

Pre, Petite, and Mini Companies:

Is dance your passion? Love to perform? Love to challenge yourself? Love being part of a 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 amy.carydanceco@gmail.com with any additional questions.

FAQ:

How often will class be held?

Currently, our **Minis** and **Petites** have classes scheduled 2-3 times per week and our **Pres** are scheduled 1 time a week. The dancers are in the studio anywhere from 7-8 hours and receive required instruction in Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical, Musical Theater, Tap, and Technique with the option of participating in Hip Hop and Acro (**Pres** will be required to take all dance forms - Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Acro). This year, our **Mini** Company was required to take Contemporary as well. **Mini** and **Petite** classes are typically held on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday evenings (**Pres** Friday only). Throughout the year, the dancers will be asked to come to the studio for additional rehearsals in preparation for their performances and/or competitions.

Dance Opportunities?

Your child will be required to participate in all group dances in each of their classes as well as opportunities to learn/compete a solo, duet, or trio! Additionally, each group may be given the opportunity to work with a guest artist in a master class! Your child will also be invited to attend our annual In-House In-House dance convention. This is a weekend intensive, full of dance classes and choreography, taught by our very own Senior Company!

What about dance competitions and other performance opportunities?

Pres, Minis and **Petites** are required to participate in two dance competitions, one local and one in Concord, NC (usually), as well as travel with us to two dance conventions. Conventions are weekend long dance intensives taught by famous dancers/teachers in the industry. They involve a full weekend of dance classes, and an optional competition Saturday evening (**Pres, Minis** and **Petites** can expect to compete a couple of their class dances at one of the conventions we attend). Competitions are typically held on weekends, Friday-Sunday, from February-April. All dancers are required to participate in the Cary and Apex Christmas Parades as well as our studio's benefit show: CREATE (mid-January) and our studio's Spring Recital (June). Our dancers are also required to travel to Showstopper's National Dance Competition in Myrtle Beach every other year. We WILL be attending Showstopper's Nationals the week of July 4th, 2020. Other performance opportunities may arise through the season (this year our dancers had the opportunity to perform in Disney World). Please keep in mind, these specific experiences are not guaranteed from year to year.

Summer Requirements?

Dancers will be expected to attend their scheduled summer dance classes as well as the **MANDATORY** dance camp held July 24th-28th. All companies will meet 4:30-8:30, Wednesday - Friday. Meeting times may be earlier on Saturday and Sunday. Please email amy.carydanceco@gmail.com for more information.

What about the financial commitment for the team?

In addition to monthly tuition payments for dance classes, please see the Company Expense Overview document for an outline of additional expenses, and approximate due dates. Company tuition is charged at the standard CDP rate based on the amount of class time per week.