



VAM Studios

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FALL SEMESTER 2018

Youth/Teen Program Handbook & Registration

September 4 , 2018 - January 27, 2019

IMPORTANT DATES:

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| September 4 | First day of Fall Semester |
| September 15* | Parent Meeting for winter VAM Winter show 3:00pm |
| November 17 | Full Run-Through – VAM Winter Show at VAM Studios |
| November 22-23 | Thanksgiving Break |
| November 24* | Rehearsal – VAM Winter Show at VAM Studios |
| November 30* | MANDATORY Dress Rehearsal – VAM Winter Show at VAM |
| December 1* | SHOW DAY!: Dress & Tech Rehearsal & VAM Winter Show at BPH** |
| December 2* | SHOW DAY! VAM Winter Show at BPH** |
| Dec. 23-Jan. 2 | Winter Break |
| January 28 | Last Day of Fall Semester |

**For students participating in the Winter Show*

***Broadway Performance Hall - 1625 Broadway, Seattle*

ATTENDANCE:

Enrollment in the Youth/Teen Program is a commitment to a full semester of training and all tuition and fees for chosen classes for the entire semester. Please let us know any planned absences at the time of registration. In the event of illness please call the front desk to inform us of the absence. Students should be picked up promptly after class.

If a student is 10 minutes or less late for class, they must first warm up before joining the class. If a student is **more** than 10 minutes late, they should expect to sit and observe the class for that day. The first 10 minutes of class are very important in warming up the body to help prevent injury. The dancer's health and well being are of

utmost importance to us. We understand that things happen beyond our control that can make a dancer late for class and we want families to understand that this is not a punishment, but a protective measure for the dancer's health. Dancers should be prepared to watch and learn the lessons being taught on any day they are not able to dance in class due to tardiness or injury. The class can be made up on another day.

MAKE-UP FOR MISSED CLASSES:

We ask that students miss no more than 4 classes per semester. Regular attendance is important for a dancer's physical and mental health and well-being; among other benefits, it helps build self-confidence, discipline, and friendships.

If you miss a class (including classes missed due to inclement weather), it is your responsibility to find a make-up class of similar level. Please refer to the schedule to find a suitable class, and check in with the front desk for approval. On the day of the class, you must notify the front desk staff that you are taking a make-up class. Make-up classes must be taken in the same semester as the missed class.

DRESS CODE:

- BALLET:

Girls: Any color leotard, pink tights, and pink ballet slippers. Hair: long hair pulled back in a tidy bun.

Boys: Any color tight fitting t-shirt, black tights, thin white socks, and black or white ballet slippers. Hair: long hair pulled back.

- CONTEMPORARY & JAZZ:

Form fitting, comfortable clothing. Bare feet or jazz shoes.

- TAP:

Comfortable clothing and tap shoes.

- HIP HOP:

Comfortable clothing and dance sneakers (not street shoes).

NOTE: - *No street shoes are allowed in the dance studios*

- *Jeans are not allowed in any dance classes*

POINTE DANCERS:

Dancers who wish to dance on pointe *must have teacher approval* and, for their health and safety, be enrolled in a minimum of 2 ballet technique classes per week.

DANCE STUDIO POLICIES:

- No street shoes permitted on the dance floors at any time.
- No unattended children are allowed in the dance studios without a teacher present.
- Students: please turn off cell phones before entering the studios.
- Only water is permitted in the studios. Please remember to bring your water bottle.

- No food, gum, or candy of any kind is allowed in the dance studios.

INCLEMENT WEATHER:

In case of inclement weather, please call the studio phone line (206) 826-0776 to find out the status of classes. We will do our best to send email messages in a timely manner regarding studio closures and/or class changes due to inclement weather. Families can also check the VAM Studios website: vamstudios.net or our Facebook page for updates.

VAM SHOWCASES

VAM Studios presents two end of semester concerts (one in December and one in June) to give the students a chance to share the fruits of their hard work and dedication, to showcase their skills, passion, and joy with family, friends, and community. These performances are truly inspiring; they create lifelong memories and experiences for the students, teachers, and audience members alike. The VAM Studios vision, DREAM-CREATE-INSPIRE, is fully realized through these performances: from brainstorming ideas with the students in class (*Dream*), to the dedicated work of learning the dances (*Create*), to sharing it with the audience (*Inspire*). The entire process promotes an understanding of goal setting, dedication, teamwork, personal growth, and perseverance, as well as building each dancer's confidence and self-esteem.

