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2019-2020

Competition Company Auditions

Open audition for ages 8-18. Attend one of the following auditions:

Monday, May 20

6:30pm PM-7:30 PM Ages 8-11*

7:30 PM-8:30 PM Ages 12-18*

Sunday, June 9

1:30 PM-2:30 PM Ages 8-11*

3:30 PM-4:30 PM Ages 12-18*

**Age as of November 1, 2019*

What is the Competition Company?: The Elite Competition Company is a highly selective team that allows the serious dancer to have more performance opportunities and to compete to hear judges opinions and views. Selection onto the team is based on the auditions. Dancers must be highly skilled in ballet and jazz, as they are judged on technique and performance at competitions. Company members must re-audition each year.

What will happen at the audition?: You do not to prepare anything for the audition. Come a little early to stretch and fill out a form. You will be taught jazz, lyrical, and ballet combinations You will be judged on how quickly you learn material, if you pay attention to the choreographer's detail, technique, expression and performance quality, confidence, and overall presentation.

What should I wear to the audition?: **Ballet attire:** pink tights, black leotard, and hair in a bun. Black shorts are acceptable. Please bring all dance shoes to the audition in a dance bag.

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What is expected of company members?: This is a very serious commitment, just as serious as any other activity. Dancers have to choose which activity is best for them. The company is not a decision to be taken lightly. Company members will be assigned to a ballet and jazz class & company rehearsal time. Placement on the company requires dancers to take one additional class every week (either lyrical, tap, or hip hop). Rising Star team dancers are required to take ballet & jazz.

What is the typical yearly schedule?:

Fall: Community Performances

January: Convention weekend

February-May: Four competitions

May/June: EDS Recitals

Once the schedule is released, you must reserve entire weekends for the competitions and convention. Every dancer must attend every competition.

It is mandatory to attend one convention. A convention is a weekend of classes with master class teachers at a local venue. They are also encouraged to attend other conventions.

Attendance at all Elite Dance Studio Recitals and Dress Rehearsals in May/June is mandatory. Please note, the company is sometimes asked to perform at other community events. Schedules must be flexible enough to allow for these performances and possibly extra weekend rehearsal times.

What are the approximate costs?:

Tuition for all classes and company rehearsal time (between 1-5 hours a week)

Competitions: \$400-800

Costumes: \$250-350

Convention: \$260

Warm up outfit: \$125

Team leotard: \$35

Other costs include required tights, shoes, makeup, accessories, undergarments, earrings, travel.

How is the company chosen?: The judges choose groups based upon how the groups will dance together and look on stage. The teams are usually a mixture of age, grade, and level.

When will I find out if I made it?: Results will be e-mailed by June 30th.

What classes should I sign up for before I get the results?: We suggest you register for the ballet & jazz classes in your level should you not receive a spot on this year's team. We will make necessary class adjustments for ballet/jazz classes once you have been offered & accepted your place on the company. Competitive dancers will also need to take Tap, Lyrical and/or Hip Hop classes at the level assigned in your placement letter. Rising Stars should enroll in Ballet & Jazz classes at their recommended level.