

Theatre Arts Petite Dance Company

2023-2024 Informational Packet

Theatre Arts Dance Company is designed to provide dedicated dancers with the opportunity to perform, compete, and rehearse in a pre-professional atmosphere in addition to their weekly classes. This select group will develop a good work ethic, discipline, and advanced dance training over the year. They will also receive pre-professional training all while gaining an extended dance family and fun memories to last a lifetime! Our main focus is to develop a strong, competitive, well-rounded team of dancers and performers and provide them with extensive training opportunities that go beyond what they receive in their normal technique classes.

Company Structure

Petite company will be made up of dancers ages 5-8 (ages are as of Jan. 1st, 2024).

Dancers must be enrolled in 2 dance classes for the 2023-2024 fall session and one of those classes must be a ballet class. Petite Company members will compete at 3 competitions each year (only one of these may be out of town in Kansas City or Dallas). **New This Year!**: There will be one petite company large group dance that all petite company dancers will learn in July or August. There will be an additional petite company small group for those dancers that are showing they are ready for more that will be choreographed in September. Petite Company will have a one hour company rehearsal each week. Petite Company members are strongly encouraged to take a dance class over the summer, but are not required to.

Signed contracts and a non-refundable \$100 costume deposit will be due by June 1st from all students accepting their contract and joining the team.

Petite Company Auditions:

New this year!: All petites will attend auditions on Monday, May 22nd from 4:30-5:00 pm. Dancers will learn a short jazz combination on this day. Petite auditions will be like a fun, short dance class and dancers do not need to come with any choreography prepared. Dancers should wear fitted dance attire and their hair pulled back into a bun or ponytail.

Time Commitment

Technique Class Requirements: All petite company dancers must be enrolled in two weekly dance classes including one ballet class. The other class may be tap, jazz, lyrical, hip hop, or tumbling. All dancers must maintain a 75% attendance average in all of their required classes.

School Year Rehearsals: Petite Company will rehearse their large group for one hour each week during the school year. The second petite company small group will have an additional 30 minute rehearsal for select dancers that are cast in this dance.

Summer Rehearsals: Petite company will have a mandatory one hour master class prior to their choreography session to work on skills that will be used in their dance. Petites will then learn the majority of their large group dance over the summer in a choreography session. Please take the time to thoroughly fill out your summer availability form so that we can schedule this class and rehearsal accordingly.

Competition/Conventions: Petite Company Members will be required to attend a maximum 3 convention/competitions throughout the year. Only one of these may be out of town. Company is also often asked to perform at various community events. These performances are usually free for the students. At Theatre Arts, we strongly believe that any chance our company members can get on stage they are gaining valuable experience and confidence each time that will in turn, make them stronger competitors as well!

Exit Fee: Students who quit company after signing their company contract for reasons other than family emergency, family moving, or serious injury or illness will be required to pay a \$300 exit fee to compensate for additional rehearsal time, changing entry fees, etc. in addition to paying all costume fees for dances they were already cast in. Please be SURE that this is a commitment your family is ready to make before auditioning. Company members accounts will not be refunded for any company fees should they choose to not fulfill their company obligations mid year.

Financial Commitment

While Theatre Arts makes every effort to keep company costs to a minimum, being a part of TADC is a financial commitment. We offer several fundraising opportunities throughout the year, as we want as many of our students as possible to be able to experience being a part of this dynamic group. All company members must submit an auto-draft form along with their signed contract.

Studio Fees

Participation in Petite Company is \$30/month and includes their one hour weekly rehearsal. This fee is in addition to their regularly monthly class tuition. Petite dancers that are cast in the second small group will have an additional \$15/month rehearsal fee.

Competition/ Convention Fees

Competition Entry Fees are approximately \$65 per group number, per competition.
Convention Class Fees are approximately \$150 per convention.
Competition fees are due 60 days prior to the competition.

Costumes

Petite Company costumes will be \$150 each. A \$100 costume deposit is due with their signed contract and the remaining balance will be due in September. All petite company dancers will have one or two costumes depending on how many dances they are cast in.

Optional Purchases

We will provide opportunities for our company members to purchase dance bags, sweats, and other company related items in August. All of these purchases remain OPTIONAL.

Fundraising

There will be fundraising opportunities throughout the year for all company members. While we welcome any and all fundraising ideas from parents, the implementation of all company fundraisers using the studio name must be done by Theatre Arts or after receiving approval from studio directors. ALL company families are welcome to participate in ALL fundraisers. If you have an idea for a new fundraiser or are interested in organizing a new fundraiser please let us know!

Company Contracts

There is a parent contract and a company member contract attached to this packet. Please take the time to read through these thoroughly so that any questions can be discussed prior to the start of the season.

We are so excited to start a new season and can't wait to see what is in store for our 2023-24 Petite Company!!

