

Starz Dancer

Denver Dance Starz Newsletter

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Welcome Back

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a relaxing and fun-filled holiday and break. Now that we are back, we are looking forward to preparing for our annual Summer Recital. It will all be here before we know it!

Recital Costumes

As we mentioned in our December newsletter, Saturday, January 21 from 9:00-12:00 p.m. is Recital Costume Day. We will be sizing all Level 1 and 2 dancers for recital costumes. Although the recital is still 6 months away, this is a very busy time for costume companies and we need to order costumes by the beginning of February to ensure that they arrive in time for the recital.

Costumes will be approximately \$70-85, depending on the costume. **Costumes include: costume, tights, shoe buttons, earrings and headwear.** Costumes do NOT include shoes. **COSTUMES MUST be paid at this time. Your dancer's costume will NOT be ordered if it is not paid IN FULL by the due date.**

If your dancer is NOT going to participate in the recital, please let the front desk know this so that we can make a note for the teachers and costume coordinator.

We understand that sometimes parents and dancers have previous commitments. If you are unable to make it to the costume sizing, we will have staff available during the following week to get your dancer sized and measured, however, all sizing MUST be completed by February 1.

Important Dates

January 21	9:00-12:00	Costume Sizing
March 24-April 1	STUDIO CLOSED - Spring Break	
June 2	Recital Pictures	
June 7-8	Recital Dress Rehearsals	
June 9	Annual Recital	

Costume Agreement

Costume companies and size charts vary considerably. We order costumes in good faith based on the size charts provided by the companies. However, sometimes costumes do not look exactly like the picture or they don't fit the way we would like them too. Unfortunately, this is out of our control. In some instances, we are able to exchange costumes for size, however, it depends on the company and when the costumes arrive.

Costumes are NON-REFUNDABLE.

Companies require us to pre-pay for costumes when we place the order, which is why we ask you to pay at the time of sizing. Once we place our costume order, it cannot be cancelled or changed. If your dancer decides to quit or does not dance in the recital, costumes are NON-REFUNDABLE.

Costume companies have a variety of costumes in a wide range of prices. We try our best to select costumes that are from companies that produce well made costumes and are reasonably priced. However, in some instances, the original costume we choose and present to you is unavailable at the time we actually place the order. In these instances, we will substitute a different costume of equal quality and value.

ALL ALTERATIONS that need to take place to your dancer's costume are the parent's responsibility. This includes, but is not limited to adding hooks/eyes, hemming, attaching straps, taking in or letting out.

You will be asked to sign a Costume Agreement when you size and order your dancer's costume. When you sign the costume agreement, you are saying that you have read the above agreement and are aware of this information.

Thank-You

A BIG THANK-YOU to everyone who donated toys for the 1st Annual Denver Dance Starz Toy Drive. We donated over 100 toys to local needy children. Thank-you all for your generosity and support.

In the Know

The next 6 months will fly by and there will be a lot of information coming out regarding the recital, including ticket sales, memorabilia orders, yearbook ads, rehearsal schedules and pictures. We do our best to keep parents informed of ALL information in a timely manner, however, **parents are reminded that it's YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to stay informed on ALL the latest info regarding studio happenings.** Please do NOT rely on your dancer (no matter how old they are) as they do not always communicate information.

It is important that you attend Show & Tell and/or stop into the studio on a weekly basis to find out what's going on.

Shoes

Denver Dance Starz does have required shoes for all of our dance classes. All required shoes are available from the studio. We do not require you to purchase your shoes from us, however, we do require your dancer to have the correct shoes for class AND for the recital. The DDS required shoes are as follows:

Tap/Jazz Classes (Ages 3-7)

BLACK patent leather button tap
BLACK leather-sole* ballet

Tap/Jazz Classes (Ages 8+)

BLACK synthetic tie tap
BLACK jazz shoes

Hip Hop & Pom Classes (All ages)

BLACK jazz shoes

Ballet Classes (Beginning & Level 1)

PINK leather-sole* ballet

Ballet Classes (Level 2 & 3)

Bloch PINK split sole ballet

*ALL ballet shoes MUST be leather soled. Satin ballet slippers may NOT be worn.

If you have questions regarding the correct shoes for your dancer, please consult the staff at the front desk. They will be more than happy to answer your questions or assist you in any way they can.

Winter Weather

Now that Winter weather has finally arrived, we wanted to inform you of our winter weather procedures. We certainly never want to cancel dance classes, however, sometimes it is necessary due to poor weather and road conditions.

In the event that classes are cancelled, we will post a message on our studio voicemail and send out an e-mail blast.

DDS on Facebook

DDS is now on Facebook. Visit our page and "Like" us or make a comment. At the end of each month, we will have a drawing for a studio gift certificate. All of our "likes" and comments will be entered in the drawing! Be sure and visit the site each month and post a comment, picture or like something to keep your name in the drawing!

OOPS! We forgot to draw for the month of November, so we will include them in this month's drawing!

Congratulations to the November winners: PARKER SCHUCK and ADALYN VITGENOS, and the December winners: JULIA/JAMIE TORRES and KAILIN FALLIK.

Please stop by the MAIN studio front desk to

claim your gift certificate. This certificate may be used for any studio expense, including tuition.

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Have a GREAT month!

See you on January 21 for Costume Sizing!

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For: **JANUARY TUITION** Amt. Paid _____ Cash Booster Club Check Number _____

Dancer's Name _____

LIST ALL DANCERS on this account

Tuition is DUE on the 1st of the month, and is considered late on the 5th of the month.
A \$25 late fee will be assessed to all late payments.