

**DOVBUSH SCHOOL OF UKRAINIAN DANCE**  
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**2023-2024 Policy Manual & Registration Package**

Welcome to the 2023/2024 dance season at the Ukrainian Cultural Centre!

***Please read all information carefully!***

**Email** is the primary method of communication. Ensure you've provided us with an up-to-date email address and check regularly for messages from [dovbushdanceschool@gmail.com](mailto:dovbushdanceschool@gmail.com)

**PLEASE NOTE THIS IS A NEW EMAIL ACCOUNT!**

Please "Like" our Facebook page and follow us on Instagram (@dovbushschoolofdance) which will give you access to additional news and information:

<https://www.facebook.com/AUUCVancouver>, and check our website for updates:

[www.auucvancouver.ca](http://www.auucvancouver.ca)

**Parent Orientation** we are excited to be welcoming all returning and new dancers and their parents on the first day of classes, **Saturday September 9th**. We will be inviting parents to join us for a parent meeting (Saturday Meeting Date TBD) to meet some of the teachers, to meet each other, to learn about the AUUC organization and our other cultural events, and to learn more about our upcoming dance season.

**Please review our Policy Manual and Class Schedule** contained within this package. We will continue to adapt during the season in order to provide everyone the best possible experience!

Any adjustments to class placements will be emailed within a few weeks of the start of classes.

We continue to request that registration be completed by sending your forms in by email. Online payments are preferred, but please let us know if you need to make alternate arrangements.

Please contact us with questions or concerns. We look forward to spending a fantastic year guiding your children as they grow and learn!

Caitlynn Schell, Director

Nicole Bizovie, Dance Instructor

Nicole James, Dance Instructor

Lily Parasiuk, Assistant Dance Instructor

## Calendar of Events 2023/2024 September - December

- September 9 First day of classes (registration forms due)  
\*Dance class schedule (final class placements confirmed by Oct 1):  
9:30-10:15 – Zaychyky 'Bunnies' (Preschool/Kindergarten, 3 yrs +) 45-mins  
9:30-10:45 – Bilka 'Squirrels' (Junior, 6 yrs +) 1.25 hrs  
10:15-11:45 – Zirka 'Stars' (Intermediate, 8 yrs +) 1.5 hrs  
10:45-12:45 – Yalanka 'Little Trees' (Senior, 11 yrs +) 2.0 hrs  
12:45-2:45 – Druzhba 'Friendship' (Advanced, 13 yrs +) 2.0 hrs  
*\*\*Please bring your child to their **last year's assigned class** or, if uncertain, please contact us as students' age does not always determine class placement.*
- September 16 Regular Rehearsal
- September 23 Regular Rehearsal (Some teachers will be attending a teacher's seminar this day - substitute teachers will run their classes)
- September 30 Regular Rehearsal (National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - please wear an orange shirt if available to you)
- October 7 Thanksgiving weekend – **CLOSED**
- October 14 Regular Rehearsal
- October 21 Regular Rehearsal
- October 28 Regular Rehearsal (Halloween Class)
- Fri, Nov 3 Zabava for Heart of the City Concert \*The Ukrainian Hall is hosting a dance with a live band for all ages. Come join the party!
- November 4 Regular Rehearsal
- Sun, Nov 5 Heart of the City Festival Concert (3pm)  
\*Zirka, Yalanka and/or Druzhba dancers MAY perform - TBD
- November 11 Regular Rehearsal
- November 18 Regular Rehearsal & Parent Viewing Day (Please join us for the first 30 min of your child's class)
- November 25 Regular Rehearsal
- December 2 Regular Rehearsal
- Sun, Dec 3 Picture Day (TBC)
- December 9 Regular Rehearsal
- Sun, Dec 10 Children's Christmas Concert (2pm)
- Dec 11- Jan 5: **CLOSED**
- January 6: Classes resume - Regular Rehearsal
- January 13: **CLOSED** for Malanka (Ukrainian New Year Celebration - See you all there!!)

\*Please note, this calendar is subject to change. Notice will be given in the event of any change

## 2023-2024 Policy Manual

Dovbush School of Ukrainian Dance (DSUD)  
Association of United Ukrainian Canadians (AUUC)

**Please read the following carefully!** Students must arrive ready for class in appropriate attire, hair in a neat bun or braided using pins, with bangs pulled back for all classes. Short hair may be worn pulled back from the face with clips. Boys styled neatly. Dress Code is important to not only maintain structure in class and avoid distractions, but also to aid teachers with keeping an eye to dancers' safety when learning and performing movements!

