



Dunsmuir Dance Academy

“Live. Laugh. Dance!”



What is the Dunsmuir Dance Academy?

The Dunsmuir Dance Academy is a multi-style dance skill development program offered at Dunsmuir Middle School for students in grades 7 to 9. It is currently in its 5th year of operation and is instructed by Danica Anderson and Leanne Harrington.

About the Instructors

Danica is a teacher with dance training in ballet, pointe, jazz, contemporary, tap, lyrical, musical theatre and modern dance. She is also a competitive Figure Skater and Gold level Ice Dancer with the Juan de Fuca Figure Skating Club. A long-time performer/choreographer with the P.A.C.E. Musical Theatre Program, she is also a graduate from the prestigious *Canadian College of Performing Arts*, and has directed/choreographed full length musicals including, “Annie”, “Little Shop of Horrors”, and “Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat”. Most recently, Danica has studied and performed with Karen Clark Dance Studio, Wendy Steen Mitchell Dance, Studio and Dansko Studio and is currently dancing and performing with Broadstreet Dance

Leanne is a teacher with training in ballet, pointe, jazz, contemporary, tap, irish step, lyrical, musical theatre and modern dance. She comes to Dunsmuir from Saanich School District where she taught dance and musical theatre for many years; coordinating shows, attending festivals and touring as far as Hawaii. Leanne has performed with local dance companies and performing groups including Broadstreet Dance, Wendy Steen Mitchell, and Kidco. Leanne was also an Air Canada Dancer and was on Check T.V’s television show “Shake it Up”.

Who can register for Dance Academy?

The Dunsmuir Dance Academy is open to any interested students in grades 7-9 who possess a passion and enthusiasm for dance, while desiring to improve and expand upon their existing dance training. Although the program is not reserved for students with prior studio dance training, any experience in any style of dance is beneficial. We do, however, welcome dancers at all skill levels as the program is designed to offer experience and training in many different dance styles with an emphasis on individual improvement and development as both a dancer and performer.

How does this program “fit” into the student’s daily schedule?

This program is offered within the regular school day, ranging from one to two periods within the students’ schedules. Students attend dance class in The Dunsmuir Dance Studio.

What kind of instruction will the dancers receive?

Dancers will be offered instruction in many different styles of dance throughout the year; consisting of extensive warm-up routines, strength & flexibility training, cross-floor skill development, choreography, as well as student created choreography and dance teaching experience. Dancers will also have the opportunity to participate in dance workshops taught by guest dance teachers and attend presentations/performances by local professional dance companies. Dancers will also have opportunities to perform in both the school and out in the community, and they will also participate in the *Greater Victoria Performing Arts Festival* as well as Dunsmuir’s “*Evening of Theatre and Dance*”.

How can I find out more about the Dunsmuir Dance Academy?

* Please visit our school website at: <http://dunsmuir.sd62.bc.ca/>

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