



School of Dance Fall 2018 Newsletter

COME DANCE WITH US!

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2018-2019 DANCE!

Happy Fall! We are so excited to start another dance season, and have some AMAZING announcements! We have created this newsletter to tell you a little about the School of Dance, answer some frequently asked questions and let you know how you can support your dancer and our organization throughout the year!

Come Dance with Us!

Crested Butte School of Dance is a registered nonprofit organization providing many opportunities to be involved in dance and the arts. The Dance Collective is now a program of the SOD and we are excited to offer aerial programming regularly as well as many performance opportunities for adult dancers, including the Fall Production and Move the Butte. We create a nurturing environment for our littlest stars and intensive instruction for serious students, making SOD the principle dance academy of Crested Butte.

Who We Are

The mission of the Crested Butte School of Dance is to deepen the connection to ourselves, to each other, and to the world around us through dance. We are a community-based, educational organization dedicated to fostering creativity, self-

expression, and personal growth to people of all ages through professional dance instruction and performance opportunities.

What We Value

We value: Community, creative expression, self-esteem, connection, inclusivity, diversity, fostering the love and joy of dance, providing performance opportunities for all ages & abilities, affordability, musicality, and sustainability.

Our programs focus on: dance technique, body awareness, musicality & performance.

Participation in classes teach many life skills including: teamwork, discipline, self-esteem, an active lifestyle, and cooperation.

Where are we today?

Currently the SOD serves over 300 students ages birth to 70+ and our annual enrollment continues to grow. We are bursting at the seams! We dance at 7 different studio locations during the height of our performance season, offer 13 genres of dance and have a growing staff of instructors. This season the CB Dance Collective has merged with the SOD! We are offering more dance opportunities under one organization! Move the Butte, The Fall

Production & aerial dance will be stronger than ever with our new collaboration! We continue to grow annually and need your support!

There are many opportunities to give to the SOD. We run an annual sponsorship campaign, you can select us as your charity of choice at City Market and Amazon, purchase SOD dance wear, VOLUNTEER at our performances or sign up to be on a Board Committee.



FAQ's

How does the dance season work?

We have 6 dance sessions:

Fall Session ~ September 17- November 2

- This session is for all ages and is a combination of aerial and ground dance offerings.

Grade PreK-Grade 5 Winter/Spring Performance Session ~ November 5-April 6

Grade 6-Adult Winter Performance Session~ November 5-February 9

Grade 6-Adult Spring Performance Session~ February 25-May 16

PreK-Grade 5 Spring Session~ April 22-May 31

Dance in the Mountains ~ June-July

- Drop in friendly! Keep up with your technique and groove with the SOD all summer long! Dance Camps for ages 3-11!

When are the performances?

Fall Showing ~ November 4th

Dance Collective Fall Production~ November 10th at Bonez

Grade 6-Adult February Showcase~ February 7,8 & 9

Move the Butte ~ February 20, 22 & 23

Grade PreK-Grade 5 April Showcase~ April 4,5 & 6

- This showcase is broken down by age group Grade PreK-Grade 2 will dance in their own show & Grade 3-5 students will have their own showcase. Each age group will perform in 2 recitals over the weekend.

Grade 6-Adult May Showcase~ May 16, 17 & 18



Do you offer scholarships?

Yes, scholarship information can be found on our website dancecrededbutte.org

Do you have classes when the Community School has breaks?

We observe the week or longer breaks that the Community School observes.

Fall Break~ October 8-12

Thanksgiving Break~ November 19-23

Holiday Break~ Dec 24 – Jan 4

Winter Break~ February 18-22

Spring Break~ April 15-19

How do I register?

All our registration is online at dancecrededbutte.org

What to do I wear and bring to class?

Class attire can be found on [our website under the parent portal](#) & on the specific class registration page. There are class attire requirements.

Please be on time to class for drop off and pick up! Bring a water bottle & snack to class. This is especially important for classes that occur right after school. Kids are hungry and need a snack before class.

New this year, we have a [parent/student handbook! Check it out!](#)

What are Company & the Hip Hop Crew?

These two teams were created to give our most dedicated dancers the opportunity to grow as individual dancers as well as a team by attending weekly technique classes and group rehearsals, local master classes, traveling to workshops and community performances. The goal is to enhance confidence, technique, discipline, rhythm, self-esteem and passion through the art of dance.

You can audition for these teams in 7th Grade.

Are costume fees and tickets included in the tuition cost?

No, costume fees, production fees and tickets to the performances are not included in tuition cost.

What if a class is full? Can I still register?

If a class is full please add your student to the wait list. We will be in touch regarding enrollment.



SUPPORT THE SOD



Do you shop online? Of course you do! By May 2018 Amazon has donated \$89,030,554 to nonprofits!

If you already shop on Amazon, or if you're looking for the perfect gift for a loved one, we invite you to shop at smile.amazon.com and choose Crested Butte School of Dance as your charity of choice.



You need to eat! Support the SOD when you shop at City Market.

Just assign your Value Card to the Crested Butte School of Dance, and City Market will donate a percentage of your purchases back to the SOD on a quarterly basis. It costs nothing, and there will be no change in your fuel point collection.

These contributions help us tremendously and help to keep tuition costs low.



Your support helps keep our programming costs low & helps provide dance scholarships.

It's EASY to support DANCE!

FAST FACTS

= 1%

% of annual income that comes directly from donations. Let's increase that to 5% in 2019!

16%

According to the One Valley Prosperity Project 16 percent of children 18 and under in the Gunnison Valley fall below the poverty line. We are only able to offer 3% of our total tuition as scholarships. We would love to increase this number to 5-10% within 3 years.

DO YOU NEED HELP SIGNING UP?

Contact Annie anytime and she can help!

annie@dancecrestedbutte.org

Sponsorship Campaign

Our annual sponsorship campaign launches every December and has great benefits including tickets and reserved seating at performances! Connect with Annie to become a SOD Sponsor!

Volunteer

We need volunteers! We cannot produce our shows without parental support. Look for the emails prior to the shows and sign up to help back stage or in the lobby with ticketing!

Want to do more? Ask about our Board Committees. Contact Annie

annie@dancecrestedbutte.org

Huge thank you to our Board of Directors!

- Shannon Mujica ~ President
- Kristin Engel ~ Vice President
- Kim Dunn ~ Secretary/Treasurer
- Alice Jennison
- Zack Gustafson
- Bart Laemmel
- Jen Laggis

Our 2018/2019 Company & Hip Hop Crew

Mountain Rhythms Company

Lily Fessenden (Captain)
Sage Maestro (Captain)
Keeley Eymere
Lily Hanna
Zoe Hegeman
Ally Howe
Ruby Laemmel
Emma Jean Lovett
Campbell Ryan
Campbell Wynes

Butte-ies Company

Abby Engel (Captain)
Sam Merck (Captain)
Rachel Clark
Lolo Houseman
Juliana Lodovico
Wren Robinson
Isabel Russell
Carly Tunkey (Trainee)
Madeline Willett (Trainee)

Hip Hop Crew

Crew "RED"

Spencer Berv
Dane Defrates
Alex Eldridge
Owen Forsythe
Ruby Laemmel
Pearce McLaughlin
Nathan Sawyer
Asher Weinberg

Crew "BLUE"

Julian Arthur
Kai Greene
Gavin Jobson
Kaiden Marziano
Jamis Matlock
Colm Piccaro
Finn Ramsey

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Happy Dancing!

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