



Selkirk & District Ukrainian School of Dance Inc.

Handbook 2023/24

The Selkirk & District Ukrainian School of Dance holds classes on Monday and Wednesday evenings at various locations in East Selkirk, Manitoba. Since 1971, the school has been celebrating and flourishing in the art of Ukrainian dance. In 2013, Selkirk & District became formally affiliated with Troyanda Ukrainian Dance Ensemble. Dancers of the school have the benefit to learn from our talented instructors; many of which dance with Troyanda. Our relationship with Troyanda opens the doors for Selkirk & District students to perform alongside the company throughout the year. Selkirk & District also invites Troyanda to perform at our annual recital, which is held in May/June.

Goals:

The goals and objectives of Selkirk & District Ukrainian School of Dance Inc. are:

- To foster and maintain the integrity of Ukrainian culture
- To provide quality instruction in Ukrainian dance
- To encourage and promote the art of Ukrainian dance
- To provide opportunities for students to perform before audiences of varying sizes

Dance Season: September 11th, 2023 – August 31, 2024

Time	Class	Previous Class (2022/23)	Length	Class Fee
5:45 - 6:30pm	Creative Movement	New dancer or Creative Movement	45 min	\$200
5:45 - 6:45pm	Beginner	Beginner	1 hour	\$250
5:45 - 6:45pm	Junior	Mixed Boys* & Junior Girls	1 hour	\$250
6:45 - 8:45pm	Intermediate Ensemble	Intermediate	2 hours	\$375
6:45 - 8:45pm	Senior	Senior	2 hours	\$375
7:30 - 8:45pm	Adults	Adults	1 hour 15 min	\$300
Wednesday 5:45 - 6:45pm	Monthly Wednesday Workshop	Intermediate & Senior Girls	1 hour	\$80

*The three boys who were ONLY in the Mixed Boys class last year should register for the Junior class.

How to Pay

- Fees shall be payable on or before the first day of classes.
- Registration fees can be paid in full or in 2 equal instalments.
- If paying in instalments, the 1st will include the Fundraising Fee and the 2nd instalment must be received no later than November 30th, 2023.

Fees are to be paid via e-transfer, cheque or cash. You will receive a receipt of your payment.

NOTE: The E-transfer email is DIFFERENT than our usual email

Email: **sdukrdancepayment@gmail.com**

Question: What is the payment for?

Answer: dance2023

Please include in the memo: dancer(s) name and class(es).

Cheques - Please make them out to: Selkirk and District Ukrainian School of Dance

Fundraising Fee

All families are required to pay an \$30.00 fundraising fee. This is mandatory per FAMILY, not per dancer.

In addition, you are required to purchase \$60.00 worth of Grey Cup tickets to sell.

Total per family: \$90.00 - This fee is due at the time of Registration.

Late Fee

A **\$50 late fee** will be added to each dancer's registration fees if registering **on or after October 1, 2023.**

***New - Costume Rental Fee**

In order to maintain and upgrade our costume repertoire, we have implemented a new costume rental fee.

This fee is due November 30th, 2023.

Costume Rental Fee - \$25 per dancer

Costume Deposit

Costume deposit cheques will be due on the 1st day of classes.

Please POST-DATE Costume Deposit cheques for October 1st, 2024.

You will receive the cheque back the following September when all costumes are returned.

Class	Amount
Creative Movement	\$100
Beginner	\$100
Junior	\$100
Intermediate	\$100
Senior	\$100
Adults	\$250

Class Placement

Dancers are placed in their respective groups at the discretion of instructors. Age, skill, ability, and musicality are considered. All dancers are assessed during an initial **3 week trial period** to ensure they are placed in the class best suited to their ability. The trial period allows instructors to ensure dancers are properly placed in a class that will best develop each dancer's potential. At the end of the trial period, the decision of the instructor(s) is final. Our Head Instructor, along with each class instructor, have the best knowledge and assessment of our students and make decisions that will best support the success of each dancer.

Rehearsal Attire

All dancers are expected to follow the established Dress Code. No jewelry is to be worn during rehearsals or performances. No gum or candy.

**Note: If students do not come to class dressed appropriately, they will receive a notice to remind parents. A second warning will be issued for the second class attended not in appropriate attire, and the third class, dancers will be asked to sit out.*

Girls	Boys	Adults
Bodysuit Tights Hair pulled off of face Black ballet slippers Dance skirt or shorts (optional)	T-shirt Cotton pants without pockets Black ballet shoes	Any combination of: Bodysuit Tights Dance skirt/shorts Yoga wear T-shirt Dance slippers, shoes, boots (red & black)

Footwear

Creative Movement - Beginner

Black ballet shoes

- Any type of elastic style
- Leather or canvas



Junior - Adults

Black jazz shoes

- Any style with heel



Seniors

Black jazz shoes

Red Character shoes

- Details TBA

Where to Buy:

- The school owns a limited number of used pairs available for purchase. Or you may trade in a pair that no longer fits
- Buy used as possible! Kijiji, Facebook Marketplace, etc
- Harlequin: The Dance Store <https://thedancestore.ca/product-category/children-dance-shoes/>
- Dance Plus <https://dancepluswinnipeg.ca/shoes>

Costumes

All students are required to supply their own:

Creative Movement - Seniors

- Embroidered Ukrainian Blouse/Shirt
 - RED & BLACK embroidery only
 - Must be long sleeve
- White slip (Girls only)
 - RED & BLACK embroidered trim
 - Intermediate & Senior Girls: skirtlet length (above the knee)

Junior - Adults

- Red beads (3 strands)

Competitions and Performances

Each year dancers will participate in the Manitoba Ukrainian Dance Festival as well as have the opportunity to perform throughout the year. In order to make each endeavour a success, 100% participation is expected. In the event that you are not able to bring your dancers to the performance, please arrange to car-pool ahead of time.

