

# Performance Class Information 2024-2025 Dance Season

## **CONTACT INFO:**

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## **LOCATION:**

All 2024/2025 seasonal classes will be held at Second Act Studios (205A Pacific Ave). Parking is available on the streets surrounding the building (paid until 6pm Mon-Sat). A few spots are also available beside the Second Act Store located in the parking lot north of the building. For public safety, a door code is required to access the building- this will be emailed and posted to your group chats prior to your first class.

\*Please note we are only part time renters at this location and do not have an physical office onsite. We will not have a def SOL representative available at the studios outside of class times.

# **IMPORTANT DATES:**

September 9th- First day of Classes for Semester 1
October 14th- Thanksgiving - No Classes
December 14th- "BOOGALOO" - Winter Performance Showcase
December 16- January 5th- Studio Closed
January 6th- First day of classes for Semester 2
February 17-21st- February Break- No Classes
April 1-5th- Easter Break - No Classes
March 18-22nd- Spring Stars Competition- Saskatoon
April 21-25th- Block Party Competition- Saskatoon
May 10th- "STREET STYLEZ" - Year End Performance Showcase
May 15-17th- Represent Street Dance Competition- Edmonton

**SHOWCASES/REHEARSALS:** "Boogaloo" - Winter Showcase is confirmed for Saturday, December 14th, 2024. 'Street Stylez' - Year End Showcase is scheduled for May 10th, 2025. There will be a same day tech rehearsal for each event. Please ensure these dates are marked in your calendar! Detailed schedules will be sent out approx. 1 month prior.

**EXTRA PRACTICES:** To help prepare for the showcases, groups may be scheduled for extra rehearsals between November 29th-December 13th (before the Christmas Show) and between April 25- May 9th (before the Year End Show). This is decided by the instructor/director based on group readiness. Competitive teams will also have 1-2 extra practices scheduled between March-April to prepare for events. Please ensure you block these dates off and wait for the detailed rehearsal schedule.

**DRESS CODE/SHOES:** All students must bring a pair of CLEAN, indoor non-scuff runners or sneakers. Outdoor shoes, socks and barefoot will not be permitted. Dress for fitness and comfort (stretchy leggings, sweat pants, t-shirts etc.).

### **ANNUAL TUITION & FEES**

Once your registration is confirmed, you will receive an invoice for the following:

**Registration Fee** – \$30 per student or max \$50 per family (if you are in more than one group, you only pay this once). This fee must be paid by September 1st. This cost includes all administration costs associated with the school. \*Early Registration Bonus- submit registration for the full season before Aug 1st and we will waive your registration fee!

**Tuition Fee** – This cost includes your class fees and training, and any extra practices. It can be paid in full OR monthly Sept- May via post-dated cheque or credit card. Please note that even though there are not as many classes in December or May, the monthly instalment cheques are the same as they are divided from the total tuition cost and include all extra practices, rehearsals etc. Annual tuition is as follows (gst not included):

45 minute Classes- \$585.00 (\$65.00/mo) + gst 60 minute Classes- \$675.00 (\$75.00/mo) + gst Competitive Program- \$1260.00 (\$140.00/mo)+ gst \*Competitive Program includes two classes per week plus extra rehearsals

\*Multi-Class Discount: Receive \$10/month off your tuition for any additional performance classes when registering for a semester or full season. \$300/month for Unlimited Classes!

\*Single Instalment Discount: Pay for the FULL season in ONE instalment by September 1st (cash, cheque or E-transfer) and receive a 5% discount on tuition before taxes.

**Costume Fees** – For each semester of dance, there is a costume deposit of \$75/ performance group (\$100/group for competitive teams). This includes taxes and shipping.

**Competition Fees** – TBD. Competitive groups will be required to pay entry fees for up to 2 competitions. These fees must be paid in full before December 1st, 2024.

