

# Starz Dancer

Denver Dance Starz Newsletter

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## Welcome Back

Happy 2009! We hope you all had a relaxing and fun-filled holiday and break. Now that we are back, we are looking forward to preparing for our upcoming performance/competition season and the annual Summer Recital. It will all be here before we know it!

## Recital Costumes

As we mentioned in our December newsletter, Saturday, January 10 from 10:00-2:00 p.m. is Recital Costume Day. We will be sizing all Level 1 and 2 dancers for recital costumes. Although the recital is still 6 months away, this is a very busy time for costume companies and we need to order costumes by the beginning of February to ensure that they arrive in time for the recital.

Costumes will be approximately \$65-85, depending on the costume. Costumes include: costume, tights, shoe buttons, earrings and headwear. Costumes do NOT include shoes. We ask that you pay at least 1/2 of your costume balance at the time of sizing. The remaining balance MUST be paid by January 24. **Your dancer's costume will NOT be ordered if it is not paid IN FULL by the due date.**

If your dancer is NOT going to participate in the recital, please let the front desk know this so that we can make a note for the teachers and costume coordinator.

We understand that sometimes parents and dancers have previous commitments. If you are unable to make it to the costume sizing, we will have staff available during the following week to get your dancer sized and measured, however, all sizing MUST be completed by January 24.

## Costume Agreement

Costume companies and size charts vary considerably. We order costumes in good faith based on the size charts provided by the companies. However, sometimes costumes do not look exactly like the picture or they don't fit the way we would like them too. Unfortunately, this is out of our control. In some instances, we are able to exchange costumes for size, however, it depends on the company and when the costumes arrive.

Costumes are NON-REFUNDABLE.

Companies require us to pre-pay for costumes when we place the order, which is why we ask you to pay at the time of sizing. If your dancer decides to quit or does not dance in the recital, costumes are NON-REFUNDABLE.

ALL ALTERATIONS that need to take place to your dancer's costume are the parent's responsibility. This includes, but is not limited to adding hooks/eyes, hemming, attaching straps, taking in or letting out.

You will be asked to sign a Costume Agreement when you size and order your dancer's costume. **When you sign the costume agreement, you are saying that you have read the agreement and are aware of this information.**

## Important Dates

January 10	10:00-2:00	Costume Sizing
March 20-28	STUDIO CLOSED - Spring Break	
June 4-5	Recital Dress Rehearsals	
June 6	Annual Recital	

## In the Know

The next 6 months will fly by and there will be a lot of information coming out regarding the recital, including ticket sales, memorabilia orders, yearbook ads, rehearsal schedules and pictures. We do our best to keep parents informed of ALL information in a timely manner, however, **parents are reminded that it's YOUR RESPONSIBILITY to stay informed on ALL the latest info regarding studio happenings.** Please do NOT rely on your dancer (no matter how old they are) as they do not always communicate information.

It is important that you attend Show & Tell and/or stop into the studio on a weekly basis to find out what's going on.

## Shoes

Denver Dance Starz does have required shoes for all of our dance classes. All required shoes are available from the studio. We do not require you to purchase your shoes from us, however, we do require your dancer to have the correct shoes for class AND for the recital. The DDS required shoes are as follows:

### Tap/Jazz Classes (Ages 3-7)

BLACK patent leather button tap  
BLACK leather-sole\* ballet

### Tap/Jazz Classes (Ages 8+)

BLACK synthetic tie tap  
BLACK jazz shoes

### Hip Hop Classes (All ages)

BLACK jazz shoes

### Ballet Classes (Beginning & Level 1)

PINK leather-sole\* ballet

### Ballet Classes (Level 2 & 3)

Bloch PINK split sole ballet

\*ALL ballet shoes MUST be leather soled. Satin ballet slippers may NOT be worn.

If you have questions regarding the correct shoes for your dancer, please consult the staff at the front desk. They will be more than happy to answer your questions or assist you in any way they can

## Recreation Coordinators

Denver Dance Starz is proud to have two highly qualified Recreation Level Coordinators. Trish Mestas and Christy Monson have been with Denver Dance Starz for 10 years and have a tremendous amount of knowledge about the dance studio. They are available to ALL our recreation parents to answer questions you may have regarding ANYTHING! Please take advantage of their expertise in the coming months. They are more than happy to help out.

You can reach the Rec Coordinators at the studio on Wednesday or Thursday evenings. They also have their OWN E-mail, listed below in the contact information.

## Contact Information

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Have a GREAT month!

See you on January 10 for Costume Sizing!