

Happily Ever After Information Letter

Windsor Dance eXperience Inc. (WDX) is a non-profit organization run entirely by volunteers to provide opportunity and encouragement to youth throughout the community as well as to develop experience and appreciation for the fine arts. The organization is comprised of the Junior (9 - 11), Intermediate (12 - 15), and Senior (16+) companies. WDX believes in understanding its members and recognizes them as individuals with unique ideas and styles. To become a part of WDX, we don't require experience - we give it.

The Dancers

We strive to build a professional attitude and work ethic with our dancers. They will learn that no good production goes without teamwork. We also work on strength and stamina to enhance their performance. The standard rehearsal times are as follows: Juniors rehearse Saturdays from 9am-11am, Intermediates rehearse Wednesdays from 6pm-9pm and Seniors rehearse Saturdays from 11:30am-2:30pm. However, depending on the role the dancer receives additional rehearsals and shoot days could be held on Monday, Wednesday or Friday evenings or overtime on Saturday.

Membership Information

There will be a **mandatory Parent / Dancer meeting on November 19 at 6:00 pm for all members and parents / guardians**. We will discuss the fundraisers and give out a lot of important information for this session.

To be in good standing, each member must be up-to-date on membership fee payment, participate in the mandatory fundraiser, participate in the Poster Run, and complete the minimum 10 volunteer hours.

As a non-profit organization, we rely on volunteers. On the *Volunteer Form* all parents / dancers must check off what they are interested in volunteering for. These productions need a lot of help and the more people involved, the more successful the show.

What your membership fees include...

Membership fees include the membership dues, fundraising deposit, and uniform mask fee. The total membership fees are \$485.00. WDX offers two payment options for membership dues:

- Lump sum payment: The total membership fees \$485.00 must be paid in full on December 1st.
- Monthly payment: The total membership fees are divided over the session months for equal installments of \$100 (Dec-Apr) that must be paid on the first Saturday of every month.

Membership Dues: \$50.00 / month (A \$5 late fee will be charged for any late payments.)

Fundraising Deposit: \$125.00

The fundraising fee is refundable deposit that is returned if the dancer meets the fundraising requirement.

Uniform Mask Fee: \$10.00

The member will receive one uniform mask that must be worn to special events and filming.

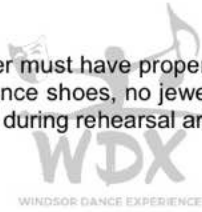
The Production

Our next production is unique in the fact that we are bringing our performance to the big screen. Happily Ever After is a compilation of Grimm fairytales all told through different genres of music and dance and will be WDX's first full length film. Our hope is to have a gala premier where we can showcase the movie to the public in a theatre. However, the future is unknown to all of us and we may have to find other avenues to release it. The main point is that the show will go on no matter what we just don't know how it's being released to the public yet.

We request all dancers and their families to be on standby to participate in the poster run and sell tickets to the premier. It is WDX's standard to ask every member to sell a minimum of 10 tickets to the performance. This may be adjusted based on the recommendations provided by WECHU if theatres are operating in the summer of 2021.

Uniform

Within a month after registration the dancer must have proper dance attire consisting of a black body suit (to be worn to every rehearsal), proper dance shoes, no jewelry or sharp nails, and hair tied back off the face and neck. Uniform colours to be worn during rehearsal are black, grey, white, and navy. We hope you enjoy the eXperience!



Fundraising

Each dancer pays a \$125 Fundraising Deposit (discount available for families). The Fundraising Deposit will be returned to the member if they have met all fundraising requirements and membership fees are up to date. You may also choose to opt out of fundraising and just pay the fee, but please remember to communicate this by email (fundraising@windsordanceexperience.ca) with our Fundraising Director, Michelle Robinet. This session we will be hosting a raffle! Each dancer will be required to sell a set number of tickets for this draw at \$5 each. More details will be made available soon.

Rehearsal

Each dancer is provided with a monthly rehearsal schedule with a minimum of two weeks advance notice. Depending on the role that dancer may receive, there may be extra rehearsal time throughout the week as well as shoot times beginning in February. The schedule is posted at the space, emailed out weekly, and available on our website. Please take note of the schedule and notify Tiffany via email (info@windsordanceexperience.ca) right away if there are any conflicts. On the audition form there is an availability check list. We will try to be as accommodating to your availability as possible, which is why it is very important to be as open as possible and disclose all major events, vacations, as well as scheduled days at school or other jobs. If a performer misses too many rehearsals, regardless of calling ahead or not, they may be removed from scenes or possibly their role.

*It is also important to note that some shoots will take place outdoors and schedules may have to adapt to weather restrictions.

Costumes

Costumes will be provided to a reasonable extent, but you must provide the dancer's appropriate coloured body suit, tights, and shoes.

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- **Website** - <http://www.windsordanceexperience.ca>
- **Facebook** - @WindsorDanceeXperience
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- **YouTube** - <http://www.youtube.com/user/WindsorDanceX>