

Joy of Dance Performance Team and Hip Hop Troupe Info

The goal of our Performance Teams and Hip Hop Troupes is to provide outside performance opportunities for dancers in order to further their dance education and performance skills as well as supporting our community. It also allows students to spend more time in the studio working on technique and performance quality. All Team members must be enrolled in a Ballet and Jazz class and all Troupe members must be enrolled in a Hip Hop class.

Auditions- This year we are holding placement auditions for those dancers currently on Team and Troupe. This will allow us to place dancers on the team that will allow them the most growth. Dancers not previously on Team/Troupe will have a chance to audition as well. Dancers will be judged on performance skills and proper technique, as well as their dance etiquette throughout the year. This includes but is not limited to- listening skills, behavior, response to constructive criticism, and work ethic. It is recommended (but not required) dancers have at least two years experience in ballet for Team (except Minis) and at least two years of hip hop for Troupe to be considered for placement.

Time Commitment- An extra 45 minutes per week, per dance plus mandatory performances. A Saturday rehearsal sometime before the competition may also be required.

Cost- Regular monthly tuition, and a costume fee of \$60 or (hopefully) less will be decided by the end of October and are due in full by November 1st. There is also a fee for the competition, typically around \$45 per dance due October 1st.

Performance Dates

All performances are mandatory to attend

Dancing To Make a Difference- Typically a Saturday in March. Junior Team, Senior Team and Senior Hip Hop Troupe will perform at Noble High School at 7:00pm. There is no fee for this performance, but audience members will need to purchase tickets to attend.

Dance Northeast- Typically a Saturday in March at the Rochester Opera House. Petite and Junior Team along with Junior Hip Hop Troupe will perform at 2:00pm and Senior Team and Senior Hip Hop Troupe will perform at 7:00pm. There is no fee for this performance, but audience members will need to purchase tickets to attend.

Barrington Creative Arts Festival- For all Teams and Troupes- This event is typically held on a Saturday afternoon in March at the Barrington Elementary School.

Dance Competition TBD- This is usually one Sunday in mid-April or early May and is for all Teams and Troupes along with some technique classes. The fee for competition is usually around \$45 per dancer per dance and is due October 1st. Please block off the entire day for this event. **We do not receive the schedule for the day until 10 days prior to competing**

Recital- All Performance Team and Hip Hop Troupe dances will perform at recital.

Teachers will be backstage with dancers for all performances (with a volunteer for Petite and Junior Teams), so parents may sit in the audience. For the competition, moms are responsible for their dancer(s) the entire day.

****Parents and dancers-** When you are at a show or a competition, remember it is polite and considerate to wait until you hear applause before entering the theatre during a show. This applies to all performances as a consideration to the dancers and audience members.

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Dancers and parents must maintain a POSITIVE attitude throughout the year and at all events.

Dancers should have a desire to constantly improve oneself and know that you will be pushed beyond your own perceived limitations.

Everyone is expected to support and encourage all team members, and work together as a team and help in the growth of their fellow teammates.

Each dancer/parent will be respectful to all dancers, teachers, and faculty both inside and outside of the studio.

This includes refraining from negative comments about the studio, teachers, faculty, dancers and/or parents. **This includes in person, over the phone, and on the internet.**

Gossiping will not be tolerated amongst or about students/parents, or about other dance studios or competitors within the Joy of Dance facility. This includes but is not limited to, the studio space, waiting room, and parking lot

- * All students are to respect professional decisions, and do what is asked of them. All students/parents understand that the Joy of Dance Staff have the final say about placement and all other matters concerning Team/Troupe including but not limited to choreography and costuming.
- * Each student is required to attend all performances.
- * Each student is allowed only 3 (three) excused absences (illness, death, mandatory school performances) for both team/troupe classes as well as regular technique classes.
- * Each dancer must strictly adhere to all costume requirements, including proper undergarments, correct tights/shoes/hair as well as removal of all nail polish for performances. Dancers are responsible for all costume pieces and personal props. If missing any items, dancers may need to sit out on the performance.
- * Tuition must be up to date for all classes in order to remain on Team/Troupe.
- * All competition/convention fees will be paid on time. Entries will not be submitted if payment is not received on time.
- * Team dancers must be enrolled in a Ballet and Jazz class and Troupe dancers must be enrolled in a Hip Hop class.
- * Parents are not to contact the competition office for questions. All questions should be directed to Miss Lindsey

All Team/Troupe dancers and parents are expected to conduct themselves in a respectable manner at all times. Gossiping by a student or a parent about other students, parents, staff members or other studios is not tolerated. Disrespecting a faculty member or another student or being discourteous to a fellow student is grounds for disciplinary action that may result in probation, suspension or being asked to leave the studio permanently. In the event that you are asked not to return to the studio there will be no reimbursement for any classes, competitions, costumes or any other fees collected by the studio. All students and their parents will be expected to both read and sign this competition contract before committing to the Joy of Dance's Performance Team and/or Hip Hop Troupe.

Dancer's Name

Date

Parent's Name

Date

***By signing this contract, both dancer and parent agree to follow all rules outlined in this document. A copy of this document will be given when requested.**