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## 2024-2025 Policy Manual & Registration Package

Welcome to the 2024/2025 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 follow us on Instagram (@dovbushschoolofdance), "Like" our Facebook page (@AUUCVancouver) and find all other DSUD information, upcoming event information, ticket sales and more can be found on our website [www.auucvancouver.ca](http://www.auucvancouver.ca)

We are excited to be welcoming all returning and new dancers on the first day of classes, **Saturday September 7th, 2024.**

**Parent Orientation** We will be inviting parents to join us for a parent meeting (Saturday, September 28<sup>th</sup>) to meet the teachers, to meet each other, to learn about the AUUC organization and our 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 Etransfer payments are preferred, (send to [dovbushdanceschool@gmail.com](mailto:dovbushdanceschool@gmail.com))

\*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 (Nicky) Bizovie, Sr. Dance Instructor*

*Nicole James, Dance Instructor*

*Veronika Pihuliak, Dance Instructor*

*Lily Parasiuk, Assistant Dance Instructor*

## Calendar of Events 2024/2025 September - December

\*Dance class schedule (final class placements confirmed by Oct 1)

9:00- 9:45	Jazz/Lyrical (Junior 5yrs +) 45min <b>*NEW CLASS</b>
9:45-10:30	Zaychyky 'Bunnies' (Preschool/Kindergarten 3 yrs +) 45min
9:45-11:00	Bilka 'Squirrels' (Junior 6 yrs +) 1.25 hrs
10:30-12:15	Zirka 'Stars' (Intermediate 8 yrs +) 1.75 hrs <b>*extended 15min</b>
11:15-1:15	Druzhba 'Friendship' (Advanced 13 yrs +) 2.0 hrs *formerly named 'Yalenka'
1:30-2:30	Contemporary (ages 11+) 1.0 hr

**\*\*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.**

August 1	Last day to sign up for 'Early Bird' registration fees
September 7	Welcome back! First day of classes (all registration forms due)
September 14	Regular Rehearsal
September 21	Regular Rehearsal
<b>September 28</b>	<b>Regular Rehearsal + PARENT MEETING DAY</b> (National Day of Truth and Reconciliation - please wear an orange shirt if available to you)
October 5	Regular Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, Oct 6</b>	<b>CHOREOGRAPHY REHEARSAL (Zirka &amp; Druzhba) <b>**new**</b></b> <b>Intermediate and advanced classes will learn the framework of their new dances this day approx. 3-5hrs</b>
October 12	<b>CLOSED for Thanksgiving</b>
October 19	Regular Rehearsal
October 26	Regular Rehearsal (Halloween Class)
November 2	Regular Rehearsal
Sunday, Nov 3	<b>Heart of the City Festival Concert (3pm)</b> <b>*Zirka and Druzhba dancers may perform - TBD</b>
November 9	CLOSED for the AUUC National Orchestral Workshop
<b>November 16</b>	<b>Regular Rehearsal &amp; Parent Viewing Day (Please join us for the first 30 min of your child's class)</b>
November 23	Regular Rehearsal
November 30	Regular Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, Dec 1</b>	<b>Picture Day (TBC) *we would love to get group pics this year</b>
December 7	Regular Rehearsal
<b>Sunday, Dec 8</b>	<b>Children's Christmas Recital (2pm)</b>
Dec 14	Christmas Workshop – Fun Christmas Classes!
Dec 15- Jan 3:	CLOSED for the holidays
January 4:	Classes resume - Regular Rehearsal
January 11:	Regular Rehearsal
January 18:	<b>CLOSED for Malanka (Ukrainian New Year Celebration - See you all there!!)</b> *Druzhba performing TBD

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

## 2024-2025 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 in observing dancers' technique and ensuring their safety when learning and performing movements. Failure to adhere to dress code may result in a child being disallowed from participating within class and repeated failure will result in removal from the class.

 **Dress Code for All Classes: GIRLS in black leotard, black skirt, pink ballet tights and slippers. BOYS in white t-shirt, black joggers, black socks and slippers.**



### **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)

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

**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) as foot growth slows.

Boys Character: Black Oxford Jazz Shoe. May consider Hopachok Men's Full Sole Dance Boot (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 (dovbushdanceschool@gmail.com). We also have information on our website [www.auucvancouver.ca](http://www.auucvancouver.ca) and Facebook page: [www.facebook.com/AUUCVancouver](https://www.facebook.com/AUUCVancouver).
- We are creating WhatsApp group chats for each dance group **\*\*NEW\*\*** Read more below.

- **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.
- 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
- Dance is a team sport! Please try your best to make all rehearsals as it is imperative not only for technique building and strengthening but for learning and maintaining choreography.

