY TAKES THE TRAINING WE PROVIDE SERIOUSLY.

OUR DRESS CODE CREATES AN ADDED SENSE OF DISCIPLINE IN THE CLASSROOM, AND EQUALITY AMONG THE STUDENTS.

THE FOCUS STAYS ON TAKING A GOOD CLASS RATHER THAN COMPARING WARDROBES.

ALL DANCE & MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES:

NO STREET SHOES WILL BE ALLOWED IN THE DANCE ROOMS. LIKEWISE, DANCE SHOES SHOULD NOT BE WORN OUTSIDE BEFORE OR AFTER CLASS.

HAIR MUST BE UP OFF THE NECK, AND AWAY FROM THE FACE. PONYTAILS ARE ACCEPTABLE FOR CLASS.

GIRLS DANCE ATTIRE: LEOTARD AND TIGHTS (ANY COLOR - NO TWO-PIECE, MUST BE FULL LEOTARD) + FACE MASK MUST BE WORN.

*NO SHIRTS OF ANY KIND ARE ALLOWED AS A COVER UP, EXCEPT WALH TANK OR PLAIN BLACK TANK WORN OVER A LEOTARD.

TIGHT-FITTING DANCE PANTS AND DANCE SHORTS (WITH TIGHTS) MAY BE WORN TO MOST DANCE CLASSES, AT THE TEACHER'S DISCRETION.

NO PAJAMA BOTTOMS. NO BAGGY CLOTHES. **FOR BALLET CLASSES: NO PANTS OR SHORTS. BALLET SKIRTS MAY BE WORN.**

BOYS DANCE ATTIRE: TEE SHIRT (NON-OFFENSIVE) AND BLACK ATHLETIC PANTS. **NO SHORTS. NO PAJAMA BOTTOMS.** + FACE MASK MUST BE WORN.

SHOE REQUIREMENTS

SPECIFIC STYLE AND COLOR OF DANCE SHOES ARE REQUIRED FOR EACH CLASS.

DANCE SHOES CAN BE PURCHASED AT DANCE SPECIALTY STORES SUCH AS BAILEY SLIPPER SHOP, IN ORCHARD PARK.

GIRLS:

BROADWAY BABIES:		PINK LEATHER BALLET SLIPPERS & BLACK PATENT LEATHER TAP SHOES
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BALLET:	(6-8)	PINK LEATHER BALLET SLIPPERS (WITH ELASTIC)
	(9-12)	PINK LEATHER SPLIT-SOLE BALLET SLIPPERS (WITH ELASTIC)
	(13+)	LEVEL 2 + 3 POINTE SHOES, & PINK CANVAS SPLIT-SOLE BALLET SLIPPERS (WITH ELASTIC)
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TAP:	(6-8)	TAN "DOLLY" OR "MARY JANE-STYLE" LEATHER BUCKLE TAP SHOES
	(9-12)	LEVEL 1 + 2 TAN 1½ INCH HEEL CHARACTER SHOE WITH TAPS
	(9-12)	LEVEL 3 BLOCH "TAP FLEX"
	(13+)	BLOCH "TAP FLEX" (BLACK OXFORD TAP WITH REINFORCED TOE AND FLEXIBLE ARCH)
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JAZZ:	(6-8) & (9-12)	TAN LEATHER BOOTIE WITH NEOPRENE SIDE INSERTS (NO TIES)
	(13+)	BLACK LEATHER BOOTIE WITH NEOPRENE SIDE INSERTS (NO TIES)
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MUSICAL THEATRE:	(6-8)	TAN "DOLLY" BUCKLE SHOE (NO TAPS)
	(9-12) & (13+)	TAN 1½ INCH HEEL CHARACTER SHOE (NO TAPS)
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HIP HOP:		BLACK SPLIT-SOLE DANCE SNEAKER (CANVAS/LEATHER COMBO)
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LYRICAL:		CAPEZIO PIROUETTE II (NUDE - LEATHER)
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ACRO:		BARE FEET

BOYS:

BROADWAY BABIES:		BLACK BALLET SHOES & BLACK OXFORD TAP SHOES
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BALLET:		BLACK LEATHER BALLET SHOES (WITH ELASTIC)
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TAP:		BLACK OXFORD TAP SHOES
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JAZZ & MUSICAL THEATRE:		BLACK SPLIT-SOLE JAZZ SHOE
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HIP HOP:		BLACK SPLIT-SOLE DANCE SNEAKER (CANVAS/LEATHER COMBO)
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LYRICAL:		TAN FOOT UNDEEZ – OR – BARE FEET
ACRO:		BARE FEET

ALL SMALL GROUP & PRIVATE VOICE STUDENTS: BRING A 3 RING BINDER AND PENCIL TO ALL CLASSES.

