

The Movement

2018-2019 Company Auditions

Come join The Movement for Company auditions! Auditions will take place the week of August 6th, 2017. The audition fee is \$25 per dancer. Please give your Company Audition form, \$25 audition fee, and \$25 enrollment fee (\$50 total) to the front desk prior to auditions (the day of auditions is acceptable). Auditions are MANDATORY for Company dancers.

Tuesday, July 17th @ 7pm:

Optional parent meeting for any families who are interested in our Competitive Company! This will be an informational meeting so that inquiring minds can see how we do things, the requirements, ask questions, etc. Anyone is welcome and there is no obligation! Veteran Movement Company families DO NOT need to come to this meeting. ☺

Monday, August 6th AND Wednesday, August 8th:

Dancers entering 1st grade and younger: 5:30-6:15pm
Dancers entering 2nd-4th grade: 6:15-7:30pm
Dancers entering 7th- 8th grade: 7:30-9:00pm

Tuesday, August 7th AND Thursday, August 9th:

Dancers entering 5th-6th grade: 5:30-7:00pm
Dancers entering 9th-12th grade: 7:00-9:00pm

If a dancer is right on the cusp of the age cut-off, they are required to try out with their age group, but they are welcome to ALSO try out with the older group if they wish. This is optional. For example, if a dancer is going into 6th grade and would like to try out with the 7th-8th graders they are welcome to, but they also must try out with their proper age group. Please understand that this DOES NOT guarantee that they will be placed in routines with the older group, but they are welcome to try. Also, just because a dancer tries out with a certain age group does not mean they will be placed in routines with that age group. Routine placement will be determined by our staff and judges and will be delivered to parents via email in the weeks following auditions.

Please make sure all dancers arrive as follows:

*Wear DANCEWEAR! Leotards, bike shorts (booty shorts), sport bras, leggings, are all acceptable. Tights are acceptable, but not required.

*Hair needs to be pulled back into a BUN. Ponytails are normally fine for class, but they can prohibit a dancer from spotting so I want to see hair in a bun at auditions. Hair bows and accessories ARE acceptable! Try to wear something that will help you stand out!

*Dancers must bring jazz shoes or ballet shoes (any style jazz shoes, ballet shoes or pirouettes are acceptable). You DO NOT need to bring tap shoes or tennis shoes this year.

*Make-up is encouraged, but not required.

*Please understand that this is an AUDITION, and abide by these guidelines. THANK YOU!

Important Company Dates:

***August 6th-9th** – Company Auditions – Mandatory

*All Company dancers and one parent for each family are required to attend the mandatory Company parent meeting on **Tuesday, Sept 4th at 7pm**. Specific details about the entire year, including schedules, etc. will be given at the meeting.

*Fall classes begin **Tuesday, Sept 4th**.

*Measurements with Seams So Special will be done in the evening of Wednesday, Sept 5th. This is also mandatory.

Some general info about our Competitive Company:

- All Company dancers are required to compete their given routines at 3 regional competitions and 1 National competition. We *may* do a local nationals in summer of 2019. Dancers are also required to participate in one dance convention each season as well.
- Company dancers are required to take at least one Jazz Technique class, as well as one Ballet class per week; Mini's, Petites and Juniors will also be required to take leaps and turns. Company routine rehearsals will be in addition to this. Company dancers are at the studio two nights per week, plus 2 Saturdays per month. Tumbling is optional and may require an additional evening.
- **NEW IN THE 2018-2019 SEASON!** Mini's, Petites and Juniors will be required to take a 30 minute leaps and turns class weekly. This will be in addition to their required Jazz Tech and Ballet classes and will be on an evening that the dancers are already at the studio. Teens and Seniors will not be required to take this additional class.

Costs:

Competitive dance can get very costly. We do our best to prepare our families for the costs they should expect. This is just approximate and not the EXACT costs. We will give you those costs as soon as we have the exact amounts. All important dates and other info will be given at our Company Parent Meeting in September.

- Monthly tuition – Dancers will take their weekly classes and in addition to that, will practice weekly on each routine they are chosen for. These hours will total up and give you your monthly tuition amount. Solos, duos and trios are not included and will be added on top of their monthly tuition.
- Competition Fees – For most group routines, the cost will be roughly \$50 per routine, per competition. So, for example, if you choose to be in 3 group routines, you can anticipate that you will be paying approximately \$150 per competition – so on a nationals year, you will have 3 regionals and 1 nationals, so \$150 times 4 = \$600 for entry fees (approximately). Entry fees for solos, duos and trios are more than costly. Solo fees can go up to \$120 per competition.
- Costumes – The costs for costumes ranges anywhere from \$100-\$250 per costume. We do our best to keep the cost down and we also sell the costumes the following year to help offset these costs.
- Company Jacket – \$75-\$80 per dancer. This jacket is required for all Company members and they wear the jacket on stage at competition.
- Choreography and Music Fees – These range from \$20 - \$125 per routine for choreography and music. The more people in the routine, the cheaper the costs. Solos are the most costly and will be \$125 per dancer for choreography/music.
- Travel Costs – Travel costs are something to consider and plan for during years when traveling to nationals is required.
- Additional Costs – There are other random costs involved for our company dancers. Buddy gifts, tights, shoes, performance jewelry, etc. Movement apparel is always optional and not required, except for the Company jacket.

Being a part of our Company is a wonderful way to improve confidence, dance technique and make friendships that will last a lifetime! If you have questions regarding our Company please email

Mandy.Honeycutt12@gmail.com for additional info.

We are very excited for the 2018-2019 season! It will be a fantastic year!