
The Company at Dance Academy West

Empowering dancers to reach their highest potential.



Audition times - Dancers must be 5 years old by November 1, 2019

10:00am-11:00am	ages 5-7
11:00am-12:30pm	ages 8-10
1:00pm-3:30pm	ages 11 and older

- New mini team for dancers ages 5-7
- Potentially “Company only” classes for select classes
- Special performance opportunities for Company dancers only
- Discounted tuition

PURPOSE

To provide the tools and opportunities dancers need to reach their highest potential. Dancers will be inspired and engaged as they are encouraged to dance with intent and purpose. Company dancers will learn to set personal goals, train with diligence, develop strong technique, and work together as a team. Our pre-professional program is for serious dancers who value hard work, commitment, and teamwork.

AUDITIONS

Dancers who wish to be a part of The Company must audition. During the audition, dancers will be asked to demonstrate ballet, jazz, tap, and learn a short combination which they will perform in small groups. Dancers, ages 11-18, should prepare a 30-45 second solo piece demonstrating flexibility, turns, leaps, and movement quality. Dancers should provide their own music on a CD or iPhone / iPad. Dancers will be judged on technique and showmanship. Auditions are closed. All dancers must pre-register via their [online](#) account. New dancers can create an account through our website via the [REGISTER](#) tab. You will find the auditions listed under our [Master Classes and Workshops 2018 / 2019](#). Please make sure that you complete the checkout process by paying the \$25 audition fee to hold your spot. The audition fee is nonrefundable. All dancers must print the audition form that is included at the end of this packet and turn it in at the time of the audition. Results will be posted on our website on Tuesday, May 21. If it is determined that a dancer is not a good fit for The Company, and we are unable to place them on our team, we will send notification via email prior to May 21st.

There is a mandatory dancer / parent meeting on Thursday, May 23 at 7:00pm at our Chapel Hill location for those dancers selected for the team.

Auditions will be held: Saturday, April 27, 2019 at our Chapel Hill location in the L.A. Fitness shopping center.

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11:00am-12:30pm	ages 8-10
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COMPANY TEAMS

Depending upon the number of dancers auditioning, we will have 4 teams within our Company: Mini dancers ages 5-7, Apprentice dancers ages 7-9, Premier dancers ages 8-12, and Elite dancers ages 13-18. Placement for our Premier and Elite team is based on age, experience, and ability.

REQUIRED WEEKLY CLASSES

During the summer, dancers will be required to purchase either a 10 class card for \$120 (Mini and Apprentice) or a 20 class card for \$200 (Elite and Premier). We offer a 6-week summer program. Dancers are expected to take class when they are in town. Class cards provide the flexibility to schedule dance classes and necessary training around summer vacations. All company members are required to participate in the mandatory **West Georgia Dance Intensive July 19-21**. During the Fall and Spring, dancers take specific weekly classes and rehearsals. They must take ballet, jazz, tap, and rehearsals. Elite and Premier dancers must take 2 ballet classes per week and contemporary. *New for the 2019/2020 dance season, there could potentially be "company only" classes for several of the required classes if the minimum number of dancers is met.

MONTHLY TUITION

Mini and Apprentice dancers will receive a 10% discount, Premier dancers will receive a 20% discount, and Elite dancers will receive a 35% discount on their monthly tuition. Non-company Siblings will receive an additional 10% discount on monthly tuition. *Any additional classes will receive the discounted tuition rate and may qualify for the lessor hourly rate.

How to calculate monthly tuition:

Mini and Apprentice Dancers - # of hours per week x \$14 x 4 x .90 = monthly tuition (This includes the 10%)

Premier Dancers - # of hours per week x \$13.50 x 4 x .80 = monthly tuition (This includes the 20%)

Elite Dancers - # of hours per week x \$13.50 x 4 x .65 = monthly tuition (This includes the 35%)

COMPANY ROUTINES

Company dancers will learn specific “company only” routines, which will be performed and competed throughout the dance season. Elite and Premier dancers are required to be in a minimum of 2 competitive dances with optional dances if asked by the director. Apprentice and Mini dancers are required to be in a minimum of 1 competitive dance with optional dances if asked by the director. Choreography weekends and rehearsals will be scheduled with ample notice and are **mandatory**. ***The company fees included in this packet reflect what is required. Fees increase if dancers participate in optional dances, if asked.**

WHAT ARE CONVENTIONS AND COMPETITIONS?

