

PLEASE READ THIS ENTIRE PACKET BEFORE FILLING OUT YOUR ONLINE APPLICATION

The Performing Company is for dancers and parents who with a team mindset that are excited and committed to advancing and succeeding in dance. We focus on building strong dancers and confident students on and off stage. The Performing Company was created to provide more training and performance opportunities to students looking to advance beyond recreational classes. We work to instill values of teamwork and sportsmanship through competition dance.

Our goal is to give all dancers with the passion to perform that opportunity! Dancers are divided into group dances based on age and ability as we see most beneficial to that individual dancer and the group. We have opportunities for new beginning dancers just getting started through advanced dancers striving to compete and achieve at a highly competitive level.

AUDITIONS: Students interested in being a part of the 2022-2023 Performing Company should plan to attend auditions Monday, May 16th. Each dancer should also submit an “Audition Application” online prior to auditions Monday, May 16.

COMMITMENT

Being a member of the performing company is a commitment for students and their parents. The level of commitment grows as students become older or more involved in Performing Company. Both students and their parents must be committed to attending weekly classes, rehearsals, performances, and competitions. Being a part of a group requires teamwork and dedication. We recognize this level of commitment is not for every student or family. If a student or family has a lot of other commitments or interests we recommend they pursue recreational style classes.

We expect dance to be Performing Company members primary extra-curricular activity.

Although students attend class multiple days each week, students should rarely miss technique class. Please make sure you and your students are willing to commit to this level of attendance. Since the majority of students are at the age they rely on their parents to drive them to rehearsal and manage their time it is important parents are willing to make this commitment to your student's team.

GROUP DANCE CASTING

Dancers will be divided into groups for dances based on their ability within the style and age. Previous performance, attendance record, attitude, and work ethic will also be considered.

Students and parents should expect to be potentially dancing with students approximately 4 years younger or 4 year older than the student. “Junior” dancers should expect to potential be in “Petite” and/or “Teen” Group Dances.

CASTING PROCESS

After auditions and applications have been reviewed each student will be sent a personalized group dance selection form. This form will list all dances that the specific dancer is eligible for. The form will list style, choreographer, and day/time. Dancers top 2 dances will be selected for them, then students and parents will have the opportunity to review the additional dances they are eligible for and select which, if any, additional routines they would like to participate in. Dancers are only eligible for the dances listed on their form.

Full and final cast lists will be released after group dance selection forms are returned. Once the final cast lists are released they are final. You will not be allowed to add or remove dances once casting is final. There is a \$100 fee per routine if a dancer chooses to forfeit a position they have been cast for. Please make sure that you are committed to the group dances you select on your form.

SOLOS, DUETS, TRIOS

Students with 1 or more previous years of experience are eligible for participation in solos, duets, and trios. These are optional, extra routines and team participation is required. Please see separate solo/duet/trio information for more details. To apply for a solo/duet/trio please fill out the OPTIONAL ROUTINE application form online prior to May 16.

FRIENDSHIP. PERFORMANCE. TEAMWORK.

CLASS & REHEARSAL REQUIREMENTS

Requirements By Age	Age 6 & Younger	New! PC Hip Hop "CRU" <i>Age 10 & Younger</i>	Age 7-13	Age 13 & Older
Weekly Technique Classes: (Sept-May)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballet/Tap/Jazz or Pre Dance Class Optional/Recommended: Mini Tech- Wed 4:15-4:45 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enrollment in 1 additional class Students can choose to be a part of only CRU or do regular PC and also do CRU! Check out separate info sheet! 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballet/Tap or Ballet Jazz PC Technique Class By Placement Mini Tech- Wed 4:15 JR Tech- Wed 4:15 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Ballet Jazz 2 Additional Hours of Technique Class (Additional Ballet, Lyrical, Contemporary, Pointe, Tap, Hip Hop, Ballet, Tumbling) <p>*3.75-4 Hours Min of Technique Class*</p>
Weekly Routine Rehearsals: (Sept-May)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Rehearsal 15-20 Minutes per group dance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Rehearsal 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Rehearsal 15-20 Minutes per group dance 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Weekly Rehearsal 15-20 Minutes per group dance
Summer Class Requirements: (June & July)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rising Star Dance Camp: July 11-14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Learn CRU Hip Hop Dance Aug 5-7 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Stay Strong" Class Rising Star Dance Camp PC Intensive Required for Age 10+, Open to Age 8+ 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> "Stay Strong" Class PC Intensive: Aug 5-7
Choreography Intensive: (Aug 8-14)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required Choreography Intensive Aug 8-14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Rehearsal to Review Aug 8-14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required Choreography Intensive Aug 8-14 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required Choreography Intensive Aug 8-14
PC Kick-Off: August 29-Sept 1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required Practices August 29-Sept 1 (Rehearsals: Monday-Thursday Evening Only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required Practices August 29-Sept 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required Practices August 29-Sept 1 (Rehearsals: Monday-Thursday Evening Only) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Required Practices August 29-Sept 1 (Rehearsals: Monday-Thursday Evening Only)

PC SUMMER INTENSIVE: AUGUST 5-7

Student's will take a variety of classes from guest instructors.

This intensive is open to dancers age 8 and older, Required for dancers age 10 and older.

CHOREOGRAPHY INTENSIVE: AUGUST 8-14

Group dances will be taught August 8-14 during our "Choreography Intensive."

All PC dancers will need to be present these dates to learn their choreography.

These are mandatory rehearsal dates for all students.

August 8-14 rehearsals will be scheduled throughout the day; morning afternoon and evening.

PC KICK-OFF: AUG 29-SEPT 1

PC practices and events will be scheduled in the evenings the week of August 29th.

All PC students should plan to be present Monday, August 29th through Thursday, September 1st.

