



Company Info Packet 2011-2012

All Star Minis

(6 years old and Under)

Starlettes

Stardust

Starstruck

All Star Dancers

***Auditions will be held on Monday June 20th and 21st
5:00pm7:30pm**

Performances Currently Scheduled

Please be aware that other performance opportunities may arise as the year goes on. We will do our best to give you as much notice as possible when this occurs.

Summer

Spotlight Nationals – Mandatory Jr/Sr Co. Optional for qualified soloists

- July 9-14
- Seaside, Oregon

Washington County Fair:

- Saturday July 30st 3:00
- No Cost
- Meet at 2:00 at the “Friendship” stage (to your left as you enter the fair)
- Washington County Fairgrounds

Bethany Village Concerts:

- July 21, August 4, and August 18th
- No Cost
- Meet at the studio at 5:00, we will walk over together as a group

Oaks Park August

- August 13th at 3:00
- Meet at the Carousel area at 2:15
- No Cost
- All dancers get a free ride bracelet

Winter 2011-2012

Topaz Competition – Mandatory for Petites, Minis, and Starlettes (Optional for solos/duos/trios)

- November TBA
- Arrival times TBA
- Accounts charged September 15th

The Pulse Convention

- November TBA
- Convention only, optional for everyone

Festival of Trees – Mandatory if we get in!!

- December 3, 4, and 5th (We do not have our day or time confirmed yet)
- Dancers are free
- Parents and sibling \$5 admission
- Oregon Convention Center

Bethany Tree Lighting

- End of November or first week of December (after Thanksgiving), TBA

PSU Half Time Performance (there will be 2) – Mandatory

- Stott Center at PSU
- January/February/March TBA
- Dancers are free
- Parents and siblings free at the half time buzzer

Spring 2012

Hollywood Connection, Mandatory Sr/Teen/Jr Co (Optional for everyone)

- March, TBA
- Tacoma, Washington
- This is a convention and competition. You do not have to compete to attend the convention.
- Accounts charged January 1st

New York City Dance Alliance – Optional for Everyone

- January/February TBA
- This is a convention and competition, you do not have to compete to attend the convention
- Accounts charged November 1st

Spotlight Competition – Mandatory for Stardust, Starstruck, All Star Dancers, Sr/Jr Co

- February (exact dates are TBA)
- Accounts charged October 1st, registration permitting

Starpower Competition – Mandatory Jr/Sr/Teen/Petite Co (Optional solos, duos, trios)

- February TBA
- Accounts charged November 1st

American Dance Awards - Mandatory

- March TBA
- Accounts charged January 1st

A Dance Extraordinaire – Mandatory

- April TBA
- Accounts charged March 1st

On Stage New York – Mandatory Sr/Jr Co/Teen/Petite (Optional solos/duos/trios)

- April TBA
- Accounts charged February 1st

Thunderstruck Competition - Mandatory for Stardust and Up (Optional for solos)

- May TBA
- Accounts charged April 1st

MOVE Competition – Mandatory for Sr/Teen/Jr/Petites (Optional for solos/duos/trios)

- May, TBA
- Accounts charged April 1st

Summer Camps

Company Camps are Mandatory!

All Star Minis Company Camp **\$130**

August 15th-19th
9:00am-11:30pm

Starlettes Company Camp **\$130**

August 8th-12th
9:00am-11:30am

Stardust Company Camp **\$130**

August 15th-19th
12:00pm-2:30pm

Starstruck Company Camp **\$130**

August 15th-19th
3:00pm-5:30pm

All Star Dancers Company Camp **\$130**

August 15th-19th
6:00pm-8:30pm

Payments will be automatically deducted from your account on August 1st.

Mission Statement

The Dance Company is a performance and competition group that is involved in their community and the All Star Dance Academy's promotional events.

Our mission is to provide a fun environment where dancers strive to increase their dance abilities while improving and developing self-confidence.

