2025-2026 PERFORMANCE COMPANY AUDITION PACKET

MISSION STATEMENT: The Performance Company program provides an opportunity for dancers to perform at local events as well as three regional competitions while building strong technique, confidence and a strong sense of teamwork. Being a member of the Performance Company requires dedication, passion, hard work, an eagerness to learn, and a desire to perform and grow as a dancer.

• This program is designed to be an introduction to competition in a fun and supportive environment with an emphasis on community performances.

PERFORMANCE COMPANY NEW PARENT MEETING: Tuesday, May 13th at 6:45pm at The Dance Factory. If you are unable to attend the Performance Company Parent Meeting and you have questions before auditions you may email Miss Nichelle: nichelle@dancefactorynews.com

PERFORMANCE COMPANY EXPECTATIONS:

- Arrive at your classes and rehearsals on time, properly dressed, correct shoes and with a positive attitude!
- Practice competition routines outside of class time to be prepared before each class.
- Please inform your teacher when you will be absent from class. Attendance is important for the success of your dancer!
- Respect your teachers and your fellow teammates. There will be a zero tolerance policy for disrespect.
- Be kind and encouraging to your fellow teammates.
- Always try your very best!

AUDITIONS:

- FRIDAY, MAY 16TH, 2025
 - 5:15-6:00 = 3rd-6th Jazz Audition
 - o 6:00-6:30 = 3rd-6th Hip Hop Crew Audition
 - 6:30-7:15 = 7th-High School Jazz Audition
 - 7:15-7:45 = 7th-High School Hip Hop Crew Audition
- A \$25 audition fee and \$50 registration fee is due upon registration
- Dancers auditioning for Jazz and Hip Hop Crew will only pay audition fees once.
- If a dancer is unable to attend the auditions or is asked to join after the auditions, the audition fee will not be waived. If a dancer is unable to attend auditions, please email nichelle@dancefactorynews.com to set up an evaluation for your dancer.
- The dancers chosen for the 2025/2026 season will be posted on the website by Friday, May 30th.

SUMMER CLASSES: Summer Classes will be held in July.

- Performance Company dancers are required to attend 15 summer classes in July, but encouraged to take as many classes as possible. Summer is a great time for the dancers to really focus on and grow in their technique!
- Performance Company Hip Hop Crew ONLY are required to take 3 hip hop classes in July, but also encouraged to take as many classes as possible.
- Summer classes must be purchased on your own. Please purchase your summer classes <u>HERE</u>

CLASS ATTENDANCE POLICY:

- Arriving to class more than 10 minutes late will count as an absence. (Mandatory school events, that count as a grade, that were discussed with teachers ahead of time will not count as an absence)
- Dancers can have up to 3 absences per class/rehearsal per semester
- After 3 absences dancers will be asked to have a private lesson in order to make up for what they missed or they will be removed from a portion of a dance. Private lessons are \$25 and 30 minutes long

PERFORMANCE COMPANY JAZZ PERFORMANCE COMPANY HIP HOP CREW Dancers will be required to dance 1-2 days during the week Dancers will be required to dance 1-2 days during the week Tuition is due by the 5th of each month and considered late on the Tuition is due by the 5th of each month and considered late on the 7th. Any tuition not received by the 7th of each month will be subject 7th. Any tuition not received by the 7th of each month will be subject to a \$15 late fee. to a \$15 late fee. **REGULAR SEASON BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD REGULAR SEASON BEGINS WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3RD CLASS REQUIREMENTS: CLASS REQUIREMENTS:** • HIP HOP CREW REHEARSAL - 30 MINUTES • TECHNIQUE CLASS - 30 MINUTES This is a technique only class [The rehearsal fee for the Hip Hop Crew dance is \$125 per dancer, due on September 1st. This is a one time rehearsal JAZZ REHEARSAL - 45 MINUTES o Dancers will learn a competition dance in this class fee, in lieu of extra tuition, that is required regardless of how PRODUCTION REHEARSAL - 45 MINUTES often and/or when the dance rehearses] o Dancers will learn a competition dance in this class HIP HOP CLASS - 45 MINUTES Dancers will learn a dance to perform in the Winter **TOTAL REQUIRED CLASSES – 2 HOURS WEEKLY** Showcase and Spring Concert in this class \$95 PER MONTH **TOTAL REQUIRED CLASSES – 1.25 HOURS WEEKLY** • \$125 Rehearsal Fee (One Time Fee) • \$47 PER MONTH (Hip Hop Class Tuition) **OPTIONAL CLASSES: OPTIONAL CLASSES:** • CONTEMPORARY - 45 MINUTES • CONTEMPORARY - 45 MINUTES o Dancers will learn a dance to perform in the Winter Dancers will learn a dance to perform in the Winter Showcase and Spring Concert in this class Showcase and Spring Concert in this class HIP HOP - 45 MINUTES JAZZ - 45 MINUTES o Dancers will learn a dance to perform in the Winter Dancers will learn a dance to perform in the Winter Showcase and Spring Concert in this class Showcase and Spring Concert in this class TAP - 30 MINUTES TAP - 30 MINUTES o Dancers will learn a dance to perform in the Winter Dancers will learn a dance to perform in the Winter Showcase and Spring Concert in this class Showcase and Spring Concert in this class BALLET - 1 HOUR BALLET - 1 HOUR o This is a technique only class o This is a technique only class

