

2026-2027 MINI COMPANY AUDITION PACKET

MISSION STATEMENT: The Mini Company is a **FUN** program that works to challenge 4yr old through 2nd Grade dancers to improve their technique, skills, creativity, build teamwork, develop sportsmanship, and provide additional performance opportunities through competitions!

MINI COMPANY PARENT MEETING: Tuesday, May 12th at 5:30pm at The Dance Factory. If you are unable to attend the Mini Company Parent Meeting and you have questions before auditions you may email Miss Kara: kara@dancefactorynews.com

MINI 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. Please see our attendance policy in the next section
- Respect your teachers.
- Respect your fellow teammates. Be kind and encouraging!
- Always try your best!

ATTENDANCE POLICY:

- **Mini Company dancers are allowed one absence, per class, per month.** Dancers that miss more than one class per month will be assigned an assistant teacher to make up those classes and catch up. You will be assessed a \$20 per 30 minute fee for these makeup classes.
- Attendance is mandatory the week before a competition weekend!

AUDITIONS:

- **The Audition fee is \$20 and the \$50 registration fee is due upon registration.**
- Mini Company Auditions will be held Tuesday, May 19th
 - 2026-2027 4 Year and Kindergarten Dancers = 5:15-5:45 pm
 - 2026-2027 1st and 2nd Grade Dancers = 5:45-6:15 pm
- The dancers chosen for the 2026/2027 season will be posted on the website by June 1st.
- If a dancer is unable to attend the auditions, or is asked to join the Mini Company after the auditions the \$25 audition fee will not be waived. Please email kara@dancefactorynews.com for an alternative evaluation.

REQUIRED MINI COMPANY CLASS DAYS: TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS – REGULAR SEASON BEGINS SEPTEMBER 8TH

4 YEAR OLD AND KINDERGARTEN REQUIRED CLASSES:

- **JAZZ - 30 MINUTES [\$27]**
 - Dancers will learn a competition dance in this class
- **TECHNIQUE - 30 MINUTES [\$27]**
 - This is a technique only class. Focus will be turns and leaps as well as ballet technique. Dancers will also work on tap technique 1 day per month to help those dancers that may choose to add a tap dance in the future. Tap shoes are not required but highly encouraged!

*****Special Note - The Jazz and Technique classes for 4 Year Old and Kindergarten dancers will be scheduled on the same day, either Tuesday OR Thursday*****

TOTAL REQUIRED CLASSES – 1 HOUR WEEKLY [\$54 per month]

1ST AND 2ND GRADE REQUIRED CLASSES:

- **JAZZ - 30 MINUTES [\$27]**
 - Dancers will learn a competition dance in this class
- **BALLET - 30 MINUTES [\$27]**
 - This is a technique only class
- **TURNS AND LEAPS - 30 MINUTES [\$27]**
 - This is a technique only class

TOTAL REQUIRED CLASSES – 1.5 HOURS WEEKLY [\$81 per month]

OPTIONAL CLASSES:

- *TAP - 30 MINUTES [\$27]*
 - Dancers will learn a competition dance in this class
- *HIP HOP - 30 MINUTES [\$27]*
 - Dancers will learn a competition dance in this class (kindergarten dancers may take this as a regular studio class on a different day!)
- *CONTEMPORARY - 30 MINUTES [\$27]*
 - Dancers will learn a competition dance in this class (kindergarten dancers may take this as a regular studio class on a different day!)
- *ACRO FOR DANCE - 30 MINUTES [\$27]*
 - This is a technique only class

** 4 Year-Kindergarten dancers will be allowed to compete in up to 2 competition dances (some exceptions may apply) ALL 4 Year Old-Kindergarten dancers will be placed in a JAZZ dance. You may choose to enroll your dancer in TAP class if you would like your dancer to compete in an additional dance.

** 1st & 2nd grade dancers will be allowed to compete in up to 4 competition dances (some exceptions may apply) ALL 1st & 2nd grade dancers will be placed in a JAZZ dance. You may choose to enroll your dancer in up to 3 additional classes to learn a competition dance - Tap, Hip Hop and /or Contemporary.

DUOS/TRIOS:

Mini Company dancers who have been on the Mini Company for a minimum of **one** year are eligible to participate in 1 extra duo or trio. The Dance Factory Faculty will assign duos/trio groups and styles of dance and you will be notified of your placement on August 31st. There is a chance that we will not allow some dancers to participate in duos/trios. If this situation occurs we will provide an explanation as to why we feel those dancers are not quite ready to compete in duos/trios.

Please remember that participating in an extra duo or trio is something that Mini Company dancers must work for. If a dancer falls behind in their group dances or misses an excessive number of classes during the week, the rehearsals for the extra dance will be stopped until the faculty feels the dancer is fully caught up in their group dances. Parents must play an active role in helping their dancers rehearse at home. Class behavior will be taken into consideration when deciding if a dancer will be placed in an extra dance.

These dances will not be rehearsed every week as their group dances are.

