

Miller Street Dance Academy's

Performance Company

2021-2022

Miller Street Dance Academy has established itself as the premier dance educator in the Fort Mill/Charlotte area. We believe this success stems from solid training and quality service. The Miller Street Dance Academy Performance Company focuses on technique, performance, community and character.

THE PERFORMANCE COMPANY

The Performance Company program provides dancers with solid technical foundations in dance as well as prepares them for a career in dance, dance teams, theater performing arts, and educating them in the artistry of dance. This **flexible environment** accommodates the exploration of additional interests, however is also suitable for the dancer who wants to solely focus on the art of dance by offering flexible performance opportunities and the option to take as many classes as your schedule allows.

WHAT IS A PC DANCER LIKE?

A PC dancer has a passion for dance, wants to be challenged, loves performing, respects her/his teachers and rules, rarely misses class and attends regularly. She/He is positive and excited to learn.

ATTEND THE INTEREST MEETING!

Please plan to attend our Interest Meeting via Zoom on Tuesday, June 8, 6:00–7:00 PM. This is an opportunity to hear more about the program, and for dancers and parents to ask questions.

Fill out [this form](#) to request a Zoom Link.

AUDITIONS FOR PERFORMANCE COMPANY

Audition Requirements:

- Cost - \$60.00
- Dancers must be at least 6.5 years old to audition
- All dancers are required to have at least one split (right or left)
- Returning members are required to have both splits
- Please complete the Audition Form found on our website.

- Audition is closed to parents.

Audition Details:

- Auditions will be held live on Saturday, July 31 10:00-3:00. Your exact tryout time will be announced closer to date.
 - Dancers will learn a short tap and jazz routine via video, and will perform for the judges on Try-Out Day in groups of three to five.
 - There will be classes held the week of tryouts for dancers to drop in and review the routine with a live instructor.
 - Dancers will also be asked to show technique skills, which may include some of the following:
 - (TAP): flaps, drawbacks. For older dancers: cincinnati's, wings, pullbacks, time steps
 - (JAZZ): battements, leaps and pirouettes. For older dancers: fouettes
 - There is also a separate audition for an Acro Team for those interested. Those that are chosen for Acro team must also be a part of the Performance Company
 - Dancers will be asked to show skills such as walkovers, contortion, tumbling, and balances.
 - You will receive an email within 24-48 hours of tryouts notifying if your dancer made Company.
 - Those that made Company will receive an email prior to the start of the dance season with their PC schedule.
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PERFORMANCE COMPANY MEMBERS

I. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SEASON

1. Rehearsals
 - a. Choreography Day
 - b. Christmas Parade Rehearsal (December)
 - c. Miss Pineville Rehearsal: (January)
 - d. 3 Showcase Rehearsals: (April-May)
 - e. Recital rehearsals: All recital dress rehearsals are mandatory (see website for dates/time).

2. Classes

- a. Technique Classes: Dancers are required to take a minimum of one ballet class, in addition to the Company tap technique class, the Company jazz technique class and the Company Choreography class.
 - i. We recommend dancers take two or more Ballet classes to reinforce and improve their technique if your schedule allows
 - ii. Other classes MSDA offers such as modern, lyrical, acro, hip hop, musical theater, etc. are optional but encouraged.
- b. For those on Acro Team, they will be required to take the Company Acro class

3. Mandatory Performances/Events:

- a. Fort Mill Christmas Parade (Dec)
- b. Miss Pineville Pageant (Jan): The Company will be the entertainment that opens the show, during the intermissions, etc.
- c. Company Showcase (May)
- d. All Baxter Recitals (May/June)

4. Costumes/Uniform:

- c. You will be required to purchase a team uniform at the beginning of the season:
jacket, leotard, pants, earrings
- d. Dance Shoes (tap, jazz, lyrical)
- e. There is a minimum of three required Company costumes to purchase for performances. Older dancers can have upward to 4-5.

5. Attendance: Attendance is an important part of maintaining a strong and productive Company. Please note that dancers' attendance plays a big part in whether they get selected for extra opportunities. (See "Other Opportunities" below). Dancers are allowed to miss no more than three of **each** required classes (ballet, tap, jazz, choreography class), unless pre-approved by Miss Jessica (*Baxter Studio Director*).

6. Service Society Participation: Company members are to participate and/or head up at least 3 service projects per year.

II. OPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

1. Small Group Dances: Small Group dances may be created as the year progresses, some may be rehearsed during class time and others in private lessons. Please note to be in other group dances, there may be extra expenses (private lesson time and/or costume expenses). Please inform Miss Jessica if there is an issue with being in multiple dances that may require additional expenses.

2. Solos/Duets/Trios (if applicable): These will be performed at our Company Showcase, nursing homes, and some events/festivals in the community. You will be required to purchase costumes for your dancer. We will discuss your budget individually.
3. Guest Teacher Master Classes: We will offer the occasional guest teacher class typically offered on Saturdays or during Company class exclusive to Company.
4. Additional performances: There will be *optional* performances that may arise throughout the year. The dancers/dances will be selected on a case by case basis (example: "Fall Festival", "The Singing Christmas Tree," "Spring Fling", etc.)

III. OTHER FUN THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

We dance hard but we also play hard. Here are some fun things to look forward to:

- Secret Santa: Dancers exchange secret Santa gifts at our Company Christmas party, games and of course we eat!
- Company Parties
- Big and Littles
- Company Field Trips: We will be attending optional professional dance companies/performances

WHAT ARE THE NEXT STEPS?

When registration opens, register your dancer for the season as usual. If they make the Performance Company they will be placed in their Company Classes. Also, plan on attending our summer technique classes to get prepared!

PERSON OF CONTACT

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*Dates and Fees are subject to change