



The Dance Corner Company Auditions

Auditions for the 2009-2010 Dance Corner Company will be held on June 11th from 5:00-8:30PM.

The Dance Company is a competitive/performance team that takes a great deal of commitment and dedication by both the student and the parents.

Auditions are open to all who are interested, but it is suggested that if you feel you are not ready and would be upset if you were not accepted, to continue to work hard in class on your technique and audition next year. All current Dance Company members must audition again. A new group of dancers will be chosen each year for the Dance Company. If you are not sure if you are ready for Dance Company and are considering auditioning, please speak with Miss Carrie before signing up.

Current Company members should be prepared for changes to their groups for next year. As students get older and their technique progresses, some dancers pull ahead of the pack. Strong focus in class and good attendance in multiple dance classes, including ballet, help some students progress with their technique faster than others. We must group dancers into teams that are well balanced and this may require us to move dancers into new groups for the upcoming season. We can only take a certain number of dancers in each Dance Company group. Unfortunately, some students will not be accepted. Current company members are not guaranteed a spot in next season's Dance Company. They must audition.

All dance company members who will be enrolled in 6th Grade and up class next fall must attend a Jazz class, a Ballet or technique class as well as one other dance class weekly. All Dance Company members must also attend a one-hour jazz rehearsal class each week. Dance Company dancers may compete in both Tap and Jazz. All dancers are not required to compete in Tap. Tap is recommended, but not a prerequisite for Dance Company.

All dance company members who will be enrolled in 5th grade level classes next fall must attend a Jazz & Tap combo class and a Ballet or technique class. Attending another style dance class such as Broadway Jazz or Lyrical is encouraged. Our youngest Company members must also attend a 45-minute rehearsal class each week in addition to their regular classes. The youngest dance company dancers will compete in Jazz and may also compete in Tap depending on how prepared the group is by January 2009.

All Dance Company members are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend at least one dance class during The Dance Corner summer session, June 23rd- July 16th. Anyone with vacation plans that conflict with the summer session, should speak with Miss Carrie about creating a class schedule to work around your vacation. The Dance Performance Workshop, June 8th- 10th is strongly recommended to all prospective dance company members. This workshop will help prepare dancers for the auditions and material covered in these classes will be included in the audition.

The audition will consist of a ½ hour long jazz class and a ½ hour long tap class where students will review a short combination in each discipline. The students will then perform the combinations in small groups for the judges. Judges will be Dance Corner instructors and possibly other dance teachers from outside The Dance Corner. Judges will score the dancers



on overall technique, and presentation. The performance score will count for 50% of your total audition score.

Some basic requirements judges will be looking for:

1. Knowledge of the steps and the ability to remember the combination.
2. Technique- control, balance, strong arms and hands, pointed toes, straight knees, clean body lines.
3. Presentation- personality, stage presence, emotion and poise.

Two other factors will be used by Miss Carrie and the Dance Corner instructors to decide the other 50% of the audition score:

1. Overall behavior in classes during the 2008-2009 season: positive attitude, preparedness for class (hair, dress, shoes), attentiveness, hard work, respect towards teachers and other students.
2. Attendance- Less than 5 absences from any one class during the 2008-2009 season.

The Dance Company requires a certain level of dedication. Students should only audition if they can regularly attend the required classes and if they truly are committed to dance.

DANCE PERFORMANCE WORKSHOP

Students interested in auditioning for The Dance Company are **STRONGLY ENCOURAGED** to attend the Dance Performance Workshop, June 8th- 10th from 5:30-8:30PM. This nine hour workshop will focus on refining students' technique and performance quality. Students will take classes in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Lyrical, Modern and Broadway Jazz. During the workshop, dancers will learn and rehearse parts of the combinations they will be performing at the audition. If you are not sure about auditioning, it is a good idea to take the workshop to get a feel for what it will be like. You can decide whether or not to audition at the end of the workshop on 6/10.

For additional information about the Dance Company- performance schedule, cost, rules, etc. please call or email Miss Carrie.

To sign up for the Dance Company audition and/ or the Dance Performance Workshop, please complete the registration form below and return it to Miss Carrie with a check for the \$30 audition fee by June 10th.

Company Audition & Dance Performance Workshop Registration

Name _____ DOB _____
 Parent/ Guardian _____
 Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____
 Address _____
 E-mail address _____
 Emergency Contact Info
 Name _____ Phone _____

Please check one or both:
 Audition 6/11 _____ Dance Performance Workshop 6/8-6/10 _____

Please return your completed form along with your \$30 audition fee plus \$75 for the Dance Performance Workshop if applicable. All audition registrations must be received by June 10th