

Dancers will be evaluated during our Summer Intensive for company placement. All current company members and prospective students must attend our Summer Session for placement in the Dance South Youth Company. The director will place dancers based on their age, maturity level, attention span, previous experience, and technical proficiency. Dancers must have the ability to correctly execute proper dance and performance technique.

Company and Company Trainee

Company members are required to do the “Production” class. Production class will be our rehearsal time for our production dance. This class will also have a separate dance and costume. There will be a ballet, tap, jazz, hiphop, and/or lyrical dance for each technique class that your child takes. Company Trainees will not do the production class but will participate in all other company functions and performances.

Audition Requirements

Company Dancer must be entering 2nd grade or above August 2021 and be age 7. Company Trainee must be entering Kindergarten or 1st grade by August 2021.

Company Dancer and Company Trainee must have at least two years of dance training plus at least one performance. Parent and dancer must be willing to abide by all company requirements and that of the artistic director.

Company placement and casting is the final decision of the artistic director.

All dancers will be assessed throughout the year for proficiency requirements and “sportsmanship.”

As a representative of Dance South, company members and parents are expected to be on their best behavior, at all times, and to always reflect a positive attitude and good “sportsmanship.” Failure to do so will result in suspension.

Inappropriate dress or behavior, drinking/smoking underage, bullying, or inappropriate posts or “likes/follows” on social media will NOT be tolerated and are grounds for immediate dismissal from the company. Social media must be private and monitored by a parent. Company dancers will be held to an extremely high standard regarding social media and company director will also be monitoring.

Member Proficiency Requirements

Level I Company – Two years of dance training and have been in one recital.

Level II – Clean placement, grapevines, pivot turns, alternating chasses, good musicality

Level III and Level IV Company - All of the above, single/double pirouettes, 2 of 3 splits, chaine turns, saut de chat, Pique turns, Pre-Pointe, clean placement, correct first arabesque and tendu a la seconde

Level V Company – All of above 2 of 3 splits, Saut de chat, 2nd leaps, Pique turns, Pointe, clean placement, correct first arabesque and tendu a la seconde

Level VI - All of above, double/triple pirouettes, fouette turns, seconde turns, double out of fouette/seconde turns, switch leaps, polished and advanced stage presence

Class Requirements

All members are required to attend a company class each week.

Company technique class requirements:

Level I Company - Ballet/tap/jazz combo

Level II Company – Ballet/jazz combo, 1 hiphop or tap

Level III Company - 1 ballet, 1 jazz, 1 lyrical, 1 hiphop or tap

Level IV Company – 2 ballet, 1 prepointe/pointe, 1 jazz, 1 lyrical, pick 2: hiphop, tap, musical theater/modern combo, tumbling

Level V and Level VI Company - 2 ballet, 1 pointe, 1 jazz, 1 lyrical, pick 2: hiphop, tap, musical theater/modern combo, tumbling

All performances and tech/dress rehearsals are mandatory. Scheduling conflicts are taken into consideration, therefore there are no exceptions.

Attendance is very important to a dancer’s development. Therefore, a dancer may miss only 3 of each class per semester. If a dancer needs to be absent more than 3 times, that class may be made up with the director’s approval. Excessive absences will result in suspension from performances until dancer has made up all classes.

Dancers must arrive to class on time. 3 tardies equal one absence.

Students *MUST* attend Dance South’s Summer Session.

Dress Code and Other

Ballet - Solid color leotard, ballet shirt not shorts, pink tights, hair in bun/french twish with no bangs or wispsies

Jazz/Lyrical/Musical theater/Modern - solid color leotard, pink/black tights, hair in pony or bun with no bangs or hair hanging down around face

Tap/Hiphop - Any dance wear ok. Nothing too baggy.

Production Class – black leotard, black tights, hair in bun, jazz shoes

Dress Code and Hair are mandatory. If dancer is not properly dressed for class, she will not be allowed to take class that day and will be required to make up the class at another time.

Convention and Audition Requirements

All dancers must attend at least one weekend dance convention or equivalent. Dancers 6th grade and older are strongly encouraged to attend at least one audition outside of Dance South. Moscow Ballet Nutcracker audition does not apply.

Performance Requirements

2021-22 will offer many new performance opportunities. Company dancers will be required to attend at least one of these out-of-town events. We will post finalized dates and costs by spring. For some deposits may be due over summer.

Company members are highly encouraged to audition for the Moscow Ballet's Great Russian Nutcracker. Performance will be held December 24th at the Ryman Auditorium.

If invited to perform at other events, the dancer is expected to work this into her schedule.

Dance Wear Requirements

There will be all new warm ups, accessories and makeup required for 2021-2022. Prices below are 2019 estimated prices so please budget for an increase.

All members must have the following:

Tights and shoes as needed. Optional dance apparel and accessories as needed.

Warm up suit: \$115.00-125

Dream Duffel Garment Bag (not gusseted). May be purchased through the Dream Duffel website.

Jewelry and Accessories: up to \$55.00

Make-Up and Accessories: up to \$75.00

All members are required to wear a solid black leotard with pink or black convertible tights to company classes.

Company "Production" and Company Dues

Due by June 15th.

Company Trainee - \$100.00 (Trainees do not participate in production class)

Company - \$300.00

Dance South Summer Intensive is MANDATORY for all company dancers.

Dancers must complete 8 – 12 hours (depending on level) of Dance South summer session classes.

Multiple classes can be taken in one day to make up for classes missed.

SUMMER SESSION FEES DUE BEFORE MAY 16th. See attached Summer Session Schedule.

Tuition and fees are non-refundable. Refunds are not given for early withdrawal. No exceptions.

Recital Fees and Performance Fees

Recital fees are \$100.00 for the first dance and \$85.00 for each additional dance. Recital fees are due October 1st. Recital fees must be paid in full by the 1st or a \$10.00 late fee for each costume will be added. Recital and performance fees are non-refundable.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS ABOUT COMPANY, PLEASE SPEAK WITH ME.

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