- **Dress Code for All Classes:**

### *Zaychyky & Bilka*

- Girls: ballet pink tights, pink ballet slippers (leather) and a black leotard (sleeveless or short sleeve). A dance skirt (wrap skirt or elasticized waistband) may be worn. Long hair must be put into a **bun** for all classes; however, preschoolers may have their hair in a ponytail or braid. Hair must be secured off the face, no matter its length.
- Boys: black shorts or dance tights or fitted athletic pants, black ballet slippers (leather preferable) and a white t-shirt.

### *Zirka (in addition to the above)*

- Character footwear (ballet slippers & short heels)  
Girls Character: Bloch Karacta Character Shoe – Low Heel S0315 (3/4" heel)  
Boys Character: Capezio E-Series Black Leather Oxford Jazz Shoe (or similar)

### *Yalanka & Druzhba*

- Character footwear (shoes & boots)  
Girls Character: Black Leather Character shoe (heel should be no higher than 1.5". Bloch Karacta Canvas Character Shoe – 1 ¼" Heel is accepted). May consider Kozachok Women's Full Sole Character Shoe Traditional Heel ([postmarkukraine.com](http://postmarkukraine.com)) as foot growth slows. Red boots (Druzhba ONLY).  
Boys Character: Black Oxford Jazz Shoe. Red boots (Druzhba ONLY). May consider Hopachok Men's Full Sole Dance Boot ([postmarkukraine.com](http://postmarkukraine.com)) as foot growth slows.

- **Please respect class time:**

- Ensure dancers arrive prior to their scheduled class in proper attire so that they are ready to dance when class starts (hair up, no jewelry, proper dance strip etc.)

- Arriving late to class can be disruptive and difficult on the groups' progression in learning. Late arrivals and missed classes can result in removal from class choreography at the teacher's discretion.
  - While classes are in session, learning is underway! Please keep noise and activity in entrance to a minimum.
- **Communication:**
    - Our primary method of communication is email. We also have information on our website [www.auucvancouver.ca](http://www.auucvancouver.ca) and Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/AUUCVancouver](http://www.facebook.com/AUUCVancouver).
- **Attendance:**
    - Absences affect not only the student but also the entire class, especially when working on performance material.
    - Absences in an activity-based class can't easily be made up - each missed class results in missing valuable instruction, the opportunity to practice important technique, placement, steps, and choreography.
- **MASKS + COVID-19 PROTOCOLS – we will continue to monitor and adhere to BC's recommendations**
- **Illness & Holidays:**
    - Please keep up to date with the latest COVID-19 guidelines:
      - <http://www.bccdc.ca/health-info/diseases-conditions/covid-19/self-isolation>
    - Review the School Calendar and please give consideration to closure dates when planning holidays.
    - **A minimum 48-hour notice should be given to the Dovbush School of Ukrainian Dance (DSUD) via email ([dovbushdanceschool@gmail.com](mailto:dovbushdanceschool@gmail.com)) for any planned absences so that teachers can adjust class plans accordingly!**
    - Sudden absence due to illness or incident - a message should be given as soon as possible.
    - Giving no notice is an unexcused absence.
    - When a dancer accumulates 3 absences, we reserve the right to disallow the dancer to perform in any concert and reserve the right to remove the dancer from choreography.
- **Parent Observation Day:**
    - This is a wonderful opportunity to get a glimpse of your child's regular dance rehearsals. Parents are welcome to observe the class quietly for the first 30 minutes. It is an exciting day for parents and dancers alike.

- **Performances:**

- Please note the following performances:
- **Heart of the City Festival Concert:** November 5th, 2023 **TBD** ( senior 3 groups only/if at all)
- **Christmas recital:** December 10th, 2023
- **BCUCF competition:** May 4th, 2024
- **Bridge Festival:** June 2024 (Dates TBD)
- **End of the year recital:** May/June 2024 (TBD)
- **Vegreville Pysanka Fest:** July 5,6 & 7, 2024 (Attendance to be discussed!)

- **Competition:**

*\*\*BCUCF currently hosts this event on the first Saturday of May (that being May 4, 2024). We will continue to monitor this event and its potential plans for possible participation\*\**

- If your child's class is chosen to compete in the BCUCF competition in Mission, it is imperative that he or she participates in this competition (competition fees are included in our registration fee).
- Participating classes will be Bilka (Junior), Zirka (Intermediate), Yalanka (Senior), and Druzhba (Advanced).
- Attendance at all regular classes and special rehearsals for competition classes is mandatory. Please advise the School by January 6, 2024 if your child is unable to commit to a competition class, or the BCUCF competition date.
- Additional rehearsals may be required prior to the competition.