As part of the Performance Company dancers will work together to improve self-expression and dance technique.

As part of the Dance Company's mission we strive to enable members to become better students of dance and of life.

Things to consider prior to auditioning:

1. Are you and your family comfortable with the time commitment?
2. Can you follow through with your year long commitment?
3. Are you comfortable with the out of pocket expenses?
4. Dancers **must** arrive at class on time prepared to dance. Can you do this?

Class/Rehearsal is mandatory to be included in performances. This policy includes: sickness, school functions, and family outings. Dancers will have to make tough choices.

Estimated Expenses

1. Monthly Tuition
 - a. See tuition schedule
2. Processing/Administrative Fee
 - a. \$175. Non-refundable
3. Costume Fees
 - a. All costumes used for Company purposes will be at cost, usually running from \$50-\$75 per costume. We estimate the need for approximately 3 costumes for the year.
4. Performance/Competition Fees
 - a. \$30-\$40 per competition per routine. Most likely 2-3 routines with a max of 4 for groups.
 - b. \$150-\$250 for convention fees (mandatory if on Sr/Jr Co)
 - c. There will be a \$5 per routine fee assessed to cover the cost of transportation, time filling out entry forms, copies for entries, ACH fees, CD's, time editing music, competition liason, etc.
5. Team Jackets
 - a. Jackets: \$60-\$70 (New members only, this is optional for returning students)
6. Bag (optional): \$30
7. Summer Camp (Mandatory)
 - a. Tuition \$130, due August 1st

Other:

Shoes, tights, and other dancewear. Types, styles, and colors will be determined depending on costume and dance style. We will let you know ASAP when this is determined.

Coach Responsibilities

1. Create program structure
2. Choreograph routines and coach technique
3. Organize auditions
4. Communicate scheduling with parents
5. Attend all practices and performances
6. Complete competition entries
7. Select and order Costumes
8. Schedule performances, competitions, and events

Parent Responsibilities

1. Arrange transportation to and from lessons, competitions, performances, events, etc.
2. Pay all fees (tuition, competition, costume, etc) on time or early
3. Have any group communications approved by the studio and CC the studio on all emails sent to the group or regarding Company
4. Ask me (Claire) ANY questions you might have. Seriously, you won't bother me ☺
5. Cheer really really REALLY loud whenever the team performs!!!!

Parent Meeting Dates

All Meetings will be held on Saturdays at 1:00

9/10

12/3

3/3

6/2

Performance Commitment

Information regarding performances will be emailed. This will be our primary form of communication with dancers and parents in regard to performances.

Whenever possible one month's notice will be given for performance opportunities. We will strive to avoid last minute performances and events to accommodate parents/dancers busy schedules. **Please bear in mind there may be opportunities that arise with minimal notice.**

With notification of a performance dancers will be given a performance commitment notice. This form should be returned to the director at the requested date.

In order to perform at any upcoming show all members must attend the required rehearsal class prior to that performance. No exceptions!

****Performance attendance issues and tardiness will be addressed as issues arise. Dancers with continuing attendance/tardiness issues may be dismissed from the Company. ****

Transportation to and from performances is the responsibility of the parents. A company roster with phone information will be included in the company contract if you would like to arrange car-pooling. Dancers are expected to arrive 1 Hour prior to the scheduled performance to allow time for changing into costumes, stretching, and warm-up.

Dancers are expected to be on their best behavior at all times as they are representing the All Star Dance Academy.

Substitutes: If you are asked to fill in for someone at a competition and the competition fees have not yet been collected, (usually about a month in advance) you will be responsible for the competition fees associated with that piece. If you are asked to sub last minute (day of or before the competition) you will not pay competition fees for that piece.

Code of Conduct

As a member of the Performance Company you are representing yourself, your teammates, and the All Star Dance Academy. As part of the Company you will be expected to adhere to the following:

Lifestyle: All members are expected to set a positive example for their peers. As a company member you are pledged to live a healthy, positive lifestyle.