Company dancers have the wonderful opportunity of continuing their dance education outside of the walls of our studio by attending conventions. Conventions, typically lasting 2-3 days, offer a fresh perspective on the same information dancers receive during their weekly classes. Conventions provide an opportunity to see how other dancers in our region are learning and to meet new friends who are passionate about dance! Attending conventions will inspire students to work harder in their weekly classes. Conventions will be held in different cities in the southeast region. Representatives and scouts from dance and performing arts colleges attend some conventions. In addition, conventions award scholarships and provide dancers with valuable training, critiques, and memories. Elite and Premier dancers will attend and compete in 3 conventions and 1 competition. Apprentice and Mini dancers will attend and compete in 2 conventions and 1 competition.

PERFORMANCES, FESTIVALS, AND OTHER OPPORTUNITIES

Company dancers present an annual showcase highlighting the current season’s pieces. Additionally, they perform at community events and festivals. Elite and Premier dancers will attend 2 local festivals, Ballet Fest and Jazz on Tap, where they will perform and take a total of 4 master classes. The fees for the above mentioned festivals and performances are included in your company fees listed on the next page. Dancers will have the opportunity to attend additional conventions, master classes, and workshops for additional cost.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

The membership fee covers the costs each dancer shares. This includes the Christmas party, end of the year party, teacher expenses, company awards, administrative duties, office supplies, and other miscellaneous items that the team incurs during the dance season.

COMMUNICATION

It is the responsibility of the parent and dancer to frequently read our [Important Company News](#) on the DAW website under [Company](#). This page acts as a “virtual bulletin board.” It will be updated on a weekly or bi-weekly basis and can be easily accessed via your phone, tablet, or computer. If your dancer can read, she should become familiar with the process of checking the page. The page will include reminders about upcoming events, important dates, and more!

ATTENDANCE

Summer classes, West Georgia Dance Intensive, rehearsals, weekly required classes for the 2019/2020 dance season, conventions, festivals, and the Christmas parade are all required. We will NOT close for Douglas County Winter Break (Feb. 14 – Feb. 19) or for MLK (Jan. 18 - 20). All company dancers will need to be available during the entire month of January and February. This is the height of our rehearsal, competition, and choreography time. Excused absences include contagious illness with a doctor’s note, a graded school function (which must be made known to us a minimum of 4 weeks prior via e-mail), or a death in the family. Poor attendance and excessive absences could lead to a members dismissal from The Company or dismissal from specific routines or sections of a routine. Any dancers who miss the final rehearsal before a performance or a competition may be removed from the competition piece, forfeiting any related fees.

NOTE REGARDING TUITION AND FEES

All Company dancers must have a valid credit card on file. This card will be charged for you monthly tuition and all fees related to The Company. All fees are NON REFUNDABLE. The parent of the dancer is responsible for ALL fees. If a dancer quits, withdraws, or is dismissed from the team due to behavior issues or excessive absences, all fees MUST still be paid. By allowing your child to be an active member of The Company, you are committing to following through with all financial obligations associated with the team. Fees associated directly with The Company will be charged to your studio account and will be auto-drafted on the required and specified due date. The Company Related Fees chart on the next pages includes all required conventions, competitions, choreography, company costumes, etc. It does not include specific dance tights or shoes needed for class or company dances.

COMPANY RELATED FEES

All fees will be automatically debited from your account on the due date.

