



2022 – 2023

JUNIOR DANSE ARTS COMPANY CONTRACT

Mission and Goals

The goal of Danse Arts Company is to allow students an opportunity to perform in public venues in a nurturing environment that not only offers a place to grow as a dancer/performer and build self-esteem, but focuses on professionalism training first and foremost. Dancers will learn and perform choreography in a variety of styles including ballet, jazz, contemporary and more throughout the season and perform a full length dance concert in January. DAC is designed to enhance the students' performing experience as well as instilling professional company "measures" and "tactics" in order to prepare dancers for performing professionally.

Required Events

- Perform in a Dance Concert in January 2023
- Attend Guest Artist Workshop at DPA (Date TBD – Fees range from \$100 - \$150)
- March in the Wildwood Day Parade on September 24, 2022
- Perform at Cheer for Charity Sunday, November 13th, 2022
- Perform in additional community outreach events throughout the season
- Perform in all recital shows in June 2023

In addition to the above events, there are other highly-encouraged performance opportunities throughout the year.

Age Requirements

- JR DAC members must be in grades 3 through 5 by September 1, 2022.
- **Audition Required ~ May 15, 2022**
- **Commit to Junior DAC by June 1, 2022**

Required Fall/Spring Classes

***DAC members MUST BE REGISTERED for Fall/Spring Classes
no later than SEPTEMBER 1, 2022***

- **Junior Company Members are required to take:**
 - Ballet
 - Jazz
 - Company Rehearsal (Wednesday time TBD)
- **Highly Encouraged Classes**
 - Youth Leaps and Turns
 - Youth Contemporary
 - Any elective classes (Hip Hop, Tumbling, Tap, etc.)

Students are encouraged to take additional elective classes beyond their required classes to increase technique, help condition, and become a more versatile performer.

Attendance

- Attendance for scheduled rehearsals is required by all dancers.
- Students are only allowed **2 EXCUSED** absences each semester of DAC and will be given 2 weeks to make up the missed choreography or you will be pulled from dances.
- Absences must be discussed in advance and as soon as possible as well as submitted in writing to Miss Ashley via email (dpa.ashley.stettes@gmail.com) to make sure it is excused.

- If missing due to an illness, please email Miss Ashley at dpa.ashley.stettes@gmail.com
- **2 UNEXCUSED** absences will result in being pulled from the show.
- Students must sign the sign-in sheet for all rehearsals (this includes rehearsals at the theater during show times as well).

Rehearsal Attire

Students are required to wear appropriate clothing to all classes and rehearsals. Required rehearsal attire includes black leotard, leggings/tights, appropriate shoes, and hair secured neatly in a ponytail or bun. **Dancers must have all required dance shoes.**

Required Performance and Practice Uniforms

Your **performance leotard and leggings** will be stored in the DPA costume closet throughout the year. This will help us avoid the "I forgot mine at home" excuse on the day of shows or performances.

Approximate cost range: \$100 to \$150

- Performance Leotard
- Performance Leggings
- Nude Leotard
- Black Rehearsal Leotard (of your choice)
- Black Rehearsal Leggings (of your choice)
- All appropriate dance shoes
- All appropriate tights
- DPA Team Jacket (optional)- \$100

Fees/Expenses

- A \$30 monthly DAC Fee will help to cover the cost of theater and other expenses incurred to produce the dance concert. Additional fees/expenses will be kept to a minimum, but extra incidentals may be incurred throughout the year and may include small costume pieces, transportation, entrance fees to events, etc. Advanced notice will be given and, if needed, payment schedules will be worked out.
- A one time Costume Fee of \$100 due September 15th
- Tuition and DAC Fees are due on the **FIRST** of each month. Failure to pay may result in removal from the Company.
- Ticket Sales- Each family (not dancer) is required to sell 10 Tickets the Dance Concert- \$100
 - Each family will be charged for the tickets not sold. (ie If you only sell 5, you will be charged for the other 5.)
- **All members of DAC are required to attend a Guest Artist Workshop held at DPA.**
 - Artist and Date to be determined
 - Workshop fee will be between \$100 and \$150

Rehearsal and Show Protocol

- All rehearsal videos and information will be posted to the DAC Band account.
 - Rehearsal/Performance Videos and/or Photos are **NEVER** to be posted to any social media accounts.
- All dancers will sign in on the sign in sheet upon arrival to all rehearsals and shows (this includes weekly DAC rehearsals).
- There is absolutely no cell phone use allowed during rehearsal time (unless otherwise stated by the coach). Cell phones are to stay in bags and/or backpacks until dancers have a significant break.
- Costumes will be assigned prior to the show and must be fully accounted for at the end of all dress rehearsals and shows.
 - No dancer will be allowed to leave dress rehearsals or shows until each dancer's costume pieces, shoes, accessories, etc. are accounted for which can add about 20 minutes onto the night, but it will teach more responsibility, teamwork, and most importantly, train them for the professional world which is the goal of DAC.
 - To help with these procedures, each dancer will have a personalized laundry basket for tossing her costume pieces and shoes in as we go through dress rehearsals/shows to help keep things from

- getting lost. At the end of the night, the re-hanging of costumes will be easier and less stressful.
- Students will leave all costume pieces hung in their costume bag.

Join Junior DAC!

Sign up for auditions [here](#)

Fill out the audition form [here](#)

Sign the contract [here](#)