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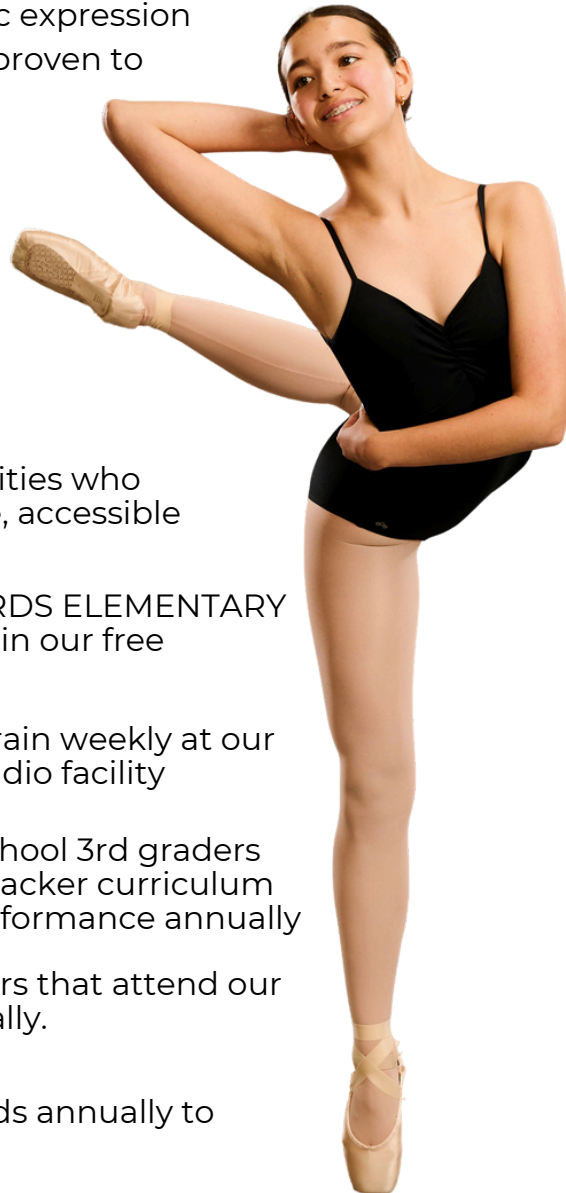


A COMMITMENT TO OUR COMMUNITY

Arts are essential. Columbia Dance believes wholeheartedly in investing in the youth of our community by providing quality dance education to as many children as possible. The combination of physical exertion and artistic expression required in dance, have been proven to

significantly benefit

- PHYSICAL HEALTH,
- MENTAL HEALTH, &
- ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT



Research shows that dancers:

- Experience the benefits of reduced screen time and better mental health
- Exhibit improved confidence, self-esteem, physical fitness, and flexibility
- Learn persistence, discipline, teamwork & goal setting
- Are significantly more motivated academically, especially students from low socio-economic groups
- Perform community service more than 4 times more often than their non-artist peers.

ENRICHING LIVES THROUGH DANCE

27 Children with disabilities who benefit from our free, accessible dance classes.

100 Students at ORCHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL participate in our free enrichment classes.

210 Students ages 3-18 train weekly at our state-of-the-art 4 studio facility

1,500 Vancouver Public School 3rd graders who study our Nutcracker curriculum and attend a live performance annually

5,000 Community members that attend our performances annually.

30,000 In financial aid awards annually to families in need.

THANK YOU TO OUR INCREDIBLE DONORS!

Tuition and sales revenue only cover 80% of our operational costs. We rely on the generosity of our donors to fill the gap in our budget between revenue and expense. Donor support is essential to ensuring that we can continue to provide quality instruction and mentorship to our community.



