

## Experience Dance at WSD

### Welcome!

A sincere welcome back to all returning students and a heartfelt welcome to all new WSD students.

Since 1983, our vision has been to provide our students with the highest level of dance education while fostering a deep appreciation for the art of dance. Today, as Vaughan's leading classical dance school, WSD continues to instill these core values through a diverse curriculum, professional faculty and positive learning environment. Students are part of an inclusive, positive dance community and whatever their goal, a professional career in dance or personal enjoyment, all students are offered equal attention and opportunity to flourish as dancers and grow into self-confident, poised individuals.

WSD is honoured to be your chosen school of dance and your trust in us is greatly appreciated. Welcome!

### Performance 2020

It's now mid October which signifies a special time at WSD. Measurements are being taken in preparation for our 2020 Gala Performance. While still in the ini-

tial planning stages, we are pleased to be able to provide a glimpse of what you can look forward to on stage at the beautiful Living Arts Centre in May 2020!

This year, the evening's Gala Performance will open with an exciting creative interpretation—a theatrical fusion of Hip Hop and Contemporary dance that will excite and inspire you.



WSD's Ballet Dept. will be performing the ballet classic, *Les Sylphides*. This performance is known as the first romantic ballet to present mood and dance in pure form. Be swept away as our dancers embody gorgeous *sylphs* gracefully dancing in the moonlight.



WSD's Musical Theatre Dept. will be paying tribute to the widely successful and adored musical, *Mamma Mia!* This full cast production will have our audience dancing in their seats to ABBA's greatest hits.

Be prepared to witness our fearless Acro performers in a more emotional light, while demonstrating incredible strength and flexibility in their production entitled, *Lessons Learned*.

WSD's Jazz & Tap department will be taking us back! Our dancers will have you grooving to nostalgic hits in their production of *Oldies but Goodies*. Our ITP and PPP students will wrap up the evenings' performance with a tribute to *Motown!*

WSD's Gala Performances, May 18th-20th, at the magnificent Living Arts Centre. Check *NEWS* on WSD's website and follow us on Facebook, Twitter & Instagram for information and schedules. We can also be reached at [info@woodbridgedance.com](mailto:info@woodbridgedance.com)

## WSD CODE OF CONDUCT

The Woodbridge School of Dance recognizes that in order to achieve its vision, the environment it provides must be one which demonstrates respect, tolerance, dignity, equity and safety for all members of the WSD community.

WSD promotes responsibility, respect, civility and dance excellence in a safe learning and teaching environment.

Every WSD Student and Parent is expected to

behave in a respectful and professional manner in all dealings related to their enrollment.

Any form of discrimination or harassment is strictly prohibited and the School considers all complaints seriously.

**Behaviour that is disrespectful, offensive, intimidating or humiliating, either intentional or otherwise, will not be tolerated.**

Respect  
Tolerance  
Civility  
Dignity  
Equity  
Safety

## WSD POLICY

### REMINDERS

Don't forget to pick up your official 2019/20 Events Calendar for a complete list of important events at WSD!

#### Halloween:

WSD is CLOSED. Have fun, stay safe!

#### Attendance:

Regular attendance, punctuality and participation are an important part of dance training. Please notify the school in advance of your child's absence, anticipated lateness, illness or injury so the teacher can be made aware. Thank you.

#### Inclement Weather:

In the event of severe weather conditions, please check WSD's Facebook page or contact the Admissions Office after 1:30 pm on weekdays & by 8:30 am on Saturdays, to verify the status of classes for the day or evening in question.

#### Parking in the Path:

For the safety of all students, parents and faculty crossing between studios, please refrain from blocking the pedestrian crosswalks in Market Lane.

#### Valuables:

Please do not bring valuables into the School. Regrettably, WSD cannot be held responsible for lost, misplaced or stolen articles.

#### Nuts:

Please refrain from bringing any nut or nut products into the School. We appreciate your commitment to the health and safety of all.

## Important Upcoming Events at WSD!

Oct. 31	Halloween — WSD Closed
Nov. 1	Processing Date for Costume Payment
Nov. 25-30	Watching Week. VFB Donations Welcomed
Dec. 2-7	In-House Exams in Jazz, Tap & Acro Classes (Levels 1 & up).
Dec. 9-14	In-House Exams in all Ballet & Pointe Classes (Levels 1 & up).
Dec. 20	Final Day of Classes for the Fall Term
Jan. 6	Processing Date - Winter Tuition & SRB Exam First day of classes for the Winter Term
Feb. 17	Family Day—WSD Closed. Have Fun!
Mar. 14	Final day of classes for the Winter Term
Mar. 16-21	March Break—WSD Closed

A special thank you to all who attended and contributed to the Charity Masterclass in honour of Desirée Champion.

Those who attended; WSD alumni, current students, past teachers, current teachers, friends and family and those who made generous donations, we thank you. Ms. Champion would have been so proud seeing you all in the studio and we have no doubt that she is smiling! ❤️

#### Congratulations WSD Musical Theatre Performers!

This year, eight lucky and talented WSD Musical Theatre students have been selected to have the opportunity to perform in a professional, live full-scale show entitled *GoldiRocks*, a wacky musical twist on the traditional "Goldilocks and the Three Bears" fairy tale.

Education Arts Canada is one of Canada's leading touring companies of children's musicals. Seen by approximately 50,000 children and teachers across Ontario and Quebec, *GoldiRocks* will inevitably join the list of the best rated and most loved Canadian field trips ever—a high energy, interactive experience students from JK to grade 3 will never forget!

For further information, please check out the flyers posted at WSD and browse [educationarts.ca](http://educationarts.ca). We wish WSD students and the entire troupe good luck and a successful run. Congratulations to you all!

## WSD'S INSIDE SCOOP

We are thrilled to introduce you all to WSD's newest faculty members...

Sonia Franco has joined our Russian Ballet Dept. She's trained at the National School of Dance of El Salvador and has taught at George Brown College.

Sophie Park is also a new member of WSD's Russian Ballet Dept., bringing with her a Masters in Ballet Performing Arts.

We welcome Nina Morra to our Pre-School Division. Nina is a graduate of WSD, has earned her Masters in Education and has taught many dance classes along the way.

We are excited to welcome our very own Vanessa Simone to our Administrative Faculty! Vanessa graduated from WSD's PPP program in May of this year.

We're proud to have you all join our faculty—you are a definite asset to WSD! Welcome!

#### Keep in touch With us...

Have you visited WSD's website lately? Stay connected at [woodbridgedance.com](http://woodbridgedance.com)—we're mobile friendly! Don't forget about our social media outlets for updates and fun! Follow us @woodbridgedance!

