

Junior, Teen, and Senior Companies:

Is dance your passion?! Love to perform!? Love to challenge yourself!? Love your TEAM!?

The dance company is a program centered around a more committed dance experience. It is much more demanding of your time and finances, as compared to recreational level classes – but gives your child a more in depth learning experience of dance and performance. Company dancers are given the opportunity to dance more hours per week, perform and compete at several dance competitions, develop close and meaningful relationships with their team and teachers, and learn the value of teamwork and dedication. Below are a few FAQs for company, feel free to email Carydanceco@gmail.com with any additional questions/concerns!

FAQ:

How often will class be held?

Currently, our Junior-Senior company members take between 7-9 dance classes per week – Required classes include Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical, Musical Theater, Contemporary and Technique; Optional classes include, Tap and Hip Hop. These classes are generally spread between 3-4 days (totaling approximately 8 hours) per week. As a Junior, Teen or Senior Company member, your child may be asked to participate in additional dances (small groups, large groups and productions) that will require weekend rehearsals throughout the year.

Dance Opportunities?

Your child will have required core dances in each of their classes. Every dancer will be offered an opportunity to learn/compete a solo, duet, or trio, and, depending on audition results, your dancer may also be offered an opportunity to participate in additional small or large group dances (and potentially learn a dance from a guest choreographer!). Members of the company may be given the opportunity to work at CDP as a Teacher Assistant, or lead their very own classes at our annual In-House In-House dance convention (this is an intensive choreography study, ending with a weekend intensive taught by our very own Senior company members)!

What about dance competitions and other performance opportunities?

This past year our Companies were required to attend 2 dance conventions and 2 competitions. Competitions and conventions are typically held on weekends starting in January, on through April. During convention weekends dancers will be given the opportunity to take class from, and perform for, world renowned choreographers and dancers, receiving feedback on their work and performance (dancers can expect to compete several of their dances at one of the conventions we will be attending). Dancers are also required to participate in the Cary and Apex Parade as well as our studio's Benefit Show: CREATE (mi-January), and our studio's Spring Recital (held in June). Every other year our dancers are required to travel to Showstopper's National Dance Competition in Myrtle Beach. We WILL NOT be attending during the 2016-2017 season.

Summer Requirements?

Dancers will be expected to attend their scheduled MANDATORY dance camp July 27-31st. Teens and Seniors will meet 12:30-4:30, each day, and Juniors will meet 4:30-8:30, Wednesday-Friday, potentially earlier in the day Saturday-Sunday. We also highly recommend the company classes offered weekly throughout the summer, as well as our Complete Study Intensive. Please email carydanceco@gmail.com for more information.

What is the financial commitment for the team?

In addition to monthly tuition payments for dance classes, please see the next page of an outline of additional expenses, and approximate due dates.

1. Due August:

- Dance Camp Fees -- \$200.00
- Company Jacket - \$50.00 - 85.00 depending on cotton vs. track (Required; due 1st day of camp). Order forms will be available in the lobby.

2. Due August or Distributed All Year

- Company registration - \$400.00
 - o Can be divided into 10 payments of \$40.00 each month or paid in full at time of registration (*This payment goes towards miscellaneous fees required during the year. Including: studio reg, company reg, extra rehearsals, accessories, Recital T-shirt, Christmas parade, Company DVD, additional competition expenses, banquet etc.*)
- Company Costumes
 - o Deposits - \$50.00/dance -- Due at Registration
- Tuition Begins

3. Due October 1st

- Small Group/Large Group Fees (optional dances - cost TBD depending on choreographer, ranging between \$80-\$300 – invite only)
- Small Group/Large Group Costume Deposits (\$50.00 each)
- Accessories – Appropriate tights and appropriate shoes for each dance will be determined by November 2016.

4. Due November

- Make-Up
 - o MAC Make Up Kit - Approximate cost - \$140.00. This will not have to be purchased every year
- Accessories
 - o Earrings \$15, chokers \$40, hair clip \$12 (will not need to be purchased every year)
- Guest Choreographers – if applicable (\$175-\$275 per dancer)

5. Due December, January, February, March

- Entry Fees
 - o Approximately \$45-\$50 per dancer, per routine for each competition
 - o Approximately \$100.00 Solo/Duet/Trio for each competition (solos duets and trios are optional)
- Convention Costs
 - o Approximately \$250.00 for each convention registration fee

6. Due February, March, April

- Competition expenses
 - o Travel expenses for 2-4 competitions/conventions (hotel, food, gas).

7. Due April, May, June

- Costume Balance and registration fee settlement (split between April/May)
- In-House In-House Convention (optional - date TBD - cost approx. \$60)

Any other questions? Please email carydanceco@gmail.com