

### Payments

- ❖ Payments must be submitted through Stripe (links to pay through Stripe are posted on our website- [danzarts.org/register-now](https://danzarts.org/register-now)). Payments via Venmo or cash are not accepted.
- ❖ Dancers planning to perform in shows must be on a payment plan (monthly or season).
- ❖ Monthly and season plans cannot be prorated. Dancers who begin after the start of the season will be required to pay the drop-in class fee until the start of the next billing cycle.
- ❖ Payments past due by 5 days will incur a \$10 late fee. Payments past due by 10 days will be considered delinquent, and the dancer will be restricted from class until the balance is paid.
- ❖ Refunds/credits/make-ups are not offered for missed classes.
- ❖ Students are expected to adhere to the designated payment timeframe for paying dues. Failure to pay dues by the deadline will result in a late fee as well as a payment strike. After 3 strikes, students will be automatically enrolled in an auto-pay program managed by the DanzArts Treasurer.

### Dress Code, Class Expectations, & Attendance

- ❖ Dress Code- Dancers should be in proper dance attire and have proper equipment. If a dancer arrives in improper attire, they will be asked to sit out for class.
  - DanzArts t-shirt or fitted black t-shirt or leotard
  - Black leggings/tights for girls/women, black sweatpants/athletic shorts for boys/men
  - No streetwear or other colored dancewear allowed
  - Ballet slippers or jazz shoes
  - Folklorico/flamenco shoes or boots
  - Practice skirt and other props requested by instructor
  - Hair pulled up in a bun
  - Dance bag, bandana/towel, and water bottle
- ❖ Studio Etiquette- Dancers will treat fellow dancers and instructors with respect at all times during rehearsals and performances. No gum chewing, or disruptive talking/ behavior during class. No videotaping or photos allowed unless authorized by Instructor.
- ❖ Commitment- Dancers will work 100% to their capability during rehearsals.
- ❖ Parent/Guardian Supervision- Parents/guardians are not allowed inside the studio during instruction. Please wait in the hallway outside the studio until the end of class.
- ❖ Punctuality- Dancers will arrive to class prepared and on time. If arriving tardy, please notify the instructor ahead of time and please enter quietly into class and catch up with dance mates. Students arriving more than 10 minutes late will be asked to sit out for class.
- ❖ Attendance- Dancers who want to perform in shows must attend at least 80% of rehearsals in the season, and all rehearsals during the 2-weeks prior to a performance.
- ❖ Communication- Communication related to classes, performances, dress rehearsals, and any other important updates/information will be communicated via WhatsApp. Dancers are responsible for making sure that they are aware of updates that are communicated.

## Volunteers / Class Liaisons

- ❖ Dance is one of the primary ways communities come together, and pulling off a great show requires the efforts of the whole DanzArts community! As members of our community, we ask all parents/guardians to share their talents and support our efforts with various tasks, including but not limited to:
  - Ticket and concession sales
  - Decorations/set-up/tear-down at shows
  - Providing information and answering questions from dancers/guardians
  - Helping dancers behind the stage during performances
  - Making base buns and headpieces (tocados).
- ❖ ALL parents/guardians are expected to help at a minimum of 2 events per season (e.g. Childrens' recital, fundraisers, costume workshops, etc).
- ❖ Additionally, we are seeking one parent/guardian to serve as the class liaison for each class. The class liaison will be responsible for coordinating other parent/guardian volunteers. If you are interested in being a class liaison please reach out to your child's instructor.
- ❖ All dancers are required to support fundraising efforts.

## Performances

- ❖ Recitals- The season will prepare dancers for an end of season performance. *Dancers joining after the 4th week of instruction may only perform with instructor approval.* ❖
- ❖ Other Performances- Additional community or private performance opportunities may arise throughout the season. Dancers are required to perform at 80% of these additional shows throughout the season. Dancers who are unable to perform at least 80% of the community shows, are at risk of not performing in larger productions.
- ❖ Dancer Selection- Dancers will be selected to perform based on their ability to successfully execute the dances, at the discretion of the Director/Instructor.
- ❖ Expectations for performers-
  - Rehearsals- Attendance at dress rehearsal (day prior to performance) is required to perform. Dancers are expected to be in full costume for dress rehearsals. Dancers may be required to attend extra rehearsals, as determined by the Instructor.
  - Arrival to Performance- Call time for performers is 1 hour prior to showtime, unless otherwise directed by your Instructor. Dancers should arrive on time and in full black attire, including a DanzArts t-shirt. Hair and make-up should be done prior to arrival, and costumes should be ready to go in garment bags.
  - Hair/ Make-Up/ Undergarments- Dancers must wear a neutral color leotard, and designated color of bloomers. No black or colored undergarments allowed. Hair and makeup should be done as directed by the Director/Instructor (colors/style/etc). ➢
- ❖ Costumes-
  - Dancers will be provided (or will be expected to purchase) costumes and accessories traditional to the region which they are dancing. Specific information about costuming requirements will be communicated at least 8 weeks before a performance.
  - Dancers are responsible for costuming while in their possession. Dancers/guardians agree to replace or repair, at their own expense, any lost or damaged items that belong to DanzArts.
  - All costuming will be stored in garment bags and as directed by Instructor.

## **DanzArts Commitments**

- ❖ Safety-
  - DanzArts holds the academic, emotional, and physical well-being of dancers as a top priority.
  - DanzArts will conduct yearly background checks on all Instructors, Board Members, and volunteers.
  - Proper insurance is held.
  - Studios will be kept in good condition.
- ❖ Class Cancellations- Instructors will be on time, and will notify dancers in the case of illness or emergency. If an instructor cannot attend, every attempt to secure a substitute instructor will be made. In the event a class needs to be canceled, a make-up class will be scheduled. Refunds/credits will not be offered.
- ❖ Our Promise- Everyone working on behalf of DanzArts will treat dancers and parents/guardians with respect and will work to include everyone in our culture of family and preserving heritage through dance.

## **Resources:**

- ❖ Sand Sandals in Barrio Logan for kids folklorico shoes - <https://sandsandals.net>
- ❖ Discount Dance for ballet slippers and leotards - <https://www.discountdance.com/>
- ❖ Zapateria Leon Tijuana - <http://zapaterialeon.com.mx/>
- ❖ La Herradura de Oro - Plaza del Zapato/ Plaza Rio Tijuana
- ❖ Lunares Flamenco [www.lunaresflamenco.com](http://www.lunaresflamenco.com) - Flamenco clothing & shoes
- ❖ Pure Flamenco [www.pureflamenco.com](http://www.pureflamenco.com) - Flamenco clothing, shoes & accessories
- ❖ Flamenco West - 310.305.7661 - <https://flamencowest.com/>
- ❖ Hair and makeup video tutorials available from your instructor