



DANCE EXPRESS ENSEMBLE

AUDITIONS (ages 7 & Up)

2022-2023

Auditions for our  Ensemble will be held on:

THURSDAY, JUNE 16TH

(Ages 7-10) 4:30-5:30

(Ages 11-13) 5:45-6:45

(Ages 14 & up) 7:00-8:00

PREP DANCE ENSEMBLE (Approximate AGES 7-10)

(Dancers could be placed into a higher team which would be a higher commitment -- see below requirements)

This will be a slow introduction on to ensemble. This is for younger dancers who may be interested in being on full team eventually.

- This class will require a 1-hour jazz choreography class that will be held on Tuesdays.
- Dancers will stay in their regular classes during the week (either Primary 2 or Intermediate 1) and
- Will be required to take the Tuesday jazz choreography class.
- It is possible we will add a 1-hour ballet class on Tuesday option for this class as well.
- **Dancers must be taking a ballet and jazz class during the week, in addition to the choreography class.**
- This team will do extra performances and only 1-2 competition during the season.

Dancers will be required to take 2022 summer classes to participate in Dance Ensemble

(Please check the Summer Intensive schedule for class nights and sign up online)

JUNIOR & SENIOR DANCE ENSEMBLE (Approximate AGES 11 & up)

These dance ensembles require a very strong commitment, and we are looking for dancers who are serious about dance and willing to make a full commitment.

- There will be many extra rehearsals, performances and competitions which take place weekdays/nights and weekends.
- The required dance classes for these ages will be:
 - a 1 hr. 15min. ballet class
 - 1 hour 15 min. jazz class
 - Stretch & strengthening
 - Possible Acro class
 - Extra Saturday ballet class
- Choreography classes on either Friday or Saturday or possibly both days will also be required.
- For those who would like to compete in tap, lyrical and hip hop you must take those classes as well during the week.
- Extra choreography rehearsals will be held on Fridays & Saturdays from September– May and will consist of focusing strictly on their dances they will be competing in.
- There is a strict **NO ABSENCE** policy for dance ensemble members which will be strongly enforced!!
- There are additional costs involved, tuition, competition fees, company costumes, workshops, and possible travel costs for competitions.

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DANCE ENSEMBLE AUDITION REQUIREMENTS (ALL AGES)

- 1) Dancers will do a short warm up and possible ballet barre work.
- 2) They will then be asked to perform across the floor jazz and ballet combinations.
- 3) They will be taught a short combination which will be performed in small groups.
- 4) We will be watching the dancers for their technique, personality, and overall appearance.
- 5) Please dress accordingly in black leotard and tights, **NO SHORTS OR T-SHIRTS!!**
- 6) Hair should be neat off their face in either a ponytail or bun.
- 7) Dancers should wear ballet shoes for barre and then can change into their jazz shoes.
- 8) Dancers do not need to prepare anything themselves for the audition.

Please remember, placement of dancers into ensemble is not only based on ability, but also the availability of spots.

Dancer's performance in class throughout the year and their seriousness and absence record is taken into consideration as well.

Dancers will receive notice by the end of June as to whether they have been placed on to ensemble.

PLEASE NOTE:

DANCERS ARE NOT REQUIRED TO TAKE AN EXACT NUMBER OF SUMMER CLASSES,
but we recommend them taking as many as they can.

PLEASE SEE OUR SUMMER SCHEDULE UNDER INTENSIVE & TECHNIQUE CLASSES FOR CLASS TIMES AND SIGN UP ONLINE

Summer Intensive Costs:

- For returning dancers the cost is \$280 for summer classes (JUNIOR/SENIORS) and
- \$180 for pre-prep dancers.
- For dancers not on team yet it is \$40 per night.

ALL DANCERS MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THE 2022-2023 DANCE SEASON BEFORE AUDITIONING

Dancers can register into the class they would normally have registered for and then we will change them if they make it on to the Dance Ensemble team or if they are placed on a different team.

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