## 2023-2024 Registration Package

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

Guardian 1 name: \_\_\_\_\_ Guardian 2 name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone 1: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

Dancer email: \_\_\_\_\_

### DANCER 1 (attach additional Dancer sheets as necessary):

Surname \_\_\_\_\_ First name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of birth: \_\_\_\_\_ Age in September: \_\_\_\_\_ Pronouns: \_\_\_\_\_

<b>STEP 1</b>	<b>Select Class(es):</b>	<b>Fees: (per 2 terms or annually)</b>	<b>Fee choice:</b>
	Preschool Ukrainian Dance (45-min) (Zaychyky Class)	\$140/ term 1 + \$170/term 2 • \$300/year	
	Junior/Intermediate Ukrainian Dance (1.25-1.5 hrs) (Bilka, Zirka Classes)	\$180/term 1 + \$245/term 2 • \$400/year	
	Senior & Advanced Ukrainian Dance (2 hrs) (Yalanka, Druzhba Classes)	\$210/term 1 + \$295/term 2 • \$480/year	
<b>STEP 2</b>	<b>Select Costume Fees:</b>		
	Preschool Costume Fee (Zaychyky ONLY)	\$20/year • \$10/term	
	Junior/Inter/Senior/Adv Costume Fee	\$40/year • \$20/term	
	<b>Total fees payable:</b>		
	Online: <a href="http://www.squareup.com/store/Dovbush_Dance_School">http://www.squareup.com/store/Dovbush_Dance_School</a>	=	

### Medical and Emergency Contact information:

BC CareCard (MSP) # \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Doctor: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Emergency Contact name: \_\_\_\_\_

Relationship to student: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Allergy, medical, learning/cognitive or other concerns (Confidential): \_\_\_\_\_

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1. **Waiver of liability**

I \_\_\_\_\_(parent) have enrolled the above-named child(ren) in a program of physical activity, offered by DSUD. I hereby release DSUD and its instructors from any and all actions, causes of action, claims and demands for damages, loss or injury, howsoever arising, which heretofore may have been or may hereafter be sustained by me and/or my child which may occur before, during or after participation in any of the programs offered at the DSUD or at any time, while in the vicinity of the premises of the above stated business, or in any activity sponsored or organized by DSUD and its instructors. By signing this document, I hereby affirm that I have read, fully understand and agree with the above waiver.

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2. **COVID-19 waiver:**

By signing this agreement, I acknowledge the contagious nature of COVID-19 and voluntarily assume the risk that my child(ren) and I may be exposed to or infected by COVID-19 by attending DSUD and AUUC activities and that such exposure or infection may result in personal injury, illness, permanent disability, and death. I understand that the risk of becoming exposed to or infected by COVID-19 at the dance classes or related activities may result from the actions, omissions, or negligence of myself and others, including, but not limited to, DSUD, including employees and volunteers, and program participants and their families.

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3. **Photo Consent:**

I hereby grant or deny permission to DSUD and AUUC and those acting with its authorization the right and permission to use, and/or publish photographs and videos of my child(ren), named above, in print publications, promotional and/or fundraising materials, which may include brochures and information sheets, and in online publications or websites, including the AUUC Vancouver website, where name of child(ren) may or may not be used. I understand that the DSUD will honour parents' wishes concerning the publications and website, however are not responsible for photos and/or names of my child(ren) found on other social media sites.

**Grant** permission to use my child's

image\_\_\_\_\_

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**OR Deny** permission to use my child's image at

all\_\_\_\_\_

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4. **Volunteering: \*\*IMPORTANT\*\***

DSUD is a non-profit cultural group which relies on parent participation in order to enrich the dancers' experience and maintain a viable cultural centre. Typically, DSUD and AUUC host many community and cultural events. **We encourage you to participate in at least one volunteer activity, as available, for the 2023/2024 season and indicate any areas of experience. If you are unable to volunteer, please consider a donation:**

- Costume sewing\_\_\_\_\_
- Costume inventory\_\_\_\_\_

- Perogy making \_\_\_\_\_  
*(usually Sunday afternoons and/or prep Saturday morning, tbc)*
  - Event set-up and planning \_\_\_\_\_  
*(to be determined)*
  - Fundraising committee (various duties) \_\_\_\_\_
  - Other areas of interest: \_\_\_\_\_
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I have read and understand all the information provided in the DSUD Policy Manual:

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Name (print): \_\_\_\_\_

Date (MM/DD/YEAR): \_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_/\_\_\_\_