Classes / Event	Details	Amount	Due Date
Registration Fee		\$30, \$50 family max	8/1/19
Membership fee	Mini and Apprentice Elite and Premier	\$150 \$275	5/24/19
New Member Attire	Jacket(\$85), jersey(\$30), earrings(\$10) black leggings(\$20)	\$145	5/24/19
Summer Class Card June 4-July 11	Mini and Apprentice Elite and Premier	\$120- 10 class card \$200- 20 class card	6/1/19
West Georgia Dance Intensive July 19-21	Mini and Apprentice Elite and Premier	\$150 \$325	7/1/19
Monthly Company Fees *These are in addition to your monthly tuition. Fees will be collected even if the member quits, withdraws, or is dismissed from the team	Mini and Apprentice Apprentice 8yrs and older Elite and Premier Elite High School Each additional dance per month Mini/Apprentice Each additional dance per month Elite/Premier	\$100 \$113 \$235 \$290 \$39 \$55	Drafted on the 1st of each month, June- March *These fees include company costumes, choreography, and convention/competition fees. It does not include tights or shoes.
Monthly tuition for Elite Approximately 8.5-9.5 required hours	Ballet x 2 Jazz Contemporary Tap Rehearsals	# of hours x \$13.50 x 4 35% discount off total Non Company siblings receive additional 10%	Drafted on the 1st of each month, August - May
Monthly tuition for Premier Approximately 6.5-7 required hours	Ballet x 2 Jazz Contemporary Tap Rehearsals	#of hours x \$13.50 x 4 20% discount off total Non Company siblings receive additional 10%	Drafted on the 1st of each month, August - May
Monthly tuition for Apprentice Approximately 4-4.5 required hours	Ballet x 2 Jazz Tap Rehearsals	#of hours x \$13.50 x 4 10% discount off total Non Company siblings receive additional 10%	
Monthly tuition for Mini Approximately 3-3.5 required hours	Ballet Tap Jazz Rehearsals	#of hours x \$14 x 4 10% discount off total Non Company siblings receive additional 10%	Drafted on the 1st of each month, August - May
Non Company costumes	Mini and Apprentice Ballet, Tap, Jazz costume Elite and Premier Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary costume	\$225 \$300	Half of the balance drafted on 11/15/19 The remaining balance drafted on 12/15/19
Performance Fee		\$100	2/15/20

FAQS

How do I register for auditions? You must pre-register. Current DAW dancers can do so through their [online](#) account. New dancers to DAW can register through our website via the [REGISTER](#) tab. You will find the auditions listed under our [Master Classes and Workshops 2018 / 2019](#). Please make sure that you complete the checkout process and pay the \$25 audition fee. Also, please make sure that the audition form included at the end of this packet is printed, filled out correctly, and turned in at the time of the audition. The audition fee is non refundable regardless of attendance.

What do I need to wear for auditions? You should wear appropriate fitted dance attire; a solid color leotard with tan/pink tights or sports bra with leggings. Hair should be pulled into a neat bun or ponytail and out of your face. Dancers ages 5 to 7 will need ballet and tap shoes. Dancers ages 8 and up will need ballet, jazz, and tap shoes.

I am 11 years old. Is there anything else I need to prepare for the audition? Dancers, ages 11-18, should prepare a 30-45 second solo piece demonstrating flexibility, turns, leaps, and movement quality. Please do not exceed the time limits. Dancers should provide their own music on a CD or iPhone / iPad.

What if I cannot make the audition? Private auditions can be arrange, however, they are not encouraged. If you need a private audition, please email us at info@danceacademywest.com to arrange a time. The private audition fee is \$35. It must be collect BEFORE the private audition and will not be refunded if you do not attend.

How many nights a week will I be at the studio? Each company member will be at the studio 2 nights (Mini and Apprentice) or 3 nights (Elite and Premier) a week. The hours will vary depending on which company you are in; Elite, Premier, Apprentice, or Mini. Please see our Sample Weekly Schedule for required Classes/Rehearsals on the next page.

What classes are required? All company dancers are required to take ballet, tap, jazz, and rehearsals. Elite and Premier dancers are required to take contemporary and ballet twice a week in addition to jazz, tap, and rehearsals. We are anticipating “company only” classes for next season. We require a minimum number of dancers for in order for this to happen.

If I am placed on the team, what is the next step? The next step is to attend the mandatory parent/dancer meeting scheduled for Thursday, May 23 at 7:00pm at our Chapel Hill location. All dancers should bring their signed contracts to this meeting. Membership dues along with new member attire will be auto-debited on the next day.