PERFORMANCE COMPANY DANCERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO PARTICIPATE IN BOTH PERFORMANCE COMPANY JAZZ AND PERFORMANCE COMPANY HIP HOP CREW BUT ARE ALLOWED TO CHOOSE ONE!

YOU WILL INDICATE YOUR PREFERENCES ON YOUR REGISTRATION FORM.

ACRO - 30 MINUTES

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ADDITIONAL CLASS TUITION SCALE: We are pleased to offer discounts for dancers taking classes in addition to their CORE class requirements. When using the tuition scale below be sure to include your CORE requirements into your total hours per week!

TOTAL HOURS PER WEEK	TOTAL TUITION WITH BASE PRICE	TOTAL HOURS PER WEEK	TOTAL TUITION WITH BASE PRICE
2 hours	\$95	4 hours	\$170
2.25 hours	\$105	4.25 hours	\$180
2.5 hours	\$115	4.5 hours	\$190
2.75 hours	\$125	4.75 hours	\$195
3 hours	\$135	5 hour	\$200
3.25 hours	\$145	5.25 hours	\$205
3.5 hours	\$155	5.5 hours	\$210
3.75 hours	\$160	5.75 hours	\$215

REQUIRED SEPTEMBER INTENSIVE: The dates for this Intensive are September 6th and 7th, 2025. A schedule will be released in late August. We will be bringing in additional teachers for master classes for our Company dancers in various styles. We may also use this weekend for learning choreography as well.

- Performance Company Jazz dancers will be required to take <u>five</u> Training Camp Classes. PC Jazz Intensive fee is \$175 due August 1st
- Hip Hop Crew dancers will be required to take one Hip Hop class. PC Hip Hop Crew Intensive fee is \$25 due August 1st
- If a dancer is on Performance Company and Hip Hop Crew they will need a total of six Training Camp classes \$200 total due August 1st

MANDATORY PERFORMANCE COMPANY BACK TO DANCE PARTY: Please save the date!! -- Details TBA -- Thursday, September 4th -- 5:00-6:30 pm. We will be taking group pictures and revealing their company sisters for the year this evening. This is a mandatory evening for those purposes!

COMPANY PARTY FEE: All Company dancers will have a Back To Dance party, Halloween party, Christmas party, competition parties before each Regional competition, sister bonding parties and more! In order to keep contributions from each dancer fair, we will be assessing a \$25 Company Party Fee. We love to make our dancers feel special and have fun with their teammates! Company Party Fee of \$25 is due January 15th

CONCERT DATES AND FEES:

- The Company Concert will be January 10th, 2026 at 6pm at TPAC January Concert fee is \$55 due September 1st.
- June Concert will be on June 5th and 6th, 2026 at TPAC June Concert fee is \$55 due February 1st.

COMPETITIONS: Performance Company Dancers will participate in <u>two</u> competitions.