****IMPORTANT****
WALH PERFORMING ARTS STUDIOS
REOPENING OF IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION PLAN

THE FOLLOWING PLAN INCLUDES PROCEDURES AND PROTOCOLS FOR STUDENTS AND FACULTY FOR THE RETURN OF IN-PERSON INSTRUCTION AT WALH STUDIOS. THESE PROCEDURES WERE CREATED IN ACCORDANCE WITH CDC, STATE AND LOCAL HEALTH / SAFETY GUIDELINES AND BEST PRACTICES.

PROCEDURAL OVERVIEW:

- **MASKS OR FACE COVERINGS MUST BE WORN ENTERING, DURING CLASS, AND EXITING FACILITY BY ALL STUDENTS AND FACULTY.** (WE WILL TAKE BREATHING BREAKS AS NEEDED)
- ALL STUDENTS MUST USE **HAND SANITIZER** WHEN ENTERING AND EXITING THE BUILDING. HAND SANITIZING STATIONS ARE LOCATED IN THE LOBBY AND IN EACH OF THE DANCE AND VOICE ROOMS.
- **CLASSES WILL BE TAUGHT ADHERING TO 6 FT SOCIAL DISTANCING.**
- **ALL HIGH TOUCH AREAS WILL BE SANITIZED BETWEEN CLASSES.**
- DANCE ROOM **FLOORS WILL BE SANITIZED BETWEEN CLASSES.** THEY WILL ALSO BE **DISINFECTED AT THE END OF EACH NIGHT.**
- CUBBIES WILL BE SANITIZED OFTEN.
- STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO COME TO THE STUDIO DRESSED FOR CLASS AND LIMIT THEIR BELONGINGS TO ONE BAG.
- **WATER MUST BE BROUGHT FROM HOME.** THE STUDIO WATER FOUNTAIN IS CLOSED. (WATER ONLY PLEASE)
- INDIVIDUAL ACRO MATS HAVE BEEN PURCHASED BY THE STUDIO AND WILL BE SANITIZED AFTER EACH CLASS.
- **NO SHARED PROPS WILL BE USED IN CLASS.**
- THE BUILDING'S HVAC SYSTEM HAS BEEN EQUIPPED WITH HIGH EFFICIENCY MERV 13 AIR FILTERS.

WAITING ROOM:

- **THE WAITING ROOM WILL BE CLOSED TO PARENTS AND FAMILIES AT THIS TIME.**
- **ONE PARENT OF STUDENTS 5 AND UNDER MAY WALK THEIR CHILD INTO CLASS AND THEN MUST EXIT THE BUILDING.** PARENTS ARE WELCOME TO WAIT OUTSIDE THE BUILDING OR IN THEIR VEHICLE.

DROP OFF / PICK UP:

- **STUDENTS SHOULD BE DROPPED OFF IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING AND ENTER THROUGH THE SIDE PORCH DOOR.**
- **ONE HOUR CLASSES WILL RUN APPROX. 50 MINUTES; HALF HOUR CLASSES WILL RUN APPROX. 25 MINUTES TO ALLOW FOR CLEANING.**
- ALL STUDENTS **MUST WEAR A MASK** WHEN ENTERING THE BUILDING.
- STUDENTS WILL HAVE THEIR **TEMPERATURE** TAKEN BY A FACULTY MEMBER. (NO TOUCH THERMOMETER)
*NYS MANDATE -ANY STUDENT WITH A TEMPERATURE OVER 100.4F WILL NOT BE ALLOWED IN THE BUILDING.
- STUDENTS SHOULD REMAIN **6 FEET APART** FROM OTHER STUDENTS WHEN ENTERING THE BUILDING.
- **CUBBIES HAVE BEEN PLACED IN THE LOBBY** FOR STUDENT BELONGINGS.
- STUDENTS WILL BE INSTRUCTED TO USE THE CUBBIES AFTER THEY HAVE BEEN SANITIZED.
- **AFTER CLASS, YOUNGER STUDENTS WILL BE ESCORTED OUT OF THE BUILDING. PARENTS MUST PICK UP STUDENTS PROMPTLY AFTER CLASS.**

