

# SOUTHWEST WASHINGTON DANCE CENTER WELCOMES YOU TO THE 2023-2024 SEASON

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Welcome back to SWDC for the 41<sup>st</sup> year of our school. In the fall of 1982, Dean Speer, became the founder and first Director for the then Chehalis Ballet Center. Our name was later changed to Southwest Washington Dance Center to better represent our wide geographical range of our student base.

**REGISTRATION** this year will be online through a program called Jackrabbit. You will also be able to pay online. If you are not able to work online, we can help you in the office. The website address is ([swwdance.org](http://swwdance.org)). Schedules are online on the Schedules page. **ALL DANCERS MUST REGISTER BEFORE ATTENDING CLASSES.**

**NEW STAFF:** SWDC welcomes Savanna (Savvy) Riordan as one of our jazz teachers. Savvy has 16 years of dance training and was a competition dancer for 13 years. She will be teaching several of our jazz levels this year. Adrien Zimmer will be moving from apprentice to staff this year. He will be teaching a jazz class. Congrats Adrien!

## Important dates to write on your calendars:

**Monday, September 11, 2023**

November 22-25, 2023

December 9-17, 2023

December 18-January 1, 2024

January 15 & February 19, 2024

March 23, 2024

April 1-6, 2024

May 27, 2024

**First day of class**

Thanksgiving Break: No classes

Nutcracker Week: No classes

Christmas Break: No classes

Martin Luther King Day and President's Day: No classes

Dance Festival Northwest at Corbet Theatre

Spring Break: No classes

Memorial Day: No classes

**BACK TO DANCE NIGHT: Wednesday, September 6, hosted by the Backstage Booster Club: Watch for details**

**Spring Dance Performance at Corbet Theatre**

**June TBA, 2024 (We will announce these dates soon)**

**DON'T START YOUR SUMMER VACATION, 2024 UNTIL AFTER SPRING DANCE PERFORMANCE**

## CLASS NOTES FOR THIS YEAR

You will find some classes designated A or B. These are NOT levels, but just a way for us to track two classes at the same level. An exception to that would be if the class meets more than once a week, you **must** choose an A or B for both classes to register in. Some classes have age requirements and others are by placement. Some classes require multiple classes per week. See Schedule for details.

Ballet 4-5-6 dancers in Nutcracker are required to take 3 classes per week. Enroll in regular class for your level and then choose Combo ballet 4-5-6 class or Body Mechanics.

Class Times or conflicts: We did our best to cross check all classes and dancers so you can take all classes that you have taken in the past. If a conflict arises, let the office know and we will see if there are any adjustments we can make for you.

**NEW CLASSES: Musical Theatre:** For dancers levels 2+ who are interested in productions, such as school tour.

**Enhances acting for Nutcracker. Ballroom/Partner dancing,** such as Salsa, Swing, etc.: Day and Time TBA.

**Modern 3-4 Combo class:** Highly recommended for level 3 & 4 dancers, to work on lifts and choreography.

## DANCEWEAR/SHOES IN BALLET & TAP CLASSES

**Female ballet dancers are required to purchase the color of leotard for their level. See dress code listed on schedule page of web site.**

Dancers in Ballet 2 and up should purchase a split sole ballet soft shoe. If you already have full sole shoes, they are fine until you replace them. All ballet dancers, level 2+ should have a nude leotard and level 3+ should have a black camisole leotard. Beginning tap dancers should purchase their shoes through the office. The teachers have requested a specific shoe to be worn. You may purchase other items from your favorite dancewear source or order through the office.

**DANCEWEAR FOR OTHER DANCE DISCIPLINES, IS LISTED ON THE SCHEDULE PAGE.**



**26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary full length Nutcracker Ballet this year!!**

**December 14, 15, 16, 17, 2023**

**General Audition: Saturday, September 16.**

**FIRST DAY OF REGULAR CLASS IS MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 11**

We are looking forward to another great year, full of beautiful dance, friends and lots of fun. Thanks for your continued support of Southwest Washington Dance Center!

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