

2021-2022 Cary Dance Productions Company Audition FAQ's

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This year, we will be holding auditions for 7 different companies:

Pre Company for dancers ages 6-7

Petite Company for dancers ages 8-9

Mini Company for dancers ages 9-10

Tween Company for dancers ages 10-12

Junior Company for dancers ages 12-13

Teen Company for dancers ages 13-15

Senior Company for dancers ages 15-18

All dancers ages are as of January 1st, 2022

We take age and ability into consideration each year, age assignment above will fluctuate from year to year depending on dancers auditioning

Outside of dance class, what else will be different?

Outside of dance class, our Company dancers are required to participate in several other performances. These include: Dancing in the Cary and Apex Christmas Parades (rehearsals start in October and we perform in December), Dancing in our winter benefit show - CREATE (this performance will be mid-January 2022), Attending 3-4 dance competitions (February-May), attending 1-2 dance conventions, and dancing in our 2022 Spring Recital (June 2022).

Any additional commitments outside of classes and performances?

All company dancers are REQUIRED to attend a mandatory company dance camp scheduled July 28th-August 1st.. Specific times for each group TBD but please plan on Seniors, Teens and Juniors attending camp from 12-4PM each day and Tween, Minis, and Petites attending camp from 4-9 PM. The Pre Company will be expected to attend camp July 30-August 1st from 4-8:30PM. Company dancers will also be required to come to occasional mandatory rehearsals outside of their scheduled class time. These will always be held on the weekends, cost approximately \$20-\$35. There will also be special opportunities for company dancers to take advantage of such as solo, duet/trios, small groups and special large groups.

What about finances?

There are several additional fees required throughout the season for our Company dancers. These fees will be required in addition to your monthly tuition based on your class time each week (rates posted on our website, carydance.com), and usual studio expenses (recital tickets, etc). We have included a complete breakdown of our additional Company fees in this packet.

Pre, Petite and Mini Companies:

Is dance your passion? Love to perform? Love to challenge yourself? Love being part of a team?

The CDP 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 night per week. The dancers are in the studio anywhere from 4-8 hours each week and receive required instruction in Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical, Musical Theater, Tap, Technique, Hip Hop and Acro (**Pres** will be required to take all dance forms - Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Acro). **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.

How many dances will I perform?

Your child will be required to participate in one group dance for each dance genre (ex: one ballet dance, one jazz dance, one tap dance, etc). Select dancers might have the opportunity to compete an additional small group or large group dance. These additional dances will meet/rehearse on weekends outside of your regular weekly classes. In addition, all dancers have the opportunity to compete a solo, duet, or trio. Please indicate your interest on your company audition form when you register.

What about dance competitions and other performance opportunities?

Pres, Petites and Minis, are required to participate in two-three dance competitions, one local and one-two within state. Dancers are also required to travel to two-three dance conventions. We normally attend Jump, Hollywood Vibe and NYDA each season. Dance conventions are weekend-long dance intensives taught by famous dancers/teachers in the industry. They involve a full weekend of dance classes during the day and an optional competition in the evening (**Pres, Petites and Minis**, can expect to compete a few of their class dances at one of the conventions we attend). Competitions and conventions are typically held on weekends, Friday-Sunday, from February-May.

All dancers are required to participate in the Cary and Apex Christmas Parades as well as our studio's winter benefit show, CREATE (this event happens mid-January), and our studio's Spring Recital (in June). Our dancers are also required to travel to Showstopper's National Dance Competition in Myrtle Beach every other year. We are planning to attend Nationals in 2021 so we would not attend for the Summer of 2022.

Other performance opportunities may arise through the season. In past years we have performed in Disney World, in the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade, for the Harlem Globetrotters, at Memorial Auditoriums 25 days of cheer, and various other events. These opportunities vary from year to year and might only be offered to dancers of a certain age. These extra opportunities are discussed during our parent meetings and are not guaranteed or required.

Summer Requirements?

Dancers will be expected to attend their scheduled summer dance classes as well as the MANDATORY dance camp held July 28th-August 1st. Specific times for each group TBD but please plan on Minis, and Petites attending camp from 4-9 PM each day. The Pre Company will be expected to attend camp July 30-August 1st from 4-8:30PM. Meeting times may be earlier on Saturday and Sunday. We encourage all dancers to take advantage of weekly summer dance classes as well. Please click [HERE](#) for our 2021 Summer Schedule.

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.

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Currently, our **Tween, Junior, Teen and Senior** company members take between 7-9 dance classes per week – Required classes include Ballet, Jazz, Lyrical, Musical Theater, Contemporary, Technique, Tap (**Tween & Junior Only**), Hip Hop (**Tween & Junior Only**). Optional classes include: Tap, Hip Hop, and Acro. These classes are generally spread between 3-4 days (totaling approximately 8 hours) per week. As a Tween, 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.

How many dances will I perform?