Fundraising

Fundraising is an integral part of the continuing operation of the school. During the year, the school will engage in various forms of fundraising. Your participation is encouraged and appreciated. Fundraising helps keep our registration fees low by increasing our access to grant money.

Parent Volunteering - Mandatory

Each class will be assigned an event/task to be in charge of for the year. Parents of children in that class will be required to assist in the planning and preparation of that event.

For example: Christmas Party, Picture Day, etc.

These will be communicated at our first Parent Meeting and via Email.

Cancellation of Practice

When class is cancelled due to weather, an email will be sent out and a message will be posted on our website and Facebook page. Please notify your instructor if you require a phone call. A decision will be made by 4:00pm.

Classroom Etiquette

1. Dancers are to adhere to the established dress code for each and every class/rehearsal. Failure to do so will result in the student being unable to participate in the class activities.
2. Students are asked to remain in the hallway, AWAY from the classroom doors, for their instructor to invite them inside. Our instructors need time to prepare for class at the beginning of the evening, and it is distracting to the students in class if there is fidgeting with the door or if students are peering in through the windows.
3. Students are to arrive to class on time and prepared to be focused. Dancers are to understand that class is not a time of socializing, but a time of hard work, learning and enjoying dance.
4. Dancers are expected to speak and act respectfully towards their instructors and fellow students both in and out of class. We understand that not everyone can be friends, but we expect a level of kindness and compassion toward all students.
5. Parents are asked to either wait for their children in the hallway, or are free to leave in between. There will be two opportunities to see your child in class during our Parent Observation weeks.
6. Both dancers and parents are expected to respect decisions made by instructors regarding class placement, choreography and performance casting. Our instructors have the best knowledge regarding the ability and technique of our students and choices are made to ensure the success of all dancers'. All decisions are made by our Head Instructor who has a wealth of knowledge and experience in this area. Everything is then confirmed by the Board of Directors. Any questions or concerns can be brought to either the class instructors, Head Instructor, or the Board.

Responsibilities & Code of Ethics

Responsibilities of Selkirk & District

1. To provide quality instruction in Ukrainian dance to promote an appreciation and understanding of Ukrainian culture.
2. To start classes on time.
3. To hold monthly meetings for open discussion and planning of the year.
4. To establish a costume committee to properly and appropriately costume each class for performance.

Responsibilities of Parents

1. To ensure students attend class. In the event of a student absence, parents are expected to inform the **instructor prior** to the beginning of class. Parents are to ensure dancers are at the practice prior to a performance. Failure to attend this practice will result in the dancer being cut from the performance.
2. To have students at class 5 minutes prior to start of class. Students who come in late interrupt warm-ups and lessons.
3. Parents are expected to pick up their dancer on time. Instructors are not required to wait with your child for you to arrive.
4. Parents are expected to see that students are available for competitions and performance; absenteeism is disruptive to the group's presentation. It is expected that parents will **notify the Artistic Director** with reason if a student cannot make a competition or performance.
5. Parents are to discuss any issues directly with the instructor or the Artistic director.

Parent Code of Ethics

1. Parents will not question the judgment of any instructor or Artistic Director.
2. Parents will exhibit exemplary behaviour at practices, performances and competitions.
3. Parents need to recognize the importance of dance in the lives of youth. Parents will promote teamwork, sportsmanship, and a competitive spirit for all dancers in a positive manner.
4. Parents will, at all times, control their emotions and will be considerate of all dancers, parents, instructors and Executive members.
5. Parents will not make disparaging remarks of any type with regard to instructors, choreographers, choreography placement, other parents, adjudicators, other schools, or publicly criticize them in the studio or at any outside event.

Responsibility of the Student

1. Students are expected to attend lessons. If you must be away, the instructor must be contacted prior to the start of class. The practice before a performance is mandatory for all dancers. Failure to attend this practice will result in being cut from the dance.
2. Students are expected to enter lessons with a positive attitude toward instruction, instructors and other dancers. Students who do not show this respect will be subject to disciplinary action as per the following process:
 - a. Instructor(s) will provide a verbal warning of inappropriate behaviour to dancer and dancer's parent. The instructor will notify the Board of this matter.
 - b. Instructor(s) will provide a written warning of inappropriate behaviour, which may result in suspension of dancer, to parent/guardian and Board. Discussion of student behaviour to follow.
 - c. Suspension from dance class for 1 to 2 classes as decided by the instructor(s) and Board.
3. Students are expected to be at class 5 minutes early, dressed and ready to dance.

4. Students are expected to wait quietly for their class to start.
5. Proper footwear must be worn during lessons. Appropriate attire must be worn. Long hair must be tied back. No chewing of gum and no jewelry. Smiles are to be brought into class. Dancers who do not adhere to the dress code will be asked to sit out of class.

Student Code of Ethics

1. I will show respect for my instructor(s).
2. I will choose to never talk back.
3. I will choose to never roll my eyes in class.
4. I will choose to never make unkind remarks about or to anyone.
5. I will choose to treat my fellow dancers with respect at all times.
6. I will attend class regularly.
7. I will arrive for class dressed and with my hair done properly.
8. I will not leave class once it has begun without my instructor's permission.
9. I will not chew gum during class time.
10. I will serve as a role model for younger dancers and my peers at all times.
11. In class, I will choose not to talk to my friends when I should be listening or disrupt class in any other way.