- All fees will be due three to four months prior to the scheduled competition dates.
- We will select two Competitions in the Topeka/Kansas City area.
- Once all of the dates are available for the season we will determine where the dancers will compete. If you have any date conflicts in 2026, please be sure to let us know when you fill out your registration form!
- It is a possibility that dancers may compete on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday.
- We will receive the competition schedule approximately <u>one</u> week before the competition date.
- Estimated Entry Fees:
 - Group = \$50-\$85 per entry
 - Director/Processing Fee = \$40 per competition
 - All rehearsals the week before a Competition weekend are mandatory. The only <u>excused</u> absences would be the following: illness, family emergency, church activity(ex.Confirmation) school activity that requires attendance for a grade(ex.band concert or choir concert.)
 - O School sporting events / clubs / cheer / dance team activities and spray tans are not an excused absence
 - If you miss a mandatory rehearsal the week prior to a competition you will be removed from a portion of a competition dance of the
 faculty's choice for that competition. Every effort will be made to accommodate scheduling conflicts if the faculty is notified <u>before</u> the
 rehearsal schedule is posted. No refunds will be given if a dancer is completely removed from the dance.
 - Attendance at scheduled competitions is MANDATORY. If a dancer does not attend a scheduled competition, they will be removed from the Performance Company for the remainder of the season. (Illness and family emergencies are excused absences.) No refunds will be given if a dancer is completely removed from Performance Company
 - **SPECIAL NOTE** AWARDS CEREMONIES ARE A TEAM ASPECT THAT IS MANDATORY. ANY DANCER WHO DOES NOT STAY FOR THEIR AWARDS CEREMONY WILL BE REMOVED FROM A PORTION OF OUR ALL COMPANY PRODUCTION. ILLNESS AND FAMILY EMERGENCIES ARE EXCUSED.

COSTUMES: The costume fee for <u>EACH</u> Performance Company competition costume will be between \$125-\$175. This will include any accessories and hairpies needed. Rhinestones will be an <u>additional</u> \$10-\$25. You will be responsible for rhinestoning your dancer's costume or you may pay one of the faculty members to help you. Additional fees apply if you choose to have someone else rhinestone your dancer's costume!

- Costume fees will be broken down into two or three separate payments:
 - o June 1st A costume deposit of \$200 per Performance Company Jazz dancer is due.
 - July 1st A costume deposit of \$100 per Performance Company Hip Hop Crew dancer is due.
 - o October-March Once each costume is finalized, dancers will be billed for the remainder of their costume expenses. You will receive an email when your costume fee has been applied to your account. Balances are due upon receipt.
 - o Rhinestones and accessories will be billed separately from the costume itself.
 - o June Concert Costume fees, for regular studio classes, are due on November 15th.
 - Costumes cannot be taken home if account balances are not at zero. No exceptions.
 - o Costume fees are non-refundable.

PERFORMANCE COMPANY EXTRAS:

- Company Jackets \$100-\$125 (Highly Recommended)
- Company Makeup \$25-\$50
- Eyelashes \$5-\$10
- Chokers \$35-\$40
- Earrings \$11-\$15 per pair
- Shoes \$50-\$85 per pair
- Tights \$15-25 per pair (dancers must have multiple pairs on hand tights with holes will not be allowed on stage!)

CONVENTIONS: We do not require our Performance Company Dancers to attend a Convention, however we would like to <u>strongly encourage</u> you to take advantage of this wonderful opportunity! The Convention weekend consists of 2-3 days of classes in all the different styles of dance and are taught by some of the most talented choreographers across the country. The Performance Company dancers that have attended in the past have not only learned a lot from the classes but have made memories with their teammates that will last a lifetime! This may require the dancers to travel out of the Topeka area and spend the night in a hotel.

- The estimated cost for the convention classes is \$250-\$350
- A \$40 directors/processing fee will be added to each convention fee

PARENT ROLES

- Our studio is a drama free zone. Parents are expected to be supportive, respectful, and courteous to all studio dancers, their teachers and their families at all times. This studio will not tolerate rudeness, jealousy, resentment, or disrespect to any fellow studio member, their family, or the teachers.
- Your role is the following:
 - Lift up and support all of our children
 - o Teach your child that there is always going to be someone better than they are
 - Teach your child to be happy for others
 - o Give a hand to those who may be behind or struggling
 - o Stand firmly behind the teaching staff
 - o Work with the teaching staff, showing your child that you are behind their coaches

No child is ever "held back," but instead, encouraged to develop their skills to their fullest. Our goal is for each child to reach their full potential as a dancer and a wonderful human being. The most successful children are those whose parents support their teachers and coaches 100%. These are the ones who do not bad-mouth or question a teacher or coach in front of their children or others, and they are the ones who are realistic about their children and their place on our Company. We all want all of our Company dancers to succeed, but success is <u>not</u> measured by the trophy a child brought home, by the row in which they stand on stage, or by how many pirouettes they can do. Instead, it is measured by the effort that they put forth each day and who they develop to be as a human being. If they give all they've got to give and approach life with kindness, what more can anyone ever expect?

