



buffa's dance studio Ltd.

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2008-2009 Contract/Agreement

2008-2009 Calendar

Sept. 8	Classes begin
Sept. 13	Nutcracker Auditions
Oct. 31 Halloween	Closed PM Classes
Nov. 3 Deadline	Costume/Recital Fee
Nov. 22, 23	Nutcracker Performances
Nov. 24-29 Thanksgiving	Closed
Dec. 8-13	Parent's Days
Dec. 21 - Jan. 4 Winter Holidays	Closed
April 6-12 Spring Holidays	Closed
May 25 Memorial Day	Closed
June 6* Mandatory	Dress Rehearsal
June 17	Last Day of Classes
June 19 and June 20	RECITALS

NOTE: We are open for all Monday holidays except Memorial Day. We do not close for Teacher Workdays unless they coincide with dates closed listed above.

REGISTRATION FEE is \$25 per student, per year, non-refundable. Should you withdraw and re-register, you incur another registration fee (\$15 for each additional family member).

TUITION is a yearly fee, based on 36 classes per dance year, payable in advance of classes. It may be paid in one payment or in ten (10) payments no later than the first day of each month, September through June.

RATE 35 minute class-\$45, 45 minute class-\$64, 1 hour class-\$68, 1 1/2 hour class-\$86 (10% discount per student or family on additional classes.) Serious dancer discount available for students taking five or more classes. *All discounts are rounded off.* Dance Company and Dance Arts are not discounted.

5% DISCOUNT for regular priced tuition paid in full for entire year when paid by September 30, 2008. If you withdraw prior to end of year, tuition reverts to full price for classes taken. (Any discounted tuition rates receive 3% year discount.)

LATE CHARGE of \$5.00 is added if tuition has not been received by the 10th of the month. This charge covers our cost of retrieving late tuition and is specific to the user. Tuition may be brought or mailed to the studio. Bills will not be sent.

RETURNED CHECKS are charged \$25 for additional handling.

REFUNDS are not given, as we are reserving a class space. We must have 2 weeks notice prior to dropping a class and you do incur tuition charges during those two weeks. Any drops after May 1, 2009 incur full year tuition.

CLASS CHANGES may be made at no cost for the first change. After that there is a charge of \$10.00 per change, per student. There is no charge for studio-originated changes.

NEW STUDENTS may register throughout the year, if space is available. Tuition will be pro-rated.

COSTUME/RECITAL FEE includes the costume, shipping & handling charges, administrative costs of ordering, production charges, facility rental, special equipment rental, props, sets, programs and tickets. You will receive 3 tickets in June when all dance fees for the entire year have been paid. The fee is \$110.00 per student, per class, and is considered due at the time of registration. The deadline is November 3, 2008. After that date there is a late costume fee of \$25 (if we are able to accomplish this with the costume company). No refunds will be issued for any reason. Any costume not picked up by June 1, 2009 will become studio property.

EMERGENCY CLOSINGS

The studio may close when Fairfax County Schools close due to snow, ice or other emergencies. Please call the studio or check our website for our status, as there are times the County closes when we can safely open. If we must close, these are situations over which we have no control and we are not able to make-up these classes; in lieu, we offer liberal make-ups in other classes.

ATTENDANCE

Make-up classes are allowed for student illness only. They must be made up within 4 weeks of absence, may not be accumulated, and all must be taken prior to May 9, 2009. A make-up slip must be issued in advance by the front desk. These policies are in effect to insure the integrity of our classes and to promote regular attendance. Eight or more absences, or failure to complete the grade level requirements, renders the student ineligible for recital and promotion to the next level.

STUDENT ATTIRE

Students are required to be properly attired. If not properly attired, you will be asked to observe class. (See special listing for student attire.)

RECITAL INFORMATION

RECITALS are tentatively scheduled for June 19 (3pm & 7pm) and June 20 (10am, 2pm & 6pm). Each student who participates in the recital will be in at least one of these shows. We regret we are unable to accept any special requests for days or times. Please note that you may be asked to provide specific color tights and/or dance shoes for the recital. We are instilling the value of a polished, professional performance which requires regular attendance, dedicated practice and full dress rehearsal participation. Therefore, our dress rehearsal is mandatory and dancers may not participate in dress rehearsal only, as this proves detrimental to the entire group and final presentation.

We appreciate you and your children and are proud you have chosen Buffa's as your dance studio. We take our responsibility seriously and desire to provide you with the top quality you expect and deserve.

I have read, understand and fully agree to abide by the above-stated policies of the studio. I register myself or my child based upon these conditions, dates and requirements. I recognize the risks of illness or injury by participating in a dance program and hereby waive, release and hold harmless Buffa Hargett, her heirs and staff from liability or claims resulting from participation in these program(s)/performance(s). I grant permission and release the use of images (photographic, video, or otherwise) of the student(s) to be used by Buffa's Dance Studio, Ltd. In any educational/promotional format (brochure, website or otherwise).

Student(s) Name (printed)

Parent or Legal Guardian (signature)

Date