

DISCOVER THE HEART OF DANCE & COMMUNITY AT Ellensburg Dance Ensemble

ELLENSBURG DANCE ENSEMBLE

Ellensburg Dance Ensemble (EDE) is the only nonprofit dance studio and company in the region, passionately dedicated to enriching the lives of children and adults through dance, community arts, and unique performance experiences. EDE fosters an inclusive and dynamic atmosphere where dancers of all ages can express themselves, learn, and grow in the art of dance.

CLASSES FOR ALL AGES

At EDE, we offer classes for ages 1 through adult, spanning a variety of styles. Whether you're a beginner exploring movement for the first time, an advanced dancer seeking new challenges, or simply looking for a fun way to stay active, EDE has something for everyone. Our class lineup includes ballet, lyrical dance, musical theater, belly dance, contemporary, and more. For adults, we offer drop-in options as well as an 8-class pass, making it easy to join in at your convenience.

ICONIC PRODUCTIONS & COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES

EDE is known for its annual productions, bringing beloved classics and innovative new performances to life on the big stage. Our shows provide a unique platform for local talent and create cherished memories for audiences of all ages. In 2026 look for our spring ballet based on The Little Prince, our year-end showcase and a new winter show!

EVENT RENTALS AT OUR STUDIO

Our beautiful studio space is available to rent for birthday parties and regular exercise classes. With a spacious room, ample natural light, and all the amenities you need, our studio is perfect for hosting events and classes with a creative flair. We offer flexible rental packages and are excited to help you customize your activity to make it unforgettable.

VISIT US!

Located in the heart of downtown Ellensburg, EDE is not just a dance studio—it's a vibrant part of the community. Drop by to learn more about our programs, watch a class in action, or explore how you can be part of our upcoming productions and events.

Whether you're a resident or visiting Ellensburg, join us at Ellensburg Dance Ensemble, where the arts, community, and creativity come alive!

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THE STUDIO BY EDE - 118 EAST 4TH



ELLENSBURG DANCE ENSEMBLE
PRESENTS



an Original **HOLIDAY** BALLET

'Twas The Night Before Christmas: An EDE Original Holiday Ballet

Step into the warmth and wonder of Christmas Eve, where a loving family prepares for bed and the promise of magic lingers in the air. As the house grows still, mischievous mice emerge to play, and Sugar Plum Visions dance through the children's dreams in a swirl of light and color.

When midnight strikes, the Grandfather Clock Spirit awakens, heralding the arrival of Santa, who fills the room with joy and wonder as dancing Ornaments, Toys, and Soldiers come to life beneath the glittering tree. On a starlit rooftop, graceful Reindeer leap in jubilant ballet while Santa shares a tender moment with the awakening children before soaring into the snowy night sky.

Guided by the voice of the Narrator, this enchanting story unfolds through movement and music, capturing the timeless spirit of generosity, joy, and magic. As dawn breaks, the family awakens to the memory of a wondrous night—reminding us all of the beauty of belief and the warmth of the season.

"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night!"



Our Sponsors



✨ Pas de Cash — Intermission Fundraiser ✨

During intermission, keep an eye out for our Reindeer and Elves—young dancers helping Santa spread Christmas joy! These spirited performers will move gracefully through the audience collecting donations in the true spirit of holiday generosity. This playful tradition blends artistry with community support: every dollar given helps Ellensburg Dance Ensemble continue providing affordable, high-quality dance education, costumes, sets, and performance opportunities for local dancers.

Your generosity directly supports our nonprofit mission and keeps productions like 'Twas the Night Before Christmas sparkling on stage.

Thank you for supporting the arts—and for helping our dancers keep the magic alive!



Our Music Selections

ACT 1

- Scene 1: The Cozy Home - Lo, How a Rose Éér Blooming, Praetorius
Scene 2: Not a Creature was Stirring - Pizzicato Polka, Strauss
Scene 3: Visions of Sugar Plums - Ballet Music II, Schubert
Scene 4: The Grandfather Clock Strikes Midnight - Gnossienne, Satie
Scene 5: The Clatter on the Lawn - Tritsch Tratsch Polka, Strauss
Scene 6: Santa's Arrival - Troika, Prokofiev
Scene 7: The Enchanted Toy Ball - The Snowstorm Waltz, Sviridov

ACT 2

- Scene 1: Up on the Rooftop - Perpetuum Mobile, Strauss
Scene 2: Santa's Visit - A Christmas Festival, Anderson
Scene 3: A Christmas Eve Surprise - Lascia Ch'io Pianga, Handel
Scene 4: The Toy Room Awakens - Suite No. 2, Grieg
Scene 5: The Porcelain Pas de Deux - Sicilienne, Faure
Scene 6: The Farewell Flight - Belle of the Ball, Anderson
Scene 7: Finale/Christmas Morning - We Wish You A Merry Christmas, Trad. Carol

Coming This Spring!

EDE's new spring show! A show filled with artistry and variety—ballet, lyrical, tap & contemporary, with surprises along the way!

Auditions in January and shows in May!

EDE Presents::

The Little Prince

May 21-24, 2026

Auditions January 10, 2026

A vibrant fusion of ballet, lyrical, and tap dance.