DANCE ROOMS:

- STUDENTS SHOULD **REMAIN 6 FEET APART** AT ALL TIMES.
- DANCE ROOMS HAVE BEEN MARKED WITH 6 FOOT SOCIALLY-DISTANT SQUARES.
- TEACHERS WILL GIVE ONLY **"NO-TOUCH" CORRECTIONS.**
- ALL HIGH TOUCH SURFACES AND FLOORS WILL BE **SANITIZED** BETWEEN CLASSES.

VOICE ROOMS:

- A NEW VOICE ROOM HAS BEEN CONSTRUCTED TO ALLOW FOR **SOCIAL DISTANCING DURING GROUP VOICE CLASSES.**
- **ALL STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO WEAR A FACE MASK WHILE SINGING.**
- **PLEXIGLASS PARTITIONS HAVE BEEN CONSTRUCTED BETWEEN THE TEACHER AND STUDENTS.**

KEEPING OUR STUDENTS AND FACULTY SAFE AND HEALTHY IS OUR TOP PRIORITY.
THANK YOU FOR HELPING TO KEEP OUR STUDIO FAMILY SAFE, ENABLING US TO CONTINUE DOING WHAT WE LOVE TO DO!

STUDIO POLICIES

CLASSROOM:

- ◆ PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL. ALL CLASSES BEGIN AND END ON TIME.
- ◆ STUDENTS WILL BE ALLOWED INTO THE BUILDING BEGINNING AT THE TOP OF THE HOUR. 1 FACULTY MEMBER WILL BE CLEANING / SANITIZING BETWEEN CLASSES, WHILE ANOTHER FACULTY MEMBER WILL BE CONDUCTING TEMPERATURE CHECKS AND INVITING STUDENTS INTO THE FACILITY.
- ◆ STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A **WATER BOTTLE TO CLASS. WATER ONLY. DUE TO RESTRICTIONS: WATER FOUNTAIN IS SHUT OFF.**
- ◆ NO OTHER FOOD OR DRINKS ARE PERMITTED IN THE DANCE ROOMS.
- ◆ **ABSOLUTELY NO GUM CHEWING IN CLASS.**
- ◆ WE EXPECT ALL STUDENTS TO CONDUCT THEMSELVES IN A DIGNIFIED MANNER AND TREAT OTHERS WITH RESPECT.

WAITING ROOM:

- ◆ DUE TO COVID RESTRICTIONS: PARENTS AND SIBLINGS MAY NOT WAIT IN THE LOBBY.
- ◆ PLEASE PICK-UP STUDENTS PROMPTLY WHEN THEIR CLASS IS OVER. WE DO NOT PROVIDE SUPERVISION IN THE LOBBY.
- ◆ PLEASE DO NOT LEAVE VALUABLES IN PUBLIC AREAS. WE ARE NOT RESPONSIBLE FOR LOST OR STOLEN ITEMS.
- ◆ PLEASE CHECK OUR SOCIAL MEDIA ACCOUNTS: FACEBOOK AND INSTAGRAM FOR IMPORTANT INFORMATION. IMPORTANT UPDATES WILL ALSO BE COMMUNICATED VIA EMAIL AND STUDIO TEXT MESSAGE.

PARKING LOT:

- ◆ THE LANE IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING IS A **NO STANDING / NO WAITING LANE.**
- ◆ WE ASK PARENTS TO PARK, OR LINE UP FURTHER BACK IN THE PARKING LOT, AND WAIT TO PULL UP WHEN YOUR CHILD'S CLASS IS DISMISSED.

TUITION

TUITION IS BASED ON A YEARLY COURSE FEE DIVIDED INTO 10 EQUAL INSTALLMENTS. TUITION COURSE FEES TAKE INTO ACCOUNT ALL HOLIDAYS AND CLASSES CANCELLED DUE TO NATURAL CAUSES SUCH AS SNOW CLOSINGS. THERE WILL BE NO MAKE-UPS OR REFUNDS FOR MISSED OR CANCELLED CLASSES UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. **ALL TUITION AND REGISTRATION FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE.**

TUITION PAYMENTS BEGIN AUGUST 15TH AND END MAY 1ST.