PAYMENT POLICY / LATE FEES

- 5th of the month Fees are due (this gives you an opportunity to pay cash at the front desk or log in and pay with an alternative credit card.) All unpaid accounts will be automatically debited from credit card on file
- 7 Days Past Due Accounts All unpaid accounts will receive a \$15 late fee + costumes will not be received until paid [Competition dancers with a balance on their account will discontinue solo/duo/trio rehearsals at this point]
- 30 Days Past Due Accounts All unpaid accounts will receive an additional \$15 late fee + costumes will not be received until paid [Competition dancers will be removed from unpaid competitions/conventions]
- 45 Days Past Due Accounts All unpaid accounts will receive an additional \$15 late fee + costumes will not be received until paid [Competition dancers will be removed from unpaid competitions/conventions]
- 60 Days Past Due Accounts Dancers will be removed from classes [Competition dancers will be removed from remaining competitions/conventions. No refunds will be issued]

COMPANY CODE OF CONDUCT: Dancers are expected to treat the studio, their teachers and their peers with respect, care, integrity and consideration at all times. Company members are the face of The Dance Factory and should conduct themselves in a manner that reflects positively on the organization. Breaking our code of conduct will result in immediate dismissal from our Company.

REGISTRATION FORMS WILL <u>NOT</u> BE ACCEPTED UNTIL YOUR CURRENT DANCE FACTORY ACCOUNT IS AT A ZERO BALANCE. NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.

CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE PERFORMANCE COMPANY REGISTRATION & PARENT CONSENT FORM

CURRENT CALENDAR AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE DATES 2025-2026 *more dates to come!*			
May 13, 2025	Performance Company New Parent Meeting @ 6:45 pm at The Dance Factory		
Due Upon Registration	\$25 Audition Fee		
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ASAP	Purchase Summer Classes HERE		
May 16, 2025	Performance Company Auditions – See Schedule Above		
May 30, 2025	Performance Company Announced!		
June 1, 2025	\$200 Costume Deposit Per PC Jazz Dancer Due		
July 2025	Summer Classes - Must Purchase In Our Online Store!		

July 1, 2025	\$100 Costume Deposit Per Performance Company Hip Hop Crew Dancer Due
July 2025	Summer Classes – See Requirements Above
August 1, 2025	Mandatory September Intensive Fees Due
September 1, 2025	Monthly Tuition Due
September 1, 2025	\$125 Hip Hop Crew Rehearsal Fee Due
September 1, 2025	\$55 January Concert Fee Due
September 3, 2025	Regular Season Begins!
September 4, 2025	Mandatory Performance Company Back to Dance Party – 5:00-6:30 pm
September 6-7, 2025	Mandatory September Intensive
October 1, 2025	Monthly Tuition Due
October 1, 2025	Convention/Entry/Directors Fees for Any January Competition/Conventions Due
November 1, 2025	Monthly Tuition Due
November 1, 2025	Convention/Entry/Directors Fees for Any February Competition/Conventions Due
November 15, 2025	June Concert Costume Fees Due
December 1, 2025	Monthly Tuition Due
December 1, 2025	Convention/Entry/Directors Fees for Any March Competition/Conventions Due
January 1, 2026	Monthly Tuition Due
January 1, 2026	Convention/Entry/Directors Fees for Any April Competition/Conventions Due
January 10, 2026	Company Concert Rehearsals and Show (all day)
January 15, 2026	\$25 Company Party Fee Due
January 23-25, 2026	L.A. Dance Magic St. Louis Convention (Optional for Performance Company Dancers!)
February 1, 2026	Monthly Tuition Due
February 1, 2026	Convention/Entry/Directors Fees for Any May Competition/Conventions Due
February 1, 2026	\$55 June Concert Fee Due

March 1, 2026	Monthly Tuition Due
April 1, 2026	Monthly Tuition Due
May 1, 2026	Monthly Tuition Due
June 1, 2026	Monthly Tuition Due
June 5-6, 2026	June Concert

MANY MORE DATES TO COME!