**CREATIVE KIDS:** Did you know we are a Creative Kids provider?! Please contact them regarding funding opportunities for your child to attend classes at def SOL Productions. <a href="https://www.creativekidssask.ca">www.creativekidssask.ca</a>

## ATTENDANCE POLICY:

- As with any program, steady attendance is a requirement for success. Failure to meet such requirements may lead to dismissal from the program or adjustment in level.
- Students/Guardians are responsible for communicating absences to the dance studio by phone or email at least 24-hours in advance.
- Any student that misses 3 consecutive weeks or more may be required to forfeit their class space but will not be offered any discount, refunds, or credits.
- More than 2 absences per semester may result in removal of that dancer from their class routine and performance showcase for that semester. No refunds or credits.
- There are no refunds or credits for cancelled or missed classes. We do our best to make up classes if we have created the closure, however, in some cases that is not possible. There are no discounts for those who join class late in the season.
- Depending on studio and instructor availability, we do offer private lessons at an additional charge. If 24-hour notice is not given to change or cancel you will be charged for the session.

## **CANCELLATION, TERMS & CONDITIONS:**

- We do not under any circumstances offer refunds or credits for recreational sessions, workshops or event ticket purchases.
- Performance Class Cancellations must be received in writing 2 weeks prior to the start of the semester to receive a 50% refund. If cancellation is received less than 2 weeks prior to the start date, refunds will not be issued.
- Transfers to other scheduled courses allowed only if available and the student meets the criteria. If transferring a course registration to another person, this person must meet the criteria, review our policies and fill out a registration form.
- A \$25.00 late fee will be added to accounts on the 10th of each month if tuition has not yet been paid. A \$35.00 NSF fee will be charged on any returned cheque. If a client

has 2 NSF cheques, we will no longer accept this form of payment and their account must be paid in full by an alternate method in order to continue classes. Accounts that are 30 Days or more in arrears will result in dance services being with-held. Dancers are still requested to attend classes, but will be asked to sit and watch until the account is brought up to date. If students are more than 2 months behind on tuition, they will not be able to participate in the class.

■ We require a minimum of 6-8 registered participants to run each class. If low enrollment occurs, registered students will be notified 24 hours in advance and given a full refund or given the option to switch classes if an alternate option is available.

**EXPECTATIONS & CONDUCT:** At def SOL Productions, we believe it is important to have fun and express individual creativity while learning dance technique, performance skills and strong work ethic. We expect all dancers to show respect to themselves, each other and all instructors/guests. You will see our director instructors enforcing the following rules:

- Be on time. Be prepared. Use the bathroom prior to class.
- Proper attire is required for all dance classes- loose or stretchy clothing you can move and sweat in and clean indoor, non-scuff runners or sneakers. Barefoot and sock feet will not be permitted.
- No gum, food or drink (other than water) is allowed in class. No cell phones in class.
- Help keep your studio clean and tidy. Please throw away all trash.
- Be respectful and kind to instructors, peers and staff.
- Give full effort and don't give up when you are challenged. Always bring positive energy into your dance class.
- If injured, always tell your instructor prior to class...work slowly & carefully or observe.
- If ill, do not come to class and submit your absence to our admin email.
- If you must leave early, notify your instructor prior to class.
- No gossip, hate speech or obscene language. We have zero tolerance for Bullying or any form of discrimination. RESPECT for all is #1 both in and outside of the studio.
- Respect the classes in progress- Keep noise to a minimum in the hallways and lobby.
- We strongly express and urge that we are a nut-free environment.
- We do not allow spectators in class. A lounge is available at both locations.
- lacksquare And most importantly...have an exceptional amount of fun!! lacksquare

**STAY 'IN THE LOOP'!** Email is our main and preferred method of contact. To help ensure our emails reach you, please add hiphop@defsol.ca to your contact list. Each performance group will also be provided with a link to a WhatsApp chat where we will post more urgent updates as well as access your class videos, tutorials and other helpful links.