



Company Dancer Information/Audition Form

Purpose: To expand competition and performance opportunities to those who want to pursue a higher level of dance, who want to commit themselves to being the best that they can be personally, who want to be a part of a caring, hardworking and dedicated team, and who want to be a positive role model for other dancers.

Requirements:

- Dancers must be at least 7 years old by August 1, 2021.
- have completed 2 years of study in ballet/tap and 1 year of jazz.
- must attend classes regularly, on time, and with enthusiasm. Exceptions include illness or preapproved absences. Company members will be allowed no more than 3 absences in all dance classes for the year and will be required to meet with a fellow Company member or schedule a private lesson to learn what was missed. The fourth absence will place the Company member on probation and will require a meeting with the teachers.
- must exhibit excellent behavior in all classes and commit to practicing routines outside of class.
- must enroll in at least three summer session classes – ballet and ballet technique are required.
- must be available for possible extra practices, including Saturdays.
- must participate in all scheduled performances throughout the year.
- must be available for choreography workshops-these will be held the **week of August 23rd and possibly some weekends in September**; choreography for extra competition routines will be scheduled by each instructor during the summer.
- must attend our Company Sleepover on **August 27**.
- must attend the DanceMakers Inc. Convention/Competition in San Antonio, TX – **October 29-October 31, 2021**; Please reserve **October 23rd & 24th** as mandatory rehearsal days; Extra competition routines will have several run through rehearsals on Thursday evenings, so please reserve those as well.
- must participate in Musical Theatre routine in 2022 Recital (this includes committing to Saturday practices in Feb/March/April/May).
- must attend 1 of the 2 Saturday Broadway Connection classes at the studio.
- must enroll in ballet, ballet technique, tap and jazz classes and are encouraged to take at least one extra class (hip hop, lyrical, leaps/turns). They will also be provided an extra class twice a month to work on performing and improvisation skills.

Fees:

For information about estimated costs and payment plans, please speak with Ms. Melanie. Company class fees are prepaid at the beginning of the year and include the following:

- Weekly Company routine classes, bi-weekly performance classes & Musical Theatre recital routine class
- Costumes for competition routines
- Company dancer t-shirt
- Regional competition entry fees
- Dance convention fees
- Company warmup jacket/pants/backpack if needed, are paid separately



RDS Company Audition Form – DUE BY MAY 13th

May 19th

Times TBD depending on number of dancers and age groups. Will be between 5-9pm.

Please wear a black leotard, pink tights, black shorts or jazz pants (optional), and tan jazz shoes. Please make sure your hair is pulled back in a bun and pinned off the face. Tryouts will consist of jazz technique across the floor and in center and a short combination that will be learned prior to the audition by video. We will be observing dance technique, flexibility, performance skills, listening and comprehension skills, attitude and behavior. A list of the 2021-2022 RDS Company Dancers will be posted on the website the night of auditions*.

Name: _____ Date of Birth: _____ Age: _____

School: _____ 2021-2022 School Year Grade: _____

Number of years at RDS: _____ Number of years at another studio: _____ T-shirt size: _____

Why are you interested in becoming a Company Dancer?

What are your other interests/hobbies/organizations/sports?

I agree to adhere to all the listed requirements to be an RDS Company Dancer, promise to work to the best of my abilities at all times, and to exhibit excellent behavior and attitude when representing RDS in the studio and outside of the studio.

Dancer's signature: _____

I agree to all the requirements and commitments expected of an RDS Company Dancer, including financial responsibility and transportation to all required practices and performances.

Parent's signature: _____

Parent's Email Address: _____

*Company members are offered the opportunity to audition for extra competition routines in several styles – these auditions will be held in the evenings on May 26th/27th. Audition combos are learned by video and will be available to begin learning on May 20th.