- **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>
  - We will continue to monitor and adhere to BC's recommendations

- 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) 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.
- **Parent Viewing 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 and important dates:**
    - **Parent meetings:** September 28
    - **Choreography workshop** (Zirka and Druzhba): Sunday, October 6
    - **Heart of the City Festival Concert:** November 3<sup>rd</sup>
    - **Parent viewing day:** November 9
    - **Picture day:** December 1st (TBD)
    - **Christmas recital:** December 8th (2pm)
    - **Fun Christmas class:** December 14<sup>th</sup>
    - **AUUC Vancouver's Malanka celebration:** January 18<sup>th</sup>, 2025
    - **BCUCF competition:** May 3rd, 2025
    - **Bridge Festival:** June 2024 (Dates TBD)
    - **End of the year recital:** May/June 2024 (TBD)
    - **Vegreville Pysanka Fest:** July 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, and 6<sup>th</sup> 2025 (Attendance to be discussed!)
- **Competition:**

*\*BCUCF currently hosts this event on the first Saturday of May (this year being May 3, 2025). 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 they participate in this competition (competition fees are included in our registration fee).
    - Participating classes will be Bilka (Junior), Zirka (Intermediate) and Druzhba (Advanced).
    - Attendance at all regular classes and special rehearsals for competition classes is mandatory. **Please advise the School by January 4, 2025 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.
  - **Druzhba dancers** will have mandatory extended rehearsals for the month of April leading up until BCUCF

### 2024-2025 Registration Package

**DANCER INFORMATION (attach additional Dancer sheets as necessary):**

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

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

**PARENT INFORMATION**

Surname \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

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

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

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



Select Class(es):	Fees: (per 2 terms or annually)	Fee choice:
Preschool Ukrainian Dance (45-min) (Zaychyky Class)	<b>Early bird fees:</b> \$140/ term 1 + \$170/term 2 • <b>\$300/year</b> <b>Regular fees:</b> • <b>\$350/year</b> \$170/term 1 + \$200/term 2	
Junior/Intermediate Ukrainian Dance (1.25-1.5 hrs) (Bilka, Zirka Classes)	<b>Early bird fees:</b> \$180/term 1 + \$245/term 2 • <b>\$400/year</b> <b>Regular fees:</b> • <b>\$475/year</b> \$225/term 1 + \$275/term 2	
Senior & Advanced Ukrainian Dance (2 hrs) (Yalenka, Druzhba Classes)	<b>Early bird fees:</b> \$210/term 1 + \$295/term 2 • <b>\$480/year</b> <b>Regular fees:</b> • <b>\$550/year</b> \$250/term 1 + \$325/term 2	
Contemporary Classes	\$200/term 1 + \$250/term 2 • <b>\$425/year</b> <b>(includes costume fee)</b>	
Jazz/Lyrical Classes	\$200/term 1 + \$250/term 2 • <b>\$425/year</b> <b>(includes costume fee)</b>	
Solo, Duo, or Trio	Fees TBD	
<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> Etransfer: <a href="mailto:dovbushdanceschool@gmail.com">dovbushdanceschool@gmail.com</a> 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): \_\_\_\_\_

**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. Parent group chat (WhatsApp) **\*\*NEW\*\*****

The primary form of communication between the School and parents is email ([doybushdanceschool@gmail.com](mailto:doybushdanceschool@gmail.com)). This year, we want to implement a WhatsApp group chat with each dance group so parents and teachers can better communicate with each other. By initialing within one of the boxes below, you are hereby granting or denying permission to add your primary phone number into a WhatsApp chat group for your child's dance group. Please write the phone number(s) on the line given below.

**Grant** permission to add phone number \_\_\_\_\_  initial

**Deny** permission to add phone number \_\_\_\_\_  initial

**5. 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 2024/2025 season and indicate any areas of experience. If you are unable to volunteer, please consider a donation:**

- Costume sewing/mending \_\_\_\_\_
- Recital costume inventory and collection \_\_\_\_\_
- Year end recital costume inventory \_\_\_\_\_
- Parent hair/makeup assistant \_\_\_\_\_
- Perogy making \_\_\_\_\_  
*(usually Sunday afternoons and/or prep Saturday morning, tbc)*
- Event set-up and planning \_\_\_\_\_  
*(to be determined)*
- Fundraising committee (various duties) \_\_\_\_\_
- Activity committee \_\_\_\_\_
- Other areas of interest: \_\_\_\_\_

General comments: please let us know of any additional information about your dancer or yourself that may be relevant (confidential).

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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): \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_ / \_\_\_\_