

Dance Steps Company Information Sheet

The Audition: *If you would like to be a part of Dance Steps Company we ask that you go through our audition process. There is no need to prepare for the audition. During the audition we will ask the dancers to show some new and some old steps; we look at flexibility, musicality, strength, co-ordination and performance. We understand that this may be your first experience at an audition, no need to worry just try your best, smile and show us how much you enjoy your dancing. If you do not know the steps that we are showing you - do not worry, we may just be looking to see how well you pick up new steps - we will have lots of time to teach you the steps if you get into Dance Steps Company. A positive attitude, excellent work habits, and desire to dance are just as important as talent and technique. Not everyone will make it into Dance Steps Company. Please do not audition if you do not want to be a part of our Company or Pre Company.*

Parents: *There are a lot of demands placed on Dance Steps Company dancers, physically with the athletic component of dance as well as psychologically, with the performance component of dance. Company dancers will be challenged and motivated to work to their maximum. If you have an enthusiastic child that is auditioning but you have concerns that the demands of our Company may not be for them, please let us know before they audition (or call us after) so we do not hold a spot that would otherwise be available to another dancer.*

Dance Steps Company:

Dance Steps Company is comprised of dancers from Dance Steps Studio. The Company allows dancers the opportunity to apply the technique of dance through a performance medium while also learning and enhancing personal development and well-being.

- 1) Rehearsals will be Saturdays. Dancers are not needed for the whole day, a schedule will be sent out in the fall, junior students usually only rehearse a couple of hours on Saturdays. Not more than one rehearsal can be missed throughout the season.*
- 2) The Company will be participating in 4 competitions in Southwestern Ontario and numerous shows in London. Most dancers will compete a ballet number, a jazz number, and be a part of our Production number. We also have tap, lyrical, contemporary, musical theatre, and hip hop groups. Pre Company members are not primarily involved in competitions.*
- 3) New Company Dancers must attend at least two weeks of summer school – July 17-21 (for younger students) and August 14-25 for experienced or older students, we will be rehearsing choreography at this time.*
- 4) Costumes will range in cost from \$75 - \$150 each not including shoes and tights.*
- 5) Every dancer must purchase a Dance Steps warm up jacket (orders will be taken in the Fall).*
- 6) Besides the cost for the regular technique classes there will be a cost for company rehearsals as well as a company fee of \$125..*

**Dance Steps Company
Audition Form**

Dancer's Name: _____ Female/Male _____ Phone# _____

Address: _____ City _____ Postal Code _____

Parent's Name _____ Parent's Work # _____

Height _____ Age _____ Birth Date _____ Grade in School Sept. 2017 _____

Elementary /High School Attending in Sept. 2017 _____

Dance experience including: years of study, dance styles, grade completed etc.

Why do you want to audition for Dance Steps Company?

What dance type do you like best?

Do you want to focus on a particular dance form?

Will you be able and available to rehearse all Saturday 8:30am - 4:30pm (including holiday weekends, Thanksgiving, Easter Weekend, Victoria Weekend; most groups only attend part of the day on a Saturday)?

Are you involved in other activities? What are they and what time commitment do they require?

Do you have any ailments (including physical i.e. asthma, prior injuries) that may limit or hinder your ability to rehearse and perform in Dance Steps Company?

Are you available to attend Dance Steps Summer School? (July 17-28 for younger dancers or August 14-25 for older experienced dancers)

PARENTS: What are you hoping your child will get out of Dance Steps Company?

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DANCE STEPS COMPANY AUDITIONS

There are around 50 dancers in Dance Steps COMPANY and PRE COMPANY each year ranging in age from 5 to 18. We perform dances in ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, contemporary, hip hop, and musical theatre styles at numerous venues in London as well as at least 3-4 competitions in Southwestern Ontario.

PRE COMPANY do not primarily participate in competitions.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR DEDICATED AND TALENTED DANCERS THAT:

- Enjoy dancing and performing
- Are dedicated and put 100% effort into their dancing
- Have the physical requirements for the rigorous demands of Company including flexibility, strength, co-ordination, and musicality
- Are able to apply and take corrections
- Are able to work with others as a team member
- Have parental support for the extra time demands of performances and classes.

TIME COMMITMENT:

- Technique classes during the week (minimum Ballet & Jazz, some dancers choose to add tap, acro, lyrical, modern, and/or hip hop)
- Company rehearsals on Saturday (dancers are not needed for the whole day) and the occasional Sunday
- Holiday Theme Performance rehearsals and shows (may include student matinees during school hours)
- Performances around London (usually on weekends or holidays)
- 3-4 Competitions in Southwestern Ontario in the Spring (can be Friday-Sunday)
- 2 weeks of summer dance camp 2017 (July 17 – 28 for younger dancers or August 14-25 for older experienced dancers)

FEES:

- \$25 audition which will be applied to Dance Steps registration fee for the 2017 – 2018 season
- \$125 Company Fee
- Technique classes as per the studio fee schedule
- Choreography fees for each Company group \$160
- Costumes for each number approximately \$75 - \$150 (not including required shoes and tights)
- Entry Fees for competitions \$40 - \$48 per group per competition (4 competitions, most dancers start with 3 groups – ballet, jazz, and production)
- 2 weeks of summer dance camp
- Dance Steps Company warm-up jacket (orders will be taken in the fall)

AUDITION TIMES:

Saturday May 13, 2017

10:00 – 11:00am 5 – 10 yr olds

12:00 – 1:00pm 11 and older

Tuesday June 6, 2017

6:00 - 6:30pm 5 - 7 yr olds

6:30 - 7:15pm 8 - 10 yr olds

7:15 - 8:00pm 11 - 13 yr olds

8:00 - 9:00pm 14 yrs and older

You do not have to prepare dance moves. Come 15 minutes early and be prepared to dance in appropriate dancewear.