I participate in other extracurricular activities. Will I be able to continue with these activities and participate in Company? Committing to The Company means dancers are expected to make our team their top priority when it comes to extracurricular activities. You can participate in other activities as long as they do not cause you to miss, arrive late to, leave early from, or be physically too tired to participate in required classes, rehearsals, and other company events. Missing class or rehearsals for other sports will not be allowed. Excused absences are as follows: 1-Contagious illness with a doctor’s note. 2-Graded school function where a student’s overall grade will be deeply effected if they miss, a great example would be a chorus or band concert. However, it doesn’t include homework or elected school activities. 3-Family emergency such as a death in the family.

Sample Performance/Event Schedule from Past Seasons

*This schedule is a sample and not an exact schedule of events.

June 4-July 11	Summer Classes
July 19-21	West Georgia Dance Intensive
July 28-August 4	Possible Choreography
August 10	Rehearsals and Open House at DAW
September 7-8	Possible Choreography
September 20	Fall Festival at Holly Spring Elementary
September 22	September Saturdays at the Courthouse
September 28	Possible Choreography
October 18-19	Possible Fall Festival
December 6	Downtown Douglasville Christmas Parade
December 14	Company Christmas Party
January 10-13	Possible Choreography
January 31-Feb 1	Company Showcase
February 8-9	KSU/Brenau High School Dance Festival
February 21-22	Radix Dance Convention/Competition in Atlanta
March 6-8	Ballet Fest in Sandy Springs *Elite and Premier only
March 13-15	Jazz on Tap in Sandy Springs *Elite and Premier only
March 20-22	Possible Convention/Competition
April 17-19	Jump Convention/Competition in Atlanta
May 1-3	Possible Convention/Competition
May 12-17	Spring Recitals

Sample Weekly Schedule for required Classes/Rehearsals

Mini Company: Monday 4:30-6:00pm and Wednesday 6:00 -7:30pm

Apprentice Company: Monday 4:30-6:30pm and Wednesday 5:30 -7:30pm

Premier Company: Monday 5:00-6:30pm, Wednesday 4:30-7:30pm, Thursday from 6:00 -8:30pm

Elite Company: Monday 6:30-9:00pm, Wednesday 4:30-7:30pm, Thursday 5:30-9:00pm

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Audition Form

Please fill out the following form and return the day of your audition. Please make sure you have registered for the audition and have paid the \$25 audition fee using our online link. Being a member of The Company takes a commitment from both dancer and parents. We do not tolerate complaining, gossip, drama, or disrespect of ANY kind. As parents, we ask for complete support of your child's growth by honoring your financial commitments by the due dates, getting your child to class/conventions on time, and to treat staff and team members appropriately. If you feel you can not follow our rules, make payments on time, honor your time commitment, treat your fellow company dancers and staff with the utmost respect, then we're not the company for you! We have a business to run and a reputation to uphold. We will not hesitate to remove your child from the team, upon advanced warning, if you can not abide by our rules and policies.

Dancer's Name _____

Age as of audition _____ Birthdate _____

School Attending next year _____

Grade Entering _____ Time of School Dismissal for next year _____

Parent Name _____

Phone Number _____ Cell Phone _____

Address _____

Email _____

List Training (use back of form needed) _____

Please list any outside activities that may conflict with rehearsals/classes/competitions (use back of form if needed and please be as specific as possible including dates and times)

Parent and Dancer, by signing below you are stating that you understand the financial and time commitment. You also understand that placement on the team is decided by the directors. If placed on the team, you understand that ALL fees are nonrefundable and are due even if you quit or withdraw. Current company still have to audition again and prior years on the team does not guarantee your child a spot next season! Parent and Dancer, you also understand that payment for the summer intensive July 20-22, 2018 and a summer class card is required regardless of attendance. Also, parent and dancer must attend the company meeting on May 24 at 7:00pm and pay the membership fee, cash or check only, and bring signed contract if selected for the team.

Child's Signature _____

Parent's Signature _____

Date _____