Our Helpers

EDE Production Team

Serena Scheffer-Arango - Artistic Director
Emma Tolmich & Serena Scheffer-Arango - Choreographers
Jill Scheffer, Kim Rivera, & Daniele Ray - Producers
Becky Carter - Costume Design
Daniele & Dustin Ray - Props
Jessica Kamin - Hair & Makeup Design
Alyssa Gregor - Sound & Quick Change
Sydney Baker - Show Runner

Extra Big Thanks To:

Cole Harmon - Sound Engineering
Katie Harmon - The Narrator
Nathaniel Arango - Sound Engineering
Matt Wenz - Poster & Program Design
Mike McCloskey - Lighting & Stage Management
Morgan Middle School Custodial Team
Cast Parent & Family Volunteers including (but not limited to): Christina Frantz, Aliyah Crumrine, Mist Cogliati, Lynn Grieve, Andreina Delgado, Angela Armstrong, Aria Wilson, Sam Larson, Bethany Newby, Stephanie and Luke Hartung, Mande Olsen, Trip Landon, Alynne Durkan, Jared Carter.
EDE Board of Directors: Kim Rivera, Daniele Ray, Jill Scheffer, Shalina Chandler, & Kevan Ferrier

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PHOTOGRAPHY

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Our Amazing & Talented Cast

Aliyah Crumrine - Santa Claus

Katie Harmon - Narrator

Madi Miller - Sugar Plum Queen & Toy Soldier

Julianne Bryant - Christmas Tree Angel

Emma Tolmich - Porcelain Doll

Serena Scheffer-Arango - Grandfather Clock Spirit & Toy Soldier

Jessica Kamin - Mother & Enchanted Doll

***David Stevens - Father & Toy Soldier**

Natalie Carter - Child

Kayden Ray - Child

Ellen Mersereau - Elf Coordinator & Enchanted Doll

Sami Walters - Elf Coordinator's Assistant & Enchanted Doll

Jack Ray - Elf Coordinator's Assistant's Assistant & Christmas Present

Trip Landon - Porcelain Soldier & Father

Kim Rivera - Nanny & Enchanted Doll

Aria Wilson - Enchanted Doll

Braelynn Newby - Sugar Plum Vision, House Mouse, & Elf

Charlotte Frantz - Christmas Present & Elf

Elena Delgado - Sugar Plum Vision, Ornament, & House Mouse

Ember Harmon - Ornament, Elf, & House Mouse

Eva Luna Delgado - Ornament, Elf, & House Mouse

Fynnlee Durkan - Reindeer & Ornament

Johnny Landon - Toy Soldier

Jossalynn Hartung - Sugar Plum Vision, House Mouse, & Reindeer

Layla Rivera - House Mouse, Dream Spirit, & Elf

Lillian Rolfe - Christmas Present & Elf

Linden Olsen - House Mouse & Reindeer

Madison Moon - Toy Soldier

Mist Cogliati - Toy Soldier

Noelle Armstrong - Sugar Plum Vision, House Mouse, & Elf

Reagan Larson - Reindeer & House Mouse

Rylee Larson - House Mouse & Reindeer

Samuel-Asher Grieve - Reindeer & Christmas Present

Stella Wenz - House Mouse & Reindeer

Vera Kamin - House Mouse, Dream Spirit, & Elf

**unfortunately, David Stevens injured his ankle on opening night, so Trip Landon will be dancing the role of Father and Serena Scheffer-Arango will be dancing the role of Toy Soldier. We are all wishing for David's speedy recovery!*

Our talented cast members all take dance classes at The Studio by EDE at 118 East 4th in Downtown Ellensburg, or at other wonderful dance facilities across the region. We welcome community members of all backgrounds and experiences to dance with us. As Ellensburg's nonprofit dance ensemble, we are dedicated to creating accessible, inclusive performance opportunities for dancers of all ages and skill levels. The EDE Board of Directors extends a warm **Thank You** to all our dancers for helping to create the vibrant arts community that makes productions like this possible.

Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;

The children were nestled all snug in their beds,
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;
And Mama in her 'kerchief, and I in my cap,
Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap;

When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter.
Away to the window I flew like a flash,
Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash.

The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below,
When, what to my wondering sight should appear,
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny rein-deer,

With a little old driver, so lively and quick,
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.
More rapid than eagles his coursers they came,
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!
On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blixem!
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"

As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly,
When they meet with an obstacle, mount to the sky;
So up to the house-top the coursers they flew,
With the sleigh full of Toys, and St. Nicholas too.

A Visit from Saint Nicholas

Clement Clarke-Moore
1823

And then, in a twinkling, I heard on the roof,
The prancing and pawing of each little hoof—
As I drew in my head, and was turning around,
Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound.

He was dressed all in fur, from his head to his foot,
And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot;
A bundle of Toys he had flung on his back,
And he look'd like a pedlar just opening his pack.

His eyes—how they twinkled! his dimples how merry!
His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry!
His droll little mouth was drawn up like a bow,
And the beard of his chin was as white as the snow;

The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth,
And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath;
He had a broad face and a little round belly,
That shook when he laughed, like a bowlfull of jelly.

He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself;
A wink of his eye and a twist of his head,
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread;

He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work,
And fill'd all the stockings; then turned with a jerk,
And laying his finger aside of his nose,
And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose;

He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle,
And away they all flew like the down of a thistle.
But I heard him exclaim, ere he drove out of sight,
"Happy Christmas to all, and to all a good night."