



## What is Performing Company?

Ovation Studios' Performing Company is a competitive dance group. It is an opportunity for dancers to gain additional training and performance opportunities. Students learn the values of teamwork and sportsmanship while experiencing the fun and friendship of being a part of a team and "dance family."

### How do I know if my dancer is "ready"?



The studio instructors select certain dancers to invite to audition that they think would be a good fit, but anyone is welcome to audition! We have groups available for all ages! Age 5-10 is a great age range to start. Students under age 8 should be able to follow instructions well and stay on task. Older students should show a strong work ethic and desire to improve.



### How much does it cost?

You choose the level you want your student to participate! We use "budget billing" for our company fees. All costume and entry fee costs for the season are combined and conveniently divided into 6 equal payments. We work diligently to be upfront about all fees, all costs are given out upfront. We encourage families to fully review the Audition Info packet and ask any questions in advance.

Many beginning PC dancers choose to be in 2 group dances their first year. Here are some examples of approximate fees. The average monthly tuition cost for a student participating in their required classes and choosing to be in 2 group dances is \$95-\$150/month. The PC Budget Billing payment for costuming and competition fees for a student participating in 2 group dances is 6 payments of \$75-\$85,

### What is the weekly time commitment?



September-May PC Students are required to take their normal Ballet and Jazz class each week. In addition they will come to a 20 minute rehearsal for each group dance they are in. Most of these are held on Wednesday 4:45-6:45pm. Dancers age 8-12 are also required to attend an extra 45 Minute "PC Technique Class." During the month of August PC students will attend extra rehearsals to learn their competition dances and work on technique! For example a new student age 4-10 participating in 2 group dances would have 1-3 hours of class on 2 different days each week.



### When and where are the competitions?

Our group attends 3 "regional competitions" during March-May. We travel to locations 50-150 miles from Carthage. In recent years we have gone to competitions in Northwest Arkansas, Tulsa, Branson, Springfield, and Kansas City. Competitions usually take place over 2-3 days, but students in group dances typically only need to be present for a 3-5 hour period on 1 day. We also attend 1 "national competition" in Branson in early June. Nationals takes place over a week, but like the regional competitions group dances for certain age groups take place during a single session on 1 day of the competition.

### More Questions?



If you have additional questions please ask! These are some of the common questions, but we are happy to answer any other questions or clarify information further. We realize it can be a lot for a first time parent and we don't want that to deter you from joining! Please contact Melanie Perkins, studio director. Questions? Contact Melanie Perkins: [melanie@ovation-studios.com](mailto:melanie@ovation-studios.com)