Your child will be required to participate in one group dance for each dance genre (ex: one ballet dance, one jazz dance, one tap dance, etc). Select dancers might have the opportunity to compete an additional small group or large group dance. Some groups will have the opportunity to work with a guest choreographer on either a class or small/large group routine. These additional dances will rehearse on weekends outside of your regular weekly classes. In addition, all dancers have the opportunity to compete a solo, duet, or trio. Please indicate your interest on your company audition form when you register.

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DANCE COMPANY EXPENSE OVERVIEW 2021-2022

1. Due August:

- Dance Camp Fees approx. \$350
- Jacket (must have at least one) – (required to purchase during summer dance camp). Order forms available in studio lobby
 - Hoodie \$50.00
 - Track Jacket - TBD **New Jackets will be required for the 2021-22 Season**
 - Ivivva/Lululemon Jacket \$150-\$175
 - Ballet Uniforms (all companies) approx. \$25.00-\$35.00Required 1st day of fall classes (ordered through online boutique).

2. Due August or Distributed All Year

- Company registration - \$500.00 (\$400.00 for Pre Company)
 - Can be divided into 10 payments of \$50.00 (\$40.00 for Pre Company) each month or paid in full at time of registration
 - Company Reconciliation will come out in April and be split into two payments.
- Company Costumes
 - Deposits - \$75.00/class dance. Due at Registration.
 - **Pres: approx. 4 deposits**
 - Ballet
 - Tap
 - Jazz
 - Hip Hop
 - **Petites: approx. 6 deposits**
 - Ballet
 - Tap
 - Jazz
 - Musical Theater
 - Lyrical
 - Hip Hop
 - **Minis, Tweens, Juniors, Teens, Seniors: approx. 5-8 deposits**
 - Ballet
 - Tap (required for Minis & Tweens)
 - Jazz
 - Musical Theater
 - Lyrical
 - Contemporary
 - Hip Hop (required for Minis & Tweens)
 - Pointe(Optional for Tweens, Juniors, Teens & Seniors)
- Tuition Begins- See tuition breakdown [HERE](#)

Due October 1st

- Small Group/Large Group Fees (optional dances – cost TBD depending on choreographer, ranging between \$250-\$375 invite only)
- Small Group/Large Group Costume Deposits (\$75.00 each)

CDP COMPETITIVE COMPANY COMMITMENT CONTRACT

2021-2022

Both parents and dancers are required to initial beside each clause below. Your initials beside each number represent that you and your parents understand and support the CDP company guidelines and will uphold these rules to the best of your ability. Breaking these rules will result in parent conferences and appropriate action to the circumstance. Thank you for your continued support and your commitment to redefining our standard of excellence each year!

1. I will wear the appropriate attire to dance class as required in my handbook. _____
2. I will wear the appropriate shoes to class. _____
3. I will have my hair pulled back properly (in a bun!) for class unless asked by CDP staff to rehearse otherwise. NO fixing hair during class. _____
4. I understand that the classroom attendance policy is to miss only 2 classes from any dance form per semester. _____
5. If I am not dancing full our 2 weeks prior to any performance, I will not perform. _____
6. If I am going to be absent, I will email PRIOR to class to explain which classes I am missing and why. _____
7. I understand that being in the CDP dance company requires a commitment to be at all required competitions, conventions, and performances including recital. _____
8. I will set a personal goal to prepare myself before coming to dance teach day. I will NOT leave the same as I arrived. I will try to exceed my last weeks accomplishments with focus and determination. Before each run-through of my dances, I will remind myself of corrections made to my class/others/myself and challenge myself to rise to a higher standard. _____
9. I will dance full out and work outside of class to build my endurance. I will eat healthier, take vitamins, drink more water, and get plenty of sleep in order to take care of my body, to prevent injuries, and be lovely person :) _____
10. I will love and respect my dance studio. I will pick up my trash, throw my food away outside, and clean up after myself and others. _____
11. I will not copy and use CDP's email list for any personal use or solicitation. _____
12. I will be attending my assigned mandatory summer dance camp. _____
13. I am committed to my team and teachers. I understand that joining any CDP company is a year long commitment. I will be in class, working hard, each week and at all mandatory rehearsals. _____
14. I will support my teammates and be encouraging and kind to them. I will not tear them down with negative words or actions. _____
15. I agree to abide by all CDP precautions that pertain specifically to COVID-19. I understand these measures will be shared throughout the year and are subject to change based on the CDC health guidelines, government requirements, and the safety of our CDP families. _____

PARENTS: I understand all fees I owe will be drafted army my account on either the 1st or 15th of each month (this includes tuition and all other expenses incurred throughout the year). If accounts are not maintained, I understand that this may jeopardize our ability to participate in the CDP competitive program. _____

STUDENT SIGNATURE/DATE: _____

PARENT SIGNATURE/DATE: _____

This commitment contract is due upon the acceptance of your spot on the

2021-2022 CDP competitive company.