

Miller Street Dance Academy's

# Performance Company

2023-2024

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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, is self motivated, rarely misses class. She/He is positive and excited to learn.

## ATTEND THE INTEREST MEETING!

Please plan to attend the Interest Meeting via Zoom on [Friday, April 28, 2023, 5:00–6:00 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.

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## 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 right and left splits.
- Please complete the [Audition Form](#)

- Audition is closed to parents.

**Audition Details:**

This is a two day audition. Dancers are required to attend both days.

- **Thursday, July 27: Jazz + Tap Choreography**

Dancers will be evaluated by a panel of judges on the jazz and tap combinations learned through video at home. The video link will be sent via email approximately one week before the audition.

- **Friday, July 28: Ballet/Contemporary Class**

Dancers will take a ballet/contemporary class to be evaluated on technique, ability to learn choreography quickly, and ability to apply corrections.

**Attire:** Black leotard, tan tights, jazz/lyrical shoe of choice, tap shoes)

Dancers will also be asked to show technique skills for the judges, 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

**Acro Team:** There is a separate audition for PC 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. Acro Team Auditions will be held on **Friday, July 28**. It is not required to audition for Acro Team to be a part of the Performance Company.

**Results:** You will receive an email within 2-4 days of try-outs 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.

**Parent Meeting:** There will be a Parent meeting on **Thursday August 3, 2023** at 5:30pm for those that make Performance Company.

# PERFORMANCE COMPANY MEMBERS

## I. REQUIREMENTS FOR THE SEASON

### 1. Rehearsals

- a. 1-2 Saturday rehearsals throughout fall semester (Oct-Dec)
- b. 1 Christmas Parade Rehearsal (December)
- c. 1 Miss Pineville Rehearsal: (January)
- d. 3-5 Saturday rehearsals throughout spring semester (March-May)
- e. 1 Recital rehearsal

### 2. Classes

- a. 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, leaps and turns 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 is 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

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## 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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Baxter Director

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\*Dates and Fees are subject to change