

Welcome to the Discovery Dance Program!

Below is information regarding our ballet classes here at Discovery Programs. Weekday classes are at our main location at 251 W. 100th Street at West End Avenue. **Students enrolled in Saturday Ballet classes must adhere to the guidelines regarding ballet at Symphony Space.**

Required Dance Attire

Pre-Ballet Classes (ages 2, 3, 3/4, 4/5)

- Pink, short sleeve, scoop neck leotard
- Pink tights
- Pink ballet slippers

Ballet Classes (ages 5/6, 5/7)

- Powder blue, short sleeve, scoop-neck leotard
- Pink tights
- Pink ballet slippers

Ballet Classes (ages 7/9, 8-10)

- Black, short sleeve scoop-neck leotard
- Pink tights
- Pink ballet slippers

Get Up and Dance Classes (ages 2)

- Street clothes
- No shoes

No tutus, skirts, or leotards with attached skirts are allowed

Tutus and skirts are permitted in class only on the final day. On these days, children may wear a costume or skirt from home or borrow one.

All Boys

White T-shirt, black tights or sweatpants, black ballet slippers.

Hair

If hair is long, it should be pulled back in a ponytail or bun. If hair is short it needs to be pinned away from the face as well. No jewelry is allowed except for small stud earrings.

Shoes

Ballet slippers should fit like gloves, snug but in no way cramping toes or restricting movement. Be sure they are wide enough. After your child's teacher checks them for fit, put your child's name in both shoes. Please cut the ballet strings no longer than 2 inches and tie them and/or tuck them in the shoes.

Where to Buy?

Dance slippers, shoes, and leotards are sold at the following locations:

- Capezio, 201 Amsterdam Ave. at 69th St. There is a 10% discount on Capezio products for Discovery Programs students.
- Town Shop (2270 Broadway, between 81st and 82nd)
- Discount Dance Supply. www.discountdance.com.
- Amazon

End-of-Semester Performance

All dancers age 3 and up participate in a recital performance at the end of each term. Performances occur on Sunday.

Fall Term: Nutcracker

- The performance fee includes two complimentary tickets per dancer
- Costumes are reused from year to year

Winter/Spring Term: Spring Recital

- The performance fee includes a brand new costume that each dancer may keep
- Tickets to the show must be purchased in advance of the performance

Saturday Ballet at Symphony Space

Arrival

Enter the main floor of Symphony Space at 95th and Broadway. Please check in with the security guard and tell them you are going to Discovery Programs Ballet class in Thalia Studio.

Thalia Studio

In the lobby, there is a staircase to the far right. Once downstairs, there is a yellow wall to your left. The yellow wall is the entrance to the bathrooms and classroom. Please wait for your teacher near the yellow or blue wall. You may change in the bathrooms, as there is no waiting area. There is an elevator as well for strollers if it necessary. Never enter the classroom without the teacher present. The teacher will come out of the dance studio and call for students; adults will leave the premises and return at pick up time. Do not enter the Thalia Theater; it is not available for our use.

Waiting Area

There is not much of a waiting area at Symphony Space due to the regular shows that occur in the Theater next to the Thalia Dance Studio. Backstage crews are regularly loading and unloading equipment which makes it unsafe to wait.

Due to no waiting area at Symphony space, please arrive on time for class. Please do not be more than 5-10 minutes early. Pick-up is in the classroom.

Strollers

We discourage the use of strollers because space is tight. Discovery is not responsible for anything left or stolen!

In case of emergency please verify your name and phone number with the teacher for the first day of class.

To discuss any problems or concerns or to schedule a make-up class (2 per class per semester, call 24 hours in advance, based on availability) you may call us at regular business hours at 212.749.8717.