Respect: Dancers are expected to be on their best behavior. You are asked to be courteous and quiet in the viewing areas and studios. You will be expected to be polite, kind, and respectful to your fellow dancers, teachers, parents, and peers.

Classroom Expectations and Etiquette: Dancers will be expected to be quiet, attentive, and respectful during all dance classes. Students waiting their turn to dance are expected to offer teachers their full attention with quiet voices. Students are not to sit during dance class unless instructed by the teacher. Dancers should continue to learn dance routines even if they are not performing.

*Excessive attendance issues, including absences and tardiness, will lead to missed performance opportunities and ultimately dismissal from the company. Attendance issues will be addressed with parents on a case-by-case basis. If you are ill or injured please call the studio at 503-439-6605

Classroom Discipline: Dancers will be given two verbal warnings when they are not meeting classroom expectations. If a third warning is necessary students will be asked to exit the class for the day.

Class Attire: Be on time, in proper attire, with hair back for all dance classes. Dancers are expected to attend class in a leotard, black jazz pants, and black jazz shoes. Bike shorts are allowed. Jeans, baggy t-shirts, and other "street clothes" are not allowed in class.

Performance Attire Expectations: Please arrive at performance with full hair and make-up complete. Warm-ups should be worn to and from the performances.

Costumes: Costumes should not be worn outside scheduled performances. Costumes should be stage ready upon arrival at a performance. Dancers/parents are responsible for lost, stolen, or damaged costumes.

2010-2011 Season: Commitment is from July 5, 2010 through the June Recital 2011. . . Class time is subject to change for fall session. **Additional rehearsals may be scheduled prior to performances on an as needed basis.**

Required Tuition and Class Schedule

Minis

Dance Company

Summer Requirements:

Minis Rehearsal.....1 Hour

Minis Rehearsal.....1 Hour

Fall Requirements:

Technique/Choreography.....1.5 Hours

Company Rehearsal.....1 Hour

Stardust

Dance Company

Summer Requirements:

Ballet

1 technique OR conditioning class

2 REHEARSAL Classes

Fall Requirements:

Ballet

2 REHEARSAL Classes

Technique 1 Class

Starlettes

Dance Company

Summer Requirements:

2 REHEARSAL Classes

Ballet

Fall Requirements:

2 REHEARSAL Classes

Ballet

Starstruck

Summer Requirements:

Ballet 1 Class

2 technique OR conditioning classes

REHEARSAL 2 Classes

Fall Requirements:

Ballet

2 REHEARSAL Classes

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All Star Dancers

Summer Requirements:

Ballet

3 technique or conditioning classes

REHEARSAL 2 Classes

Fall Requirements:

Ballet

2 REHEARSAL Classes

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NEW COMMITMENT LEVELS FOR THIS YEAR

In order to support all student lifestyles we are now offering two different options for Company that we are calling levels of commitment. Please note, we will not be having an “All Company” weekly rehearsal starting in the fall (we will still have it in the summer).

General Company (Minis, Starlettes, Stardust, Starstruck, All Star Dancers)

This student is a member of one of our 5 Companies, attends all rehearsal classes as well as the additional required classes for that team. She will participate in all performances as well as 4 competitions throughout the year (see Scheduled Performances). She agrees to a year long commitment to the team. This is the appropriate level for a student who loves to dance, wants to be part of a team, and wants to perform and compete but also likes to do other activities. This student must have at least 1 year of dance experience.

Petite Company (average age 8 and under)

This student is a member of one of our 5 Companies, attends all rehearsal classes as well as additional required classes for that team. This student will also be required to attend Saturday practices on the 1st Saturday of the month. In addition to Saturday practices, they must attend an additional rehearsal class during the week. All Petite Company participants will make dance their number one priority and has basically no other activities planned for the year such as plays or other sports that would conflict with practices or competitions. Petites must demonstrate good flexibility and technique to make the team.

