



VAM Studios

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FALL SEMESTER 2019

Youth/Teen Program Guidelines & Registration

SEPTEMBER 3 , 2019 - JANUARY 26, 2020

IMPORTANT DATES:

Sept. 3	First day of Fall Semester
Sept. 14	Winter Show Orientation Meeting (for families participating in Winter Show)
Sept. 21	First Day of Youth Saturday Rehearsal Class
Nov. 23	REHEARSAL: FULL RUN-THROUGH – VAM Winter Show at VAM Studios
Nov. 28 & 29	STUDIO CLOSED - Thanksgiving Holiday
Nov. 30	REGULAR CLASSES & YOUTH SATURDAY REHEARSAL CLASS
Dec. 6	MANDATORY DRESS REHEARSAL – VAM Winter Show at VAM Studios
Dec. 7	MANDATORY DRESS & TECH REHEARSAL & SHOW at BPH*
Dec. 8	VAM WINTER SHOW at BPH*
Dec. 23-Jan. 2	STUDIO CLOSED - WINTER BREAK
Jan. 26	Last Day of Fall Semester

**Broadway Performance Hall - 1625 Broadway, Seattle*

ATTENDANCE:

Enrollment in the Youth 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 your 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, *Vam Studios*, for updates.

VAM SHOWS

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 VAM SHOWS

Participation in VAM's two annual showcases is completely optional. Some students will learn show choreography in their weekly classes. Students who wish to do more in the shows can attend the "Saturday Performance Rehearsal Class" (SPRC) (see class fee below). Students participating in the SPRC 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 email, call, 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 SPRC:

- Students must be currently enrolled in a *minimum* of 1 hour of class per week.
- \$40/student participation fee
- **Not miss more than 4 classes during the semester**
- Attend all mandatory rehearsal and performance dates

Students who ARE TAKING the SPRC:

- Students must be currently enrolled in a *minimum* of 1 hour of class per week.
- **Not miss more than 2 SPRC classes**
- **Not miss more than 4 of your regular classes during the semester**
- The fee for the SPRC is **\$275** per participant for the semester.
- Attend all mandatory rehearsal and performance dates

VIDEO OF THE SHOWS

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 until May 31st. Please contact Nicholas at Ntmedia@outlook.com to order, or if you have any questions.

VIP’S YOUTH PERFORMANCE GROUP - *Take your dancing to the next level!*

VAM Studios has a youth performance team: VAM IN PERFORMANCE (VIPs) where passionate students can take their dancing to a higher level. The VIP experience provides a pre-professional training environment where dancers have the opportunity to perform in public and community events throughout the year. Participants will learn choreography, teamwork, commitment to excellence, and the discipline to accomplish challenging goals which will help them excel in their dance and performance. The rewards of their hard work and dedication will be shared with the community through their performances and outreach events with the goal of spreading joy and inspiring others.

VIP’s COMMITMENT

Students must commit to the full year, September 2019 thru June 2020.

If your dancer is interested in taking their dancing to a higher level with multiple performance opportunities throughout the year, please refer to our **“2019/20 VIP’s: VAM in Performance 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 3, 2019 - January 26, 2020

Winter/Spring: January 27, 2020 - June 21, 2020

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 & PAYMENT:

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). ***Please email us at: info@vamstudios.net to let us know if you would like to pay monthly or in-full.***

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. *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: _____

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 2019:

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

Student **plans to participate** in the Winter Show **through their weekly class**. There is a required production fee of \$40/performer. (Speak to your instructor at the beginning of the semester if you want to participate in the show.)

Student **plans to participate** in the Winter Show **through the Saturday Performance Rehearsal Class (SPRC)** and families understand that there is a class fee of \$275/semester, required Saturday Performance Rehearsal Class (SPRC), and mandatory dress rehearsals as outlined above.

Student **does not plan to participate** in the Winter Show.

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

Parent signature: _____

Date: _____