Rehearsals and Fees:

- You will schedule all rehearsals with the teacher selected for your duo or trio. You can estimate two 30 minute rehearsals per month.
- You must be willing to pay an hourly rehearsal fee. This fee will be between \$25-\$60 depending on the teacher's own hourly rates.
- These fees will be paid directly to the teacher and may not be billed through your Dance Factory account.
- The estimated entry fees are \$95-\$135 PER DANCER. Extra dance entry fees will be due with all group entry fees.
- If your Dance Factory account is not at a zero balance by the 5th of each month, your dancer will discontinue their extra dance rehearsals until your bill has been settled.

COMPETITIONS AND CONVENTIONS:

COMPETITIONS

All Mini Company dancers must be willing to participate in three regional competitions. All fees will be due three-four months prior to the scheduled competition dates. We will try to select three Competitions in the Kansas City area. Once all of the dates are available for the 2026/2027 season we will determine where the dancers will compete. If you have any date conflicts in 2027, please be sure to let us know when you fill out your registration form.

It is a possibility that our dances may compete on Thursday, Friday, Saturday and/or Sunday. We will receive the competition schedule approximately one week before the competition date.

Estimated entry fees: Group \$65-\$95 per entry.

A \$40 directors/processing fee will be charged for each competition.

CONVENTIONS

1st and 2nd Grade Regional Mini Company dancers are required to attend L.A. Dance Magic convention January 15-17, 2027 in St. Louis. It is optional but encouraged for 4 Year Old -Kindergarten dancers.

Dancers will not compete when they attend this convention. They will take two days of classes and will require the dancers to travel and spend the night in a hotel. We will provide details on host hotels but all travel arrangements are the responsibility of each family.

Estimated convention fees: \$250-\$375 per convention.

A \$40 directors/processing fee will be added to each convention fee.

COSTUME FEES:

General costume fees range from \$150 to \$325 per dance.

Custom made costume fees range from \$250-\$375 per dance. Custom made costumes tend to be more expensive due to extra labor.

Costume fees will cover costume bases, headpieces and accessories. Rhinestones will be billed separately and will range between an additional \$10-\$25. You will be responsible for rhinestoning your dancer's costume or you may pay one of the faculty members to help you. There will be an additional fee if you choose to have someone else rhinestone your dancer's costume!

Costume fees will be broken down into 4 separate payments:

- June 1st - A costume deposit of \$200 per dancer is due
- August 1st - A \$100 deposit, per dance, is due for dancers placed in more than two dances.
- October - January - 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.

MINI COMPANY EXTRAS: Dancers may be required to purchase the following items:

- 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!)

MANDATORY SUMMER CLASSES:

REQUIREMENTS	NOTES
- All Mini Company dancers must sign up for one full camp listed below	You must sign up for camps on your own HERE
- We will have mandatory Mini Company specific class in the evenings on the following dates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• July 7 & July 9• July 21 & July 23	A \$60 class fee will be assessed to your account automatically for these classes on July 1st

SUMMER CALENDAR DATES

JUNE 23-25	5-6:30	Ultimate Swiftie Pop Star Extravaganza Camp (must sign up online)
JULY 7	4:30-5	Mini Acro - 1 <i>[Dancers currently enrolled in Acro will receive summer assignments via email in June. If this is your dancer's first Acro class at DF they are automatically placed in Mini Acro 1. We will take attendance in this class and bill your account \$10 per class if your dancer attends]</i>
JULY 7	5:00-6:00	Mini Company Classes
JULY 9	4:30-5	Mini Acro - 2 <i>[Dancers currently enrolled in Acro will receive summer assignments via email in June. If this is your dancer's first Acro class at DF they are automatically placed in Mini Acro 1. We will take attendance in this class and bill your account \$10 per class if your dancer attends]</i>
JULY 9	5:00-6:00	Mini Company Classes
JULY 14	4:30-5	Mini Acro - 1

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JULY 16	4:30-5	Mini Acro - 2 [Dancers currently enrolled in Acro will receive summer assignments via email in June. If this is your dancer's first Acro class at DF they are automatically placed in Mini Acro 1. We will take attendance in this class and bill your account \$10 per class if your dancer attends)
JULY 14-16	5-6:30	Fabulous Flamingo Fiesta Glow Bash Camp (must sign up online)
JULY 21	4:30-5	Mini Acro - 1 [Dancers currently enrolled in Acro will receive summer assignments via email in June. If this is your dancer's first Acro class at DF they are automatically placed in Mini Acro 1. We will take attendance in this class and bill your account \$10 per class if your dancer attends]
JULY 21	5:00-6:00	Mini Company Classes
JULY 23	4:30-5	Mini Acro - 2 [Dancers currently enrolled in Acro will receive summer assignments via email in June. If this is your dancer's first Acro class at DF they are automatically placed in Mini Acro 1. We will take attendance in this class and bill your account \$10 per class if your dancer attends]
JULY 23	5:00-6:00	Mini Company Classes
JULY 28-30	5-6:30	Enchanted Princess Coronation Celebration Camp (must sign up online)
JULY 28	4:30-5	Mini Acro - 1 [Dancers currently enrolled in Acro will receive summer assignments via email in June. If this is your dancer's first Acro class at DF they are automatically placed in Mini Acro 1. We will take attendance in this class and bill your account \$10 per class if your dancer attends]
JULY 30	4:30-5	Mini Acro - 2 [Dancers currently enrolled in Acro will receive summer assignments via email in June. If this is your dancer's first Acro class at DF they are automatically placed in Mini Acro 1. We will take attendance in this class and bill your account \$10 per class if your dancer attends]
SEPTEMBER 1st-3rd	5-6	Mini Intensive - Required for All Minis - Class Details TBA - SEPT 1ST- 4 YEAR-2ND GRADE MINI DANCERS - SEPT 2ND - 1ST AND 2ND GRADE MINI DANCERS ONLY - SEPT 3RD - 4 YEAR-2ND GRADE MINI DANCERS

