



Empowering dancers to be inspired and engaged as they dance with intent and purpose. Company members will be encouraged to set personal goals, train with diligence, and develop strong technique as they become patrons of the art of dance.

PURPOSE

To provide a college preparatory / pre-professional program for serious dancers.

AUDITIONS

Dancers who wish to be a part of The Company must audition, should display a passion to dance, and an eagerness to improve. An awareness of proper technique and showmanship will also be required. During the audition, dancers will be asked to demonstrate ballet, jazz, and tap skills, and learn a short combination which they will perform in small groups. Dancers, ages 12-18, 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. Auditions are closed. Parents are not allowed into the audition and the viewing windows may be covered. Parents are allowed to wait in the lobby or outside the building. **Those auditioning must pre-register.** Current students can do so through their on-line 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 by paying the \$25 audition fee to hold your spot. 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. Results will be posted on our website on Tuesday, May 22. Those dancers selected, along with one parent, will have a mandatory meeting on Thursday, May 24 at 7:00pm. 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 22nd.

Auditions will be held: Friday, May 18, 2018. Be sure to pre-register and pay the \$25 audition fee.

5:30pm-7:00pm ages 5-10

7:00pm-9:00pm ages 11 and older

REQUIRED WEEKLY CLASSES

During the summer, company members will be required to purchase either a 10 class card for \$120 (Apprentice) or a 20 class card for \$200 (Elite). We offer a 7-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 West Georgia Dance Intensive July 20-22. During the Fall and Spring, dancers take specific weekly classes. Company dancers must take ballet, jazz, contemporary, technique, tap, and rehearsals. Any company dancer in level 4 Ballet or higher is required to take two ballet classes per week. Any company dancer in Level 3 and higher is required to take contemporary.

MONTHLY TUITION

Company members in level 4 or higher classes will receive a 35% discount on their monthly tuition. Company members in level 1, 2, or 3 will receive a 10% discount on their monthly tuition. Siblings will receive an additional 10% discount on monthly tuition.

Monthly tuition, before applying the company or sibling discount can be calculated by using this formula: # of hours per week x \$13.50 x 4.

PERFORMANCE / COMPETITIONS / FESTIVALS

Company members will learn specific company routines, which will be performed and competed throughout the dance season. Elite Company members are required to be in a minimum of 2 dances and a maximum of 3. Apprentice Company members are required to be in a minimum of 1 dance and a maximum of 2. Placement in these pieces will be assigned by the directors. Choreography weekends and weekly rehearsals will be scheduled with ample notice and are mandatory.

CONVENTIONS

Company members have the wonderful opportunity of continuing their dance education outside of the walls of our home 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 students 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. The Company will attend 2 to 3 conventions for the 2018 / 2019 dance season.

OTHER DANCE OPPORTUNITIES

Company members present an annual showcase highlighting the current season’s pieces. Additionally, they perform at community events and festivals. All company members will have the opportunity to attend additional conventions, master classes, and workshops. We are honored to be a partnering studio with Carrollton Center for the Arts and look forward to the possibility of seeing our dancers perform in *The Nutcracker* this holiday season. Auditions for *The Nutcracker* will be August 18 at CCAC.

MEMBERSHIP FEE

The membership fee covers the costs each team member 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.

ATTENDANCE

Summer classes, West Georgia Dance Intensive, rehearsals, weekly required classes (beginning August 13th), conventions, festivals, and Christmas parade are all required. We will NOT close for Douglas County Winter Break (Feb. 15 – Feb. 24) or for MLK (Jan. 18 - 21). 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 student injury with a doctor’s note, fever, vomiting, 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 fees are NON REFUNDABLE. The parent of the company member is responsible for ALL fees, even if the member quits, withdraws, or is dismissed from the team due to behavior issues or excessive absences. Any fees associated directly with The Company are payable in CASH or CHECK. Company fees vary depending upon placement within the company. We offer 2 levels of Company based on age, ability, and experience. Our Apprentice Company members will be assigned 1 OR 2 routines, attend 2 conventions, festivals, Company Showcases, and a special closing number in our Spring Concerts. Our Elite Company members will be assigned 2 OR 3 routines, attend 3 conventions, festivals, Company Showcases, and a special opening and closing numbers for our Spring Concerts.

Company Related Fees

The fees listed below must be paid by cash or check only. These fees include all company related costumes, choreography, festivals, parades, entry fees and 3 conventions for Elite Co and 2 conventions for Apprentice Co. Fees vary depending upon placement in The Company. These fees do not include monthly tuition.

Convention	Date / Details	Apprentice Co assigned 1 routine	Apprentice Co assigned 2 routines	Elite Co assigned 2 routines	Elite Co assigned 3 routines
Membership fee	May 24, 2018	\$275	\$275	\$275	\$275
Jacket / earrings	May 24, 2018	\$85 / \$10	\$85 / \$10	\$85 / \$10	\$85 / \$10
1st Installment	July 31-Aug 3	\$265	\$345	\$400	\$500
2nd Installment	September 3-6	\$265	\$345	\$400	\$500
3rd Installment	November 5-7	\$265	\$345	\$400	\$500
4th Installment	December 3-6	\$265	\$345	\$400	\$500
5th and Final Installment	January 28-31	\$265	\$345	\$400	\$500

*COMPANY MEMBERS in high school are required to attend the KSU Dance Festival which cost \$130 and is not included in the above installments. They may also audition to be a part of the KSU dance. If cast in the dance, the cost will be between \$330 to \$375 per dancer. This fee will cover a costume, choreography, entry fee, and rehearsals and this fee is also not included in the installments.

Fees continued on the next page.

Non Company Related Fees

All company members will be required to have a credit card on file. Any fee listed below that is not paid by the due date will be automatically debited from your account.

Classes / Event	Details	Amount	Due Date
Summer Classes June 5-July 19	Summer class card	\$120 Apprentice \$200 Elite	June 1, 2018
West Georgia Intensive July 20-22	More info TBA	\$125 for ages 5 to 7 \$300 for ages 8 and older	July 1, 2018
Registration Fee for 2018 / 2019		\$30, \$50 family max	August 1, 2018
Monthly tuition for Level 4 and higher Begin August 13	Ballet (3-3.5 hrs) Jazz (1 hr) Contemporary (1 hr) Technique (1hr) Tap (1hr) Rehearsals (1-2 hrs)	# of hours x 13.50 x 4 35% discount off total Siblings receive an additional 10% discount	Monthly August-May due 1st of each month
Monthly tuition for Level 1, 2, or 3 Begin August 13	Ballet (.75 or 2 hr) Tap (.75 or 1 hr) Jazz (.75 or 1hr) Technique (1) Rehearsal (1-1.5 hrs)	#of hours x 13.50 x 4 10% discount off total Siblings receive an additional 10% discount	Monthly August-May due 1st of each month
Tuition cost will depend on if an Company member is in Level 1, Level 2, or Level 3 classes.			
Non Company costumes		\$75 each	November 1, 2018
Performance Fee		\$100-\$125	February 1, 2019

Important Dates

May 18	Auditions
May 24	Mandatory Parent / Dancer meeting at 7:00pm Membership Fee of \$275, cash or check only, and contract due
June 5-July 20	Summer Classes
July 18-20	Tentative dates for choreography
July 20-22	West Georgia Dance Intensive mandatory for all company dancers
July 27-August 5	Tentative dates for team photos, choreography, team meeting
August 13	First day of Fall Classes
August 18	Nutcracker auditions at CCAC
August-May	Choreography, Festivals, Performances, Conventions, etc. Specific dates will be determined by mid-August.

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 on-line 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 members 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 _____