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Dancer Audition Form

STUDENT INFORMATION:

Student's Name _____

Age _____ Birthday ____/____/____ Grade in School (in the fall) _____

How many years have you studied:

Ballet: _____

Tap: _____

Jazz: _____

Other: _____

Favorite Style of Dance: _____

Why do you want to be a company member? _____

During the school year I am NOT available for weekly company rehearsals at the following times:

PARENT INFORMATION:

Mother's Name _____ Father's Name _____

Email Address (all TADC information for the year sent here):

Alternate Email Address (if applicable): _____

Mailing Address _____

Cell Phone _____ Additional Phone Number _____

I would like to be considered for a maximum of (please circle):

1 Company Dances

2 Company Dances

Summer Conflicts:

(Please list all shows, camps, vacations, etc. so that we can plan choreography accordingly):

Please take the time to fill out this form entirely. This information will be used for scheduling purposes.

2023-2024 Theatre Arts Petite Dance Company Student Contract

These are the policies and procedures of the Theatre Arts Dance Company. Each student and parent must agree to abide by these terms in order to participate in the 2023-2024 Theatre Arts Dance Company. By signing this contract below, both parties agree to its contents, which are as follows:

Attendance

- Company members are permitted **3 excused** absences from each number's rehearsal per semester. Excused absences must be requested by email **prior** to the rehearsal. Any absence that is not properly communicated prior to the rehearsal will not be considered "excused" and may result in immediate dismissal. Extenuating circumstances will be considered on a case by case basis. However, any absences exceeding the allowed 3 excused may result in the member being removed from specific numbers or dismissed from company entirely. These absences will also be taken into consideration for the following year's company invitations.
- Company member acknowledges the importance of their individual technique classes. Company members with less than 75% attendance in their required technique classes may be removed from company or specific dances at the director's discretion. This will be strictly enforced.

Commitment

- Company member agrees to attend all rehearsals, conventions, and competitions and to follow all company rules including dress code, classroom etiquette, and respect for all instructors and team members.

Attitude

- Company members acknowledge that individually, they play a vital role in the success of the entire team. Therefore, each company member agrees to approach each class and rehearsal with an exemplary attitude and work ethic. Consistent failure to demonstrate this behavior may result in a company member's dismissal.
- Parents and company member acknowledge the privilege each member has to represent Theatre Arts as a participant of its dance company. Therefore, parents and students agree to conduct themselves in and outside of the studio in a way that humbly but proudly exemplifies the select few who are chosen to represent Theatre Arts.

Dress Code

- Company member agrees to adhere to the company dress code. Form fitting dance clothes must be worn and no t-shirts or baggy clothing will be allowed. Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail or bun for all classes and company rehearsals. All necessary dance shoes should be brought to every rehearsal. Any student who attends company rehearsal unprepared will not be permitted to participate that day.
- Company member agrees to adhere to all costuming set forth by directors. Company member is not to add any additional jewelry or accessories to a costume unless designated by directors.

I accept and acknowledge all terms of this contract. The terms of this contract shall last from June 1, 2023- May 30, 2024. By signing this contract I agree to abide by the terms above. No student will be allowed to participate in rehearsals until we receive this contract.

Company Member's Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

2023-2024 Theatre Arts Petite Dance Company Parent Contract

I agree to pay the monthly company fee in addition to my students required class tuition.

Students will not be registered for competitions/conventions until payment for said competition/convention has been received. A 10% late fee will be added to any competition that is not paid by the due date.

I agree to list all known conflicts on my dancer information sheet at the beginning of the summer. Directors agree to provide company families with a final competition schedule by September 1st. All mandatory performances, competitions, and conventions will be listed on this schedule. Should directors add any events after September 1st- those events will be optional to company members.

I agree to find transportation for my student to all necessary rehearsals, conventions, and competitions. I understand that absences in excess of 3 per rehearsal, per semester for any reason may result in my students' dismissal from company or specific numbers. Company members who's attendance falls below 75% in any of their required classes over the summer or throughout the school year may be pulled from company numbers or company entirely at director's discretion.

I understand that not only my child, but I have also been chosen as a select representative of the studio once my student is cast in TADC. I agree to represent the studio well in the studio lobby, at all company events, and online social media. Excessive negativity or improper parental behavior at these events may result in student's dismissal from company at the director's discretion. Directors agree to keep all public discussions positive and kid-friendly and ask that the parents please do the same.

If I have a serious complaint or concern I agree to set up a meeting with directors to discuss by calling the studio at 918-258-2543 or emailing info@theatreartstulsa.com. Directors gladly agree to set up and address all meeting requests within 48 hours.

Company members and parents are not to arrange any company events, performances, or fundraisers, which use the studio name or logo without prior approval of company directors. I agree to these terms.

I accept and acknowledge all terms of this contract. I understand and agree to pay the \$300 exit fee should my student choose to quit company mid-year for reasons other than serious illness/injury or family moving out of town. I understand that should my family choose to not fulfill our company obligations after signing this contract I still be responsible for all competition & costume fees. The terms of this contract shall last from June 1, 2023 - May 30, 2024. By signing this contract I agree to abide by the terms above.

Students will not be allowed to participate in company rehearsals until we have received a signed copy of this contract. A non-refundable \$100 Company Costume Deposit will also be due with this signed contract.

Parent or Guardian Signature

Date

Parent/Guardian Email

Parent/Guardian Cell Phone