PARTICIPATION IN THE WINTER SHOW

Participation in VAM's two annual showcases is completely optional. Some students will learn show choreography in their weekly classes, others will need to attend the Saturday "Winter Show Rehearsal Class". Students participating in the "Winter Show Rehearsal Class" will learn multiple numbers for the show. This class is focused on choreography and performance. Dancers get the opportunity to not only learn more choreography, but also about the choreographic process and creative collaboration and artistic choices including music, staging, costumes, and props. Please stop by or contact the front desk staff if you have questions about your child's times and/or fees for participation in the shows. Should your student choose to participate in the show, please understand the following commitments:

Students who ARE NOT taking the Saturday Winter Rehearsal Class:

- Students must be currently enrolled in a *minimum* of 1 hour of class per week.
- \$35/student participation fee
- **Not miss more than 4 classes during the semester**
- Attend all mandatory rehearsal and performance dates

Students who ARE TAKING the Saturday Winter Rehearsal Class:

- **Not miss more than 2 Winter Rehearsal Classes**
- There is a **show fee of \$250** per participant for the semester for this rehearsal class. (*Less than \$6/per hour/per student for the Saturday rehearsal sessions.*)

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE 2018 WINTER SHOWCASE:

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**Time To Be Determined*

***Broadway Performance Hall - 1625 Broadway, Seattle*

VIDEO OF THE WINTER SHOW

VAM performances are professionally recorded by Nicholas Teeuwen. Videos are available for purchase for \$10 each and must be reserved **before** the show. Cash or checks, marked or made out to Nicholas, may be left at VAM Studios. Please contact Nicholas directly at Ntmedia@outlook.com to reserve your video or if you have any questions.

TAKE YOUR DANCING TO THE NEXT LEVEL

VAM Studios has a performance team: VAM IN PERFORMANCE (VIPs). If your dancer is interested in taking their dancing to a higher level with multiple performance opportunities throughout the year, please refer to our VAM in Performance Team Guidelines document on our website.

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At **VAM** Studios, our mission is to inspire and empower people through dance, to reach the greatest potential possible for themselves, their community, and the world. We strive to provide the highest level of training in an environment that is fun, inviting and nurturing to each dancer’s own journey of personal growth and creative expression. Our holistic approach encompasses not only dance techniques, but also knowledge and awareness about developing and maintaining a balanced and healthy mind and body.

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YOUTH PROGRAM TUITION POLICY

SCHOOL YEAR:

Our school year consists of 2 semesters:

Fall: September 4, 2018 - January 27, 2019

Winter/Spring: January 28, 2019 - June 23, 2019

TUITION FEE:

Tuition is based on the number of class hours taken per week/per *STUDENT*.

REGISTRATION FEE:

There is an annual, non-refundable **\$30 Registration Fee** *per family*.

COMMITMENT:

Enrollment in the Youth Program is a commitment to a *full semester* of training and all tuition fees for chosen classes for the entire semester. Semester tuition can be paid in full at the time of registration or in installments. (Full semester tuition fee reflects a discounted rate, installment payments are not discounted.)

If you choose the "monthly" payment option you must have a credit card on file with VAM Studios. (NEW families can add their credit card or bank account information near the bottom of our online registration page:

<https://app.jackrabbitclass.com/regv2.asp?id=525584&hc=&initEmpty=&hdrColor=&WL=0>.

EXISTING families can add their credit card or bank account information through the VAM Studios' customer portal by [clicking here](#) or going to this web address:

<https://app3.jackrabbitclass.com/portal/ppLogin.asp?id=525584®cid=7240241>

All accounts being billed "monthly" will be set to Auto-Pay and will have payments automatically made on the first business day of each month of the semester your child is enrolled in.

Installment payments are due on the 1st day of each month and are considered late if not paid by the 10th of the month. (Please note: installment payments can also be made *before* the 1st day of each month). A late fee of \$20 will be charged if payment is made after the 10th of the month. If payment is not made by the 20th of the month, the student will not be allowed to attend class.

PAYMENT OPTIONS:

- Payments can be made monthly or at a discount if paid in full by student's first class
- Payments can be made by cash, check, credit card, Paypal, or ACH bank draft
- Please make checks payable to "**VAM Studios**"

RETURNED CHECK/NSF ITEMS:

- A \$35 fee will be charged on all returned checks or NSF items.

CANCELLATION/REFUND POLICY:

All class change or cancellation of enrollment requests must be made in writing and delivered to the office. Requests can be submitted by mail, in person, or by email.

Tuition is non-refundable. If a student wishes to withdraw from a class, written notice must be submitted to the office or by email 30 days prior to the intended withdrawal date. All tuition through the date of withdrawal will be due. If tuition was paid in full at the beginning of the semester, a partial refund will be given for the unused portion.

REGISTRATION FORM:

(Please print clearly)

Student name: _____

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Student phone: _____ Student email: _____

Parent(s) name: _____

Parent(s) phone: _____

Parent(s) email addresses: _____

Address: _____

Emergency contact (name & phone): _____

Serious allergies or other information we need to know: _____

Classes for FALL 2018:

Payment: In full at start of semester Monthly Amount: \$ _____

Dates of planned absences (if any): _____

Student plans to participate in Winter Show and families understand that there is additional rehearsal fee of \$250, required Saturday rehearsals, and mandatory dress rehearsals as outlined above.

Student does not plan to participate in Winter Show.

I have read and agree to abide by the VAM Studios policies listed above:

Parent signature: _____