

## Frequently Asked Questions about The Wooden Floor at Depot at Santiago

**Below are frequently asked questions we often hear about The Wooden Floor as well as our second location.**

**Q: What is The Wooden Floor and why is it important?**

A: Founded in 1983, The Wooden Floor is one of the foremost creative youth development nonprofit organizations in the country. We transform the lives of young people in low-income communities through the power of dance and access to higher education. In Orange County and through national licensed partners, The Wooden Floor uses a long-term approach grounded in exploratory dance education to foster the confidence and gifts within each child to innovate, communicate, and collaborate – skills necessary for success in school and in life. **100 percent of students who graduate from The Wooden Floor immediately enroll in higher education.** Students of The Wooden Floor become change agents and beacons of hope within their own families, their neighborhoods, our community, and our world.

**Q: How did The Wooden Floor become a part of the Depot at Santiago?**

A: The Wooden Floor was specifically selected by Orange Housing Development Corporation (OHDC) and C&C Development to be a part of this workforce housing property due to our outstanding reputation, high artistic quality, and results for those we serve. OHDC and C&C have a proven track record of assisting cities in achieving their affordable housing production goals through the new construction of multifamily units and adaptive reuse of existing underutilized properties. The Depot at Santiago, a mixed-use, transit-oriented development is designed for working families with incomes that range from 30% to 60% of area median income (AMI). The City of Santa Ana focused redevelopment efforts on the area where the Depot at Santiago is currently located, viewing it as the arts gateway to the city.

**Q: What are the operating hours for The Wooden Floor’s space at Depot at Santiago and what are the times of increased traffic?**

A: The operating hours for The Wooden Floor at Depot at Santiago are 3:30pm to 8:15pm Monday through Friday. Hours for our Main Street location, at 1810 N Main Street, are 9:00am to 8:30pm, Monday through Friday and Saturday from 9:00am to 1:45pm. You will notice a modest increase in traffic along N. Santiago Street and Stafford Street at 4pm, 5:15pm, and 6:30pm when students arrive or depart classes. We estimate roughly 30-40 students will be onsite at Depot at Santiago at any given time during operating hours.

**Q: How many children and families will be served by The Wooden Floor at Depot at Santiago?**

A: The opening of The Wooden Floor's at Depot at Santiago has allowed the organization to serve an additional 100 students and their families. The total student body for The Wooden Floor is 475 and all students will eventually participate in programming at both The Wooden Floor's Main Street location and Depot at Santiago location.

**Q: How can I enroll my child in The Wooden Floor's programs?**

A: Youth are selected to participate in The Wooden Floor's dance, academic, and family services through our Annual Auditions, held each fall. Youth in 3rd through 6th grade and 8 to 10 years old are eligible to audition. Acceptance into the organization is based primarily on a demonstration of enthusiasm, a love for movement, and financial need. No prior dance experience is required.

**Q: What community services offered by The Wooden Floor are available to my family and me if we aren't enrolled? Are these services free of charge?**

A: Select services are provided free of charge to the Depot at Santiago community, regardless of enrollment in The Wooden Floor's programs. The Wooden Floor will offer workshops on topics such as nutrition, financial literacy, and college and career readiness.

**Q: What types of performance opportunities are open to the public?**

A: The Wooden Floor holds an Annual Concert at Irvine Barclay Theatre each spring, as well as our Co-Creation Lab in the summer at our Main Street location. We welcome residents of the Depot at Santiago and neighboring communities to attend. These performances are far from ordinary. The Wooden Floor brings choreographers who are shaping the world of contemporary dance into an intense art-making process with our students. The Wooden Floor's compelling vision also draws a remarkable group of artistic collaborators, who together design the lighting, costumes, and sets. These artists are among the best in their field! Under-served youth have a voice through the dances; they bring their background and identity to a world-class art-making process. The performances break down ethnic, gender, and age stereotypes about who can inspire, create, perform, and contribute to the evolution of the genre of contemporary dance. Tickets for purchase and information can be found at [www.thewoodenfloor.org](http://www.thewoodenfloor.org).

**Q: How will I be notified of these services and performances and how can I sign up?**

A: If you are currently a resident of Depot at Santiago and interested in attending a workshop or performance opportunity, please visit the front desk to sign up or call 714.541.8314 ext. 301 to RSVP. RSVPs are required, on a first come first serve basis, and openings are limited and subject to availability. Schedules may change without notice.

**Q: What is the best way to voice a concern or provide feedback to The Wooden Floor?**

A: General inquiries can be sent to [info@thewoodenfloor.org](mailto:info@thewoodenfloor.org). We will respond as soon as possible. We value your feedback!

**Q: Who will be serving as the main point of contact between The Wooden Floor and the neighbors surrounding Depot at Santiago? What is the best way to reach them?**

A: Please contact The Wooden Floor's Director of Student Development at 714-541-8314, ext. 135 for general inquiries related to Depot at Santiago. Other questions or concerns can be sent to [info@thewoodenfloor.org](mailto:info@thewoodenfloor.org) where your inquiry will be directed to the appropriate party. We'll respond as soon as possible.

**Q: Where are families of The Wooden Floor required to park their vehicles during operating hours?**

A: A designated student drop-off area has been established at the north-west corner of The Depot at Santiago property off Stafford Street. After dropping students off for class, families are encouraged to park in any available spaces along North Santiago Street marked for public parking or at the Santa Ana Train Station off North Santiago Street and East Santa Ana Boulevard. Families are discouraged from parking in the Logan Neighborhood residential areas or in Depot at Santiago's public retail spaces.