<u>PAYMENT #</u>	<u>TUITION DUE DATE</u>
#1	AUGUST 15 TH (WITH REGISTRATION IF AFTER 8/15)
#2	SEPTEMBER 1 ST
#3	OCTOBER 1 ST
#4	NOVEMBER 1 ST
#5	DECEMBER 1 ST
#6	JANUARY 1 ST
#7	FEBRUARY 1 ST
#8	MARCH 1 ST
#9	APRIL 1 ST
#10	MAY 1 ST

<u>CLASSES/WEEK</u>	<u>TUITION INSTALLMENT</u>
1.	\$50
2.	\$96
3.	\$125
4.	\$145
UNLIMITED	\$155

<u>PRIVATE LESSONS</u>	<u>TUITION INSTALLMENT</u>
PRIVATE VOICE LESSON	\$80
SMALL GROUP VOICE	\$50

ADDITIONAL FAMILY MEMBERS RECEIVE 10% DISCOUNT OFF ALL CLASSES AND PRIVATE LESSONS.

TUITION PAYMENTS:

ALL TUITION IS CHARGED ON AN AUTOMATIC PAYMENT PROCESS BASED ON THE ABOVE SCHEDULE.

WE ASK THAT ALL FAMILIES SET UP A **VISA / MASTERCARD / DISCOVER /OR AMERICAN EXPRESS** ACCOUNT.

ACCOUNT INFORMATION AND CREDIT CARDS MAY BE UPDATED BY USING THE **PARENT PORTAL** ON THE FRONT PAGE OF OUR WEBSITE.

WALH STUDIOS MUST BE NOTIFIED IN WRITING OF A STUDENT'S INTENT TO DROP A CLASS. FULL TUITION WILL BE CHARGED UNTIL WE HAVE BEEN PROPERLY NOTIFIED.

REFER-A-FRIEND

ALL CURRENT WALH STUDIOS FAMILIES THAT REFER A FRIEND TO REGISTER WILL RECEIVE A ONE TIME \$10 DISCOUNT OFF THEIR COSTUME BILL. NEW REGISTRANT MUST INFORM WALH STUDIOS OF REFERRAL WITH CURRENT STUDENT'S NAME IN A NOTE TO WALH STUDIOS, IN ORDER TO BE GRANTED DISCOUNT. THE DISCOUNT IS PER EACH NEW FAMILY (NOT STUDENT), BUT THERE IS NO LIMIT TO THE AMOUNT OF CREDITS THAT CAN BE APPLIED TO AN ACCOUNT.

COSTUMES

STUDENTS ENROLLED IN DANCE AND MUSICAL THEATRE CLASSES WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE ONE COSTUME PER CLASS.

COSTUMES WILL BE ORDERED IN LATE NOVEMBER TO ENSURE THAT THEY ARRIVE IN TIME FOR OUR ANNUAL RECITAL.

BROADWAY BABIES COSTUMES ARE \$60. / COSTUMES FOR 6-8, 9-12, AND 13+YR. OLD CLASSES ARE \$70.

****2020: COVID SITUATION WILL BE ASSESSED IN NOVEMBER, PRIOR TO ORDERING INDIVIDUAL CLASS COSTUMES. ALTERNATE COSTUMES BY AGE MIGHT BE DECIDED UPON.**

COSTUME PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- ◆ YOU MUST PAY THE ENTIRE BALANCE ON OR BEFORE **NOVEMBER 15TH**. YOU MAY MAKE COSTUME PAYMENTS ANY TIME BEFORE NOVEMBER 15TH BY CASH, CHECK, OR CC.
- ◆ ****STUDIO POLICY: AS OF NOVEMBER 15TH, ALL COSTUME BALANCES WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE CHARGED TO THE CARD ON FILE.**
- ◆ **COSTUME FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AS OF NOVEMBER 15TH.**

TIGHTS

ALL DANCE AND MUSICAL THEATRE FEMALE STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PURCHASE A NEW PAIR OF TIGHTS, EACH YEAR, SPECIFICALLY FOR PICTURE DAY AND THE RECITAL, IN ORDER TO HAVE A PROFESSIONAL LOOK TO OUR SHOW. TIGHTS COST APPROXIMATELY \$9-12 PER PAIR. ORDERS WILL BE PLACED IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH. BOYS WILL NEED BLACK SOCKS FOR PICTURE DAY AND PERFORMANCES.

