

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)

***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.**

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
TUMBLE TOTS:		PINK LEATHER BALLET SLIPPERS & BARE FEET
BALLET:	(6-8)	PINK LEATHER BALLET SLIPPERS (WITH ELASTIC)
	(9-12)	PINK LEATHER SPLIT-SOLE BALLET SLIPPERS (WITH ELASTIC)
	(13+)	PINK LEATHER -OR- CANVAS SPLIT-SOLE BALLET SLIPPERS (WITH ELASTIC)
POINTE:	(13+)	PINK POINTE SHOES *MUST BE PROFESSIONALLY FITTED* (WITH ELASTIC & RIBBONS)
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" OR "AUDEO"
	(13+)	BLOCH "TAP FLEX" OR "AUDEO"
JAZZ:	(6-8) & (9-12)	TAN LEATHER BOOTIE WITH NEOPRENE SIDE INSERTS (NO TIES)
	(13+)	BLACK LEATHER BOOTIE WITH NEOPRENE SIDE INSERTS (NO TIES)
MUSICAL THEATRE:	(6-8)	TAN "DOLLY" BUCKLE SHOE (NO TAPS)
	(9-12) & (13+)	TAN 1½ INCH HEEL CHARACTER SHOE (NO TAPS)
HIP HOP:		SPARKLE HIGH TOP SNEAKER (MUST ORDER AT shopnimbly.com/walhstudios) **SEE STUDIO FOR SIZING KIT.**
LYRICAL:		CAPEZIO PIROUETTE II (NUDE - LEATHER) -OR- BLOCH ECLIPSE (NUDE - LEATHER)
Acro:		BARE FEET

BOYS:

BROADWAY BABIES:		BLACK BALLET SHOES & BLACK OXFORD TAP SHOES
TUMBLE TOTS:		BLACK LEATHER BALLET SLIPPERS & BARE FEET
BALLET:		BLACK LEATHER -OR- CANVAS BALLET SHOES (WITH ELASTIC)
TAP:		BLACK OXFORD TAP SHOES
JAZZ & MUSICAL THEATRE:		BLACK SPLIT-SOLE JAZZ SHOE
HIP HOP:		BLACK HIGH-TOP CONVERSE SHOE (**ONLY USED INSIDE FOR HIP HOP CLASS, NEVER WORN OUTSIDE**)
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.

STUDIO POLICIES

CLASSROOM:

- ◆ PLEASE BE PUNCTUAL. ALL CLASSES BEGIN AND END ON TIME.
- ◆ STUDENTS ARE ENCOURAGED TO BRING A **WATER BOTTLE TO CLASS**. WATER ONLY.
- ◆ 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:

- ◆ 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**. **DO NOT WAIT BY FRONT DOORS. THANK YOU.**
- ◆ 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, SO THAT THE FLOW OF TRAFFIC DROPPING OFF IS NOT INTERRUPTED. THANK YOU.
- ◆ PLEASE BE COURTEOUS IN THE PARKING LOT. DRIVE SLOWLY, AND WATCH FOR CROSSING CHILDREN. THANK YOU.

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.	\$55
2.	\$100
3.	\$135
4.	\$155
5.	\$175
6.	\$195
UNLIMITED	\$210
<u>PRIVATE LESSONS</u>	<u>TUITION INSTALLMENT</u>
PRIVATE VOICE LESSON	\$90
SMALL GROUP VOICE	\$55

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 \$65. / COSTUMES FOR 6-8, 9-12, AND 13+YR. OLD CLASSES ARE \$75.

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 \$12-16 PER PAIR. ORDERS WILL BE PLACED IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH. BOYS WILL NEED BLACK SOCKS FOR PICTURE DAY AND PERFORMANCES.

PICTURE DAYS

STUDIO PICTURES WILL BE TAKEN DURING CLASS TIME THE WEEK OF APRIL 29 TO MAY 4. NO PURCHASE IS NECESSARY, BUT WE WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE FULL ATTENDANCE. GROUP PHOTOS MAY 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 2024 RECITALS WILL BE PRESENTED AT THE ORCHARD PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATRE. (TENTATIVE)

DRESS REHEARSALS ARE TUESDAY, JUNE 4 AND THURSDAY, JUNE 6. (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 8 AND SUNDAY, JUNE 9. (TENTATIVE) SHOW TIMES TO BE ANNOUNCED.

RECITAL TICKETS WILL BE RESERVED SEATING. TICKETS GO ON SALE IN MAY (DATE TO BE ANNOUNCED).

2023-2024 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 - AUGUST 24TH
SEPTEMBER	1	TUITION PAYMENT #2 DUE
	11	CLASSES BEGIN
OCTOBER	1	TUITION PAYMENT # 3 DUE
	31	STUDIO CLOSED FOR HALLOWEEN.
NOVEMBER	1	TUITION PAYMENT #4 DUE
	15	COSTUME BALANCE MUST BE PAID IN FULL – BALANCES WILL BE CHARGED TO CARD ON FILE TODAY.
	22-26	STUDIO CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING.
DECEMBER	1	TUITION PAYMENT #5 DUE
	20-31	STUDIO CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS BREAK.
JANUARY	1-2	HAPPY NEW YEAR – NO CLASSES. – TUITION PAYMENT #6 DUE
	3	CLASSES RESUME
FEBRUARY	1	TUITION PAYMENT #7 DUE
	19-25	MID-WINTER RECESS – NO CLASSES.
MARCH	1	TUITION PAYMENT #8 DUE
	28-APRIL 8	EASTER BREAK – NO CLASSES.
APRIL	1	TUITION PAYMENT #9 DUE
	9	CLASSES RESUME
	29-MAY 4	PICTURE DAYS DURING CLASS TIME.
MAY	1	TUITION PAYMENT #10 DUE
	TBD	RECITAL TICKETS GO ON SALE (DATE – TO BE ANNOUNCED)
	25-27	MEMORIAL DAY – STUDIO CLOSED.
JUNE	3	LAST DAY OF CLASSES
	4, 6	DRESS REHEARSALS AT ORCHARD PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATRE (TENTATIVE)
	8, 9	YEAR-END RECITALS AT ORCHARD PARK MIDDLE SCHOOL THEATRE (TENTATIVE)
JULY	TBD	SUMMER MUSICAL THEATRE CAMP & DANCE CAMPS