—There will be no required group rehearsals scheduled August 15-28.—

FINANCIAL COMMITMENT

Please make sure to review all required payments and due dates. We work diligently to be transparent about all related expenses and provide this information to you before auditions. We greatly appreciate you choosing to participate at a level that is affordable to your family. Remember participation is optional and you choose the amount your student participates in. It is important that all families respect and follow the payment schedules and policies.

Performing Company Discount	%20 Off ALL Tuition for PC dancers participating in <u>2+ group dances</u>	We provide this discount as a benefit to PC students and to encourage participation in additional training! *Discount taken off monthly tuition
Costume Fee	\$150 Max Per Group Dance	Students will purchase a costume for each group dance they are in. Costuming fee include tights, rhinestones, accessories, and props. *This fee will be calculated into your PC payment plan
Regional Competition Entry Fees	\$185.00 Per Group Dance	This fee includes entry for 3 regional competitions in the spring *This fee will be calculated into your PC payment plan
Performing Company Apparel	Optional: Prices Vary	PC apparel will be ordered during our August kick-off so it can be used for the entire season! These are optional purchases, but we do encourage every student to purchase a Warm-up Jacket to be worn as a group at extra performances and competition. *Ordered in August/September
Choreography Intensive	\$55.00 Per Group Dance	Each dancer will pay a rehearsal fee/tuition for the August Choreography Kick-Off for each group dance they are in. *Charged August 1st
PC Summer Intensive	\$175 (Age 10+ Only)	The PC Summer Intensive will be held August 5-7. We will host a variety to special guest instructors. Attendance is required for Age 10+ and open to Age 8+. *This fee is due by <u>August 5</u>
Nationals Competition Entry Fee	\$75.00 Per Group Dance	This fee includes entry for group dances the National competition in June *This fee will be <u>due April 15th</u>

PC PAYMENT PLAN:

You will receive a budget sheet in August at our parent meeting with a list of everything you have chosen to participate in and the costs. This will be the total of everything your dancer is doing for the year. These totals will be calculated based on the prices given in this packet and what optional events you choose to participate in.

PC Payment Plan Includes:	PC Payment Plan Does NOT Include:
Group Costume Fees	August Payments
Entry Fees to 3 Regional Competitions	Solo/Duet/Trio Costume Fees
Entry Fees to Optional Events You Choose	Nationals Fees

The total of your fees will be divided into 6 PAYMENTS: To be charged on Sept 15th, Oct 15th, Nov 15th, Jan 15th, Feb 15th & March 15th. (No payment will be charged December 15th.)

PC Payments will be processed on the dates listed above using the payment method you have on file.

For your dancer to be register for convention, competition, or to have costumes ordered payments must stay current.

There will be a 20% interest fee added to PC payments not paid by the 25th.

****We appreciate you choosing to participate at a level that is affordable to your family and respecting our studio payment schedule & policies.****

ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENTS

Group Routine Rehearsal Attendance: Students may miss 2 group routine rehearsals per semester for their competition routines. If a doctor's note is turned in the absence will not count against the student's 2 allowed absences. (If a student misses more than 4 weeks of rehearsals for illness, a parent meeting will be requested to assess if the student is healthy enough to continue participation.) **Please use your absences sparingly in case of an emergency or required school function.** (2 absences Sept-Dec and 2 absences Jan-May.)

Week of Competition Attendance: Class attendance to group routine rehearsal the week of competition is mandatory. Regardless the previous number of absences students are required to be in their group rehearsal the week of competition to compete that weekend.

Technique Classes: Students should not miss more than 2 nights of technique class a month.

YEARLY OVERVIEW OF SCHEDULED EVENTS

Finalized schedule for the season will be distributed in August.

June/July: Summer Classes (6-Week Classes Starting June 21st)

August: PC Summer Intensive: August 5-7 (open to Age 8+, Required Age 10+)
Choreography Intensive: August 8-14 (all PC dancers)
PC Kick-Off: August 29-Sept 1 (all PC dances)

September-January: Weekly Classes/Rehearsals

February: Competition Preview Performance

March-May: Competitions, Community Performances, Recital

June: Nationals

EVENT DESCRIPTIONS

Please note the events listed below:

Competition Preview: We hold a "practice" performance to debut all of our new competition dances before dancers attend their first competition. This performance is just for our studio's competition dances and is an opportunity for all dancers to practice on stage in costume for an audience before their first competition. This is also a great time for friends and family to see competition dances without traveling to competitions.

Competitions: We plan to attend 3 regional and 1 national level competition during the 2022-23 season. Competition dates and locations will be announced in August. (Competition locations are typically 150 miles or closer; included Joplin, Kansas City, Branson, Northwest Arkansas and Tulsa.) The competitions we attend take place in the spring normally March-May. Competitions are held Friday-Sunday. The exact schedule of performance for each competition is typically released approximately 10-14 days before the competition.

Community Performance: Dancers will perform in local and community events as available. Any performance opportunity is a great experience for students. Performing for a variety of audiences in a variety of environments helps create a well-rounded dancer and a seasoned performer.

Studio Recital: Performing company dancers are required to participate in the studio recital. They will perform their group competition dances along with a large group opening production number with all PC dancers!

FUNDRAISER

We offer students the option of participating in a fundraiser starting in August to help raise funds for their Performing Company expenses. Participation is optional and all funds raised go directly to cover that individual student's costume and competition entry fees. The fundraiser will be set to end before the first PC payment is due. The total of your fundraising profits will be deducted from your total owed and will lower each payment. Additional fundraisers may be offered throughout the year, participation is always optional.

ENROLLMENT

Students are encouraged to submit their 2022-2023 enrollment during Priority enrollment. Company rehearsals will be automatically added to your enrollment once casting is complete.