Teen Company (average age 12-14)

This student is a member of one of our 5 Companies, attends all rehearsal classes as well as additional required classes for that team. This student will also be required to attend mandatory **Saturday practices**. In addition to Saturday practices, an extra rehearsal class during the week. All Teen Company participants will make dance their number one priority and has basically no other activities planned for the year such as other sports or school plays that would interfere with rehearsals, required classes, competitions or performances. Students in Teen Company will attend ALL performances and competitions planned for the year. Missing more than 2 required classes per month (unless due to SERIOUS illness) will result in dismissal from this level, but she will still be able to stay on the General Company team. In addition, students must be able to have their splits on at least one side and within 2 inches on the other, 5 inches in center position. They must be able to do a CLEAN and CONSISTENT triple preparing on the left foot, and 5 CLEAN right sided fouettes into a double pirouette.

Junior Company (average age 9-11)

This student is a member of one of our 5 Companies, attends all rehearsal classes as well as additional required classes for that team. This student will also be required to attend mandatory **Saturday practices**. In addition to Saturday practices, an extra rehearsal will be held during the week. All Junior Company participants will make dance their number one priority and has basically no other activities planned for the year such as other sports or school plays that would interfere with rehearsals, required classes, competitions or performances. Students in Junior Company will attend ALL performances and competitions planned for the year. Missing more than 2 required classes per month (unless due to SERIOUS illness) will result in dismissal from this level, but she will still be able to stay on General company team. In addition, students must have their splits on at least one side, within 2 inches on the other, and within 5 inches in center position. They must be able to complete a CLEAN and CONSISTENT double and working on triples, and a right sided axle.

Senior Company (average age 15 and up)

This student is a member of one of our 5 Companies, attends all rehearsal classes as well as additional required classes for that team. This student will also be required to attend mandatory **Saturday practices**.

In addition to Saturday practices, an extra rehearsal class during the week. All Teen Company participants will make dance their number one priority and has basically no other activities planned for the year such as other sports or school plays that would interfere with rehearsals, required classes, competitions or performances. Students in Teen Company will attend ALL performances and competitions planned for the year. Missing more than 2 required classes per month (unless due to SERIOUS illness) will result in dismissal from this level, but she will still be able to stay on the General Company team. In addition, students must be able to have their splits on at least one side and within 2 inches on the other, 5 inches in center position. They must be able to do a CLEAN and CONSISTENT triple preparing on the left foot, 5 CLEAN right sided fouettes into a double pirouette, a turned out second position leap, and either a switch leap OR catch foot turn.

Big Sister Program!

This year all of our students in 7th grade and above will have a “little sister” in grades 6 and below. Since we will not be having a large, full Company rehearsal this year, we wanted to make sure our teams were still bonding with each other and keeping in our tradition of a family atmosphere. The little sisters will be able to have a dance “mentor” throughout the year who will have their backs at competitions, cheer for them, and help support their training. Each big sister will get an informational sheet about their little sister (likes, interests, etc) along with further instructions on how to be a good big sister ☺

All students regardless of commitment are invited to perform solos, duos, or trios at ANY competition. Please give at least 2 weeks notice prior to the charge date.

Make-Up/Hair Supply List

False Eye Lashes (Sr/Teen Company)

Eye lash glue (Sr/Teen Company)

L'Oreal Styleshock Black Eyeliner

Pencil sharpener

L'Oreal True Match Blush "Barely Blushing" W3-4

L'Oreal Color Riche Anti Aging Serum Lipstick "Real Red"

L'Oreal Studio Secrets Prof. Color Smokes Eye Shadow "Cobalt Smokes"

Brushes/Applicators for all of the above

Small, portable box/container labeled with your name

2 Cases of bobbypins that match your hair color

Sparkles/Glitter

1 pack of small, clear hair ties

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