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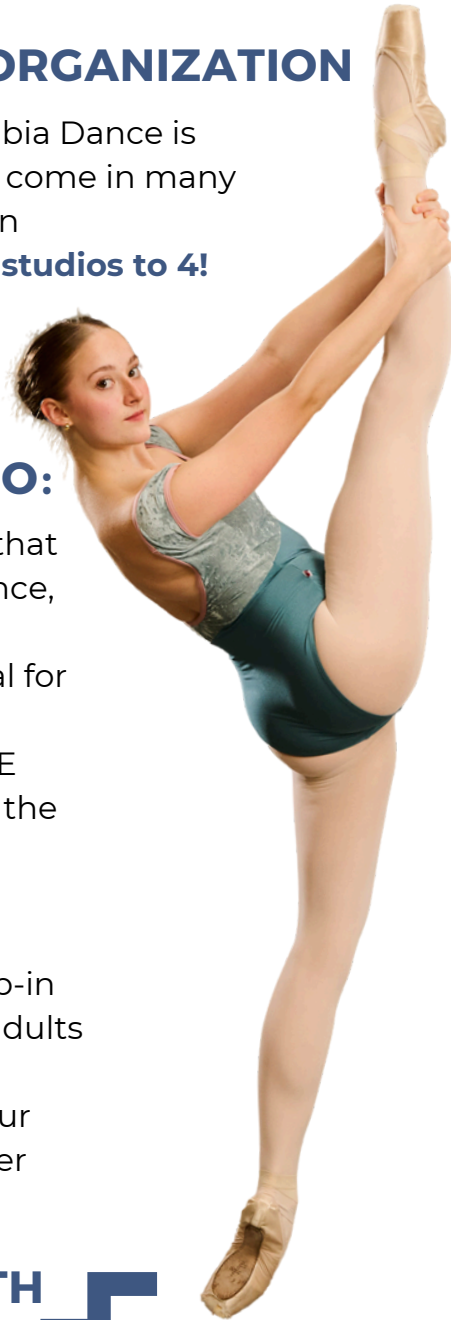


STRETCHING OUR ORGANIZATION

One of our core values at Columbia Dance is **ever-evolving growth**. This can come in many forms. This year our organization **grew physically- from 3 dance studios to 4!**

OUR 4TH DANCE STUDIO HAS ALLOWED US TO:

- Grow our student body so that everyone who wants to dance, can!
- Keep our class sizes optimal for personal mentorship.
- Add classes to our INCLUDE program to accommodate the demand for extracurricular activities for children with disabilities
- Expand our teen/adult drop-in offerings. Dance benefits adults too!
- Provide cross training for our advanced dancers and other athletes in our community.



2024 OUTREACH HIGHLIGHT- ORCHARDS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Columbia Dance now provides weekly dance classes at Orchards Elementary School, a title 1 school with 93% low-income families. We have **100 elementary students dance with us at Orchards each week!**

Their administrator wrote “The reality, for a majority of our families is that they aren’t able to enroll their children in extracurricular activities. I had one parent call me up in tears because they were so appreciative that their kid was getting to take a dance class. The mom reported that her child said, ‘Mama, I get to learn to dance just like the other kids!’ This particular family is in a homeless situation and working extremely hard to get back on their feet.”

ENROLLMENT GROWTH

- **Summer up 17%**
- **School Year up 20%**
- **INCLUDE up 75%**





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DONATION IMPACT LIST

- \$100** **FUNDS 1 WEEK OF INCLUDE CLASSES**
Accessible dance classes for children with disabilities that Columbia Dance offers tuition-free.
- \$200** **SUBSIDIZES 1 COMPANY DANCER'S TRIP TO THE BALLET ALLIANCE FESTIVAL-**
An experience where they are exposed to world class teachers and considered for acceptance into college dance programs and summer training scholarships.
- \$700** **1 YEAR OF FINANCIAL AID FOR A 4-6 YEAR OLD**
Help a student find their passion!
- \$1,000** **COMMISSIONS A NEW PIECE OF CHOREOGRAPHY**
Compensates a professional choreographer to create a 7 minute original piece on our dancers.
- \$2,000** **1 YEAR OF FINANCIAL AID FOR AN INTERMEDIATE STUDENT**
They've found their passion and now they want to dedicate 2-3 days a week to it!
- \$3,000** **SEND A FACULTY MEMBER TO TEACHER TRAINING**
We are only as good as our teachers. Professional Development is key to maintaining our high standards of instruction.
- \$4,000** **1 YEAR OF FINANCIAL AID FOR ADVANCED STUDENT**
These teenagers devote 15 hours per week to their dance studies.
- \$5,000** **FUND OUR ORCHARDS ELEMENTARY OUTREACH PROGRAM**
This would cover 1 year of costs to bring dance to 100 students at a title 1 elementary school for an entire school year.
- \$7,000** **SPONSOR SERENADE**
Columbia Dance's first ever Balanchine ballet needs a sponsor to cover the costs of our guest repetiteur, licensing fees, costume rentals, and theater upgrades.