CD RECORDING

ALL MUSICAL THEATRE STUDENTS, SMALL GROUP VOICE, AND PRIVATE VOICE STUDENTS RECORD A CD EACH SPRING. THE COST IS \$45 FOR SOLOISTS, \$30 FOR SMALL GROUP STUDENTS, AND \$20 FOR MUSICAL THEATRE STUDENTS. FEE INCLUDES RECORDING STUDIO SESSION AND FINISHED CD.

PICTURE DAYS

STUDIO PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN DURING CLASS TIME THE WEEK OF APRIL 26 TO MAY 1. NO PURCHASE IS NECESSARY, BUT WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE FULL ATTENDANCE. GROUP PHOTOS WILL APPEAR IN OUR RECITAL PROGRAM, AND MAY ALSO APPEAR IN NEWSPAPER ADVERTISEMENTS.

RECITAL

OUR YEAR-END PERFORMANCE HELPS TO BUILD CONFIDENCE AND SELF-ESTEEM IN OUR STUDENTS. THROUGH THE PROCESS OF THEIR TECHNIQUE CLASSES, AS WELL AS CHOREOGRAPHY AND REHEARSALS, STUDENTS BECOME MORE AWARE OF THE RESULTS OF THEIR HARD WORK AND FOCUS. THE ABILITY TO GET OUT ON STAGE WITH CONFIDENCE CAN TEACH OUR CHILDREN VALUABLE LESSONS THAT WILL LAST A LIFETIME.

OUR 2021 RECITALS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE ORCHARD PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATRE. (TENTATIVE) **ALTERNATE OUTDOOR VENUES WILL BE LOOKED INTO AS WELL.**

DRESS REHEARSALS ARE MONDAY, JUNE 7 AND WEDNESDAY, JUNE 9. (TENTATIVE) INDIVIDUAL CLASS TIMES WILL BE ANNOUNCED. DRESS REHEARSAL IS ABSOLUTELY MANDATORY –NO EXCEPTIONS. PLEASE DO NOT ASK TO BE EXCUSED. WE CANNOT MAKE EXCEPTIONS.

RECITALS ARE SATURDAY, JUNE 12 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 13. (TENTATIVE) SHOW TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED. RECITAL TICKETS WILL BE RESERVED SEATING. TICKETS GO ON SALE IN MAY (DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED).

2020-2021 CALENDAR – WALH PERFORMING ARTS STUDIOS

AUGUST	15	TUITION PAYMENT #1 DUE. (TUITION #1 DUE AT TIME OF REGISTRATION IF AFTER 8/15.) OPEN HOUSES BEGIN - BY APPOINTMENT
SEPTEMBER	1	TUITION PAYMENT #2 DUE
	14	CLASSES BEGIN
OCTOBER	1	TUITION PAYMENT # 3 DUE
NOVEMBER	1	TUITION PAYMENT #4 DUE
	15	COSTUME BALANCE MUST BE PAID IN FULL – BALANCES WILL BE CHARGED TO CARD ON FILE TODAY.
	25-28	STUDIO CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING.
DECEMBER	1	TUITION PAYMENT #5 DUE
	21-31	STUDIO CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK.
JANUARY	1-3	HAPPY NEW YEAR – NO CLASSES. – TUITION PAYMENT #6 DUE
	4	CLASSES RESUME
FEBRUARY	1	TUITION PAYMENT #7 DUE
	15-21	MID-WINTER RECESS – NO CLASSES.
MARCH	1	TUITION PAYMENT #8 DUE
APRIL	1	TUITION PAYMENT #9 DUE
	1-11	EASTER BREAK – NO CLASSES.
	26 - MAY 1	PICTURE DAYS DURING CLASS TIME.
MAY	1	TUITION PAYMENT #10 DUE
		RECITAL TICKETS GO ON SALE (DATE – TO BE ANNOUNCED)
	29-31	MEMORIAL DAY – STUDIO CLOSED.
JUNE	5	LAST DAY OF CLASSES
	7, 9	DRESS REHEARSALS AT ORCHARD PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATRE (TENTATIVE)
	12, 13	YEAR-END RECITALS AT ORCHARD PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATRE (TENTATIVE)
JULY	TBD	SUMMER MUSICAL THEATRE CAMP & DANCE CAMPS