

Junior Performing Troupe Info & Policies

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ABOUT THE JUNIOR PERFORMING TROUPE:

The junior performing troupes will specialize in theatrical, "Broadway" type performances. Real "Let Me Entertain You" style shows. They will perform different routines in jazz, tap, hip hop, lyrical, and character dance at various functions within the community including holiday shows, fests, community events, events such as Dance Fest at Great America, school events, also nursing homes, retirement centers and many other locations.



ELIGIBILITY:

- Dancers must be enrolled in at least one dance class
 - Dancers must be at least 7 years old by September 2, 2014. All dancers must provide written permission from their parent or guardian. Saturdays from 11:00-11:45pm is for 7-12 year olds.
 - Dancers who are 11 or 12 have the option to join the Teen/Young Adult Troupe. Dancers need to be in the group they are most comfortable with and fits their schedule.
 - Dancers must attend class and The Performance Troupe rehearsals on a regular basis.
- The first class is Saturday, September 6, 2014 at 11:00am. Dancers should enroll no later than Oct. 31 for the 2014-2015 dance year. Students can request to join later in the year, please inquire within.*

REQUIREMENTS:

- Members may be required to purchase some additional dancewear to be specified at a later date. Costs will be kept down.
- Members may be required to purchase a costume, more details below.
- Members will be required to purchase a t-shirt and wear it to performances.
- Members must provide their own shoes (jazz shoes, tap shoes, and ballet shoes) and basic dancewear, leotards, tights, etc.

COSTUMES:

- Members may be required to purchase one costume. The rest will be borrowed:
- For those costumes that are borrowed, a \$25 cash deposit is required. The deposit is due in cash at the beginning of the year and will be returned to the dancer at the end of the year when all costumes loaned out have been turned in, minus a \$5 fee.

GOALS:

- To provide an economical opportunity for students to perform.
- To have a diverse group of students at varying technical levels dance together.
- To be rehearsed and performance ready year round.
- To gain more stage experience.
- To cross-train in jazz, tap, hip-hop, character, and lyrical ballet.
- To make new friends who are interested in the same things.

**Please note: The choreography of the routines is entertaining however, purposely choreographed at a simple technical level. We want the routines to be easy for the dancers. It is hard enough getting up in front of an audience to perform for them. Our wish is to make the students comfortable on stage so they can enjoy themselves. We do not want the students to worry about being able to do a step or worry what step is next. Throughout the routines the students should concentrate on smiling, having fun and connecting with the audience. We want them to leave the stage feeling confident that they did a great job and had a lot of fun. Too often dancers are their own worst critic, mentally punishing themselves for falling out of a turn or not performing a movement on the correct count, etc. This contradicts our goal. The dancers regular weekly technique class is the place where they are challenged to perform more difficult tasks. It is a great challenge for the teachers to create routines for students of various technical levels and ages. We also have to factor in that not everyone can attend all performances. Most routines cannot be choreographed specifically. They have to be able to be performed with five dancers one show, twenty the next. We accept this challenge because the goal here is to get on stage, have fun, feel good about it AND not have this empty the parent's check book.*

RESPONSIBILITIES:

- Dancers are expected to be on time for rehearsal (arrive a few minutes early to change and pay) and should call if they cannot attend.
- The cost of the class is \$6. Your account will be charged \$24 per month.
- Dancers who observe class will still be required to pay the tuition.
- Practice your dances, copies of music will be made available at your request.

PERFORMANCE POLICIES:

- All tuition must be paid prior to a performance. IF YOUR TUITION AND OTHER BILLS ARE NOT PAID, YOU WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO PERFORM.
- Dancers who do not attend a rehearsal before a show will not be permitted to perform in that show.
- Students/Parents are responsible for all studio costumes, they must follow the instructions given for costume returns.

RECITAL INFORMATION:

- The performing troupes will participate in the studio's annual recital as well as holiday shows and community shows.