MANDATORY MINI INTENSIVE: Mini Intensive features classes in multiple styles of dance taught by professional choreographers. We will also use this weekend to begin choreography for our 2026-2027 season. All Mini Dancers will be required to attend the Mini Intensive. Our Mini Intensive will be September 1st-3rd, 2026 from 5-6 PM each evening. [Mini Intensive fee of \\$30 per 4 Year Old-Kindergarten Dancer and \\$45 per 1st and 2nd Grade Dancer is due August 15th.](#)

MANDATORY MINI COMPANY BACK TO DANCE PARTY: Please save the date!! -- Details TBA -- Thursday, September 10th -- 4:45-6:30 pm. We will be taking group pictures and revealing their company sisters for the year this evening. This is a mandatory evening for both of 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 9th, 2027 at 6pm at TPAC – [January Concert fee is \\$55 due September 1st.](#)
- June Concerts will be on June 11th and 12th, 2027 at TPAC – [June Concert fee is \\$55 due February 1st.](#)

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
 - Teach your child that there is always going to be someone better than they are
 - Teach your child to be happy for others
 - Give a hand to those who may be behind or struggling
 - Stand firmly behind the teaching staff
 - 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 not 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?

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.

[CLICK HERE TO COMPLETE THE MINI COMPANY REGISTRATION & PARENT CONSENT FORM](#)

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

CURRENT CALENDAR AND PAYMENT SCHEDULE DATES 2026-2027

more dates to come!

May 12, 2026	Mini Company Parent Meeting @ 5:30 PM at The Dance Factory
Due Upon Registration	\$20 Audition Fee + \$55 Registration Fee
May 19, 2026	Mini Company Auditions: 2026-2027 4 Year and Kindergarten Dancers = 5:15-5:45pm 2026-2027 1st and 2nd Grade Dancers = 5:45-6:15pm
June 1 2026	Mini Company Announced!
June 1, 2026	\$200 Costume Deposit Due
June + July	Summer Camps - Must Enroll On Your Own! – See summer requirements above!
July 1, 2026	\$60 Mini Summer Classes Fee Due
July 7 & 9, 2026	Mandatory Mini Summer Classes (5:00-6:00)
July 21 & 23, 2026	Mandatory Mini Summer Classes (5:00-6:00)
August 1, 2026	Additional Costume Deposit for Dancers Placed in More Than 2 Competition Routines Due (\$100 per dance)
August 15, 2026	Mini Intensive Fee Due
August 31, 2026	Duo/Trio Assignments Emailed
September 1, 2026	Monthly Tuition Due
September 1, 2026	\$55 January Concert Fee Due
September 1-3, 2026	Mandatory Mini Intensives – See Schedule Above!
September 8, 2026	Regular Classes Begin!
September 10, 2026	Mandatory Mini Company Back to Dance Party (4:45-6:30 pm)
October 1, 2026	Monthly Tuition Due
October 1, 2026	Convention/Entry/Directors Fees for Any January Competition/Conventions Due
November 1, 2026	Monthly Tuition Due
November 1, 2026	Convention/Entry/Directors Fees for Any February Competition/Conventions Due
December 1, 2026	Monthly Tuition Due

December 1, 2026	Convention/Entry/Directors Fees for Any March Competition/Conventions Due
January 1, 2027	Monthly Tuition Due
January 1, 2027	Convention/Entry/Directors Fees for Any April Competition/Conventions Due
January 9, 2027	Company Concert Rehearsals and Show (must be available all day!)
January 15, 2027	\$25 Company Party Fee Due
January 15-17, 2027	L.A. Dance Magic St. Louis Convention (mandatory for 1st & 2nd grade Minis – <u>highly</u> encouraged for 4 Year-Kindergarten)
February 1, 2027	Monthly Tuition Due
February 1, 2027	Convention/Entry/Directors Fees for Any May Competition/Conventions Due
February 1, 2027	\$55 June Concert Fee Due
March 1, 2027	Monthly Tuition Due
April 1, 2027	Monthly Tuition Due
May 1, 2027	Monthly Tuition Due
June 11 & 12, 2027	June Concerts

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