

Miller Street's Performance Company

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About the Program

The Performance Company develops elite, well-rounded dancers by providing a strong technical foundation in ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical/contemporary, and acrobatics, while nurturing their *artistry* and preparing them for future opportunities in dance and performance. The program offers flexible scheduling to accommodate a variety of interests and budgets, making it ideal for dancers who want to explore other activities or fully commit to their training. Performance opportunities include local festivals, parades, and seasonal showcases—from our Winter Debut to the Spring Showcase.

WHAT IS A PC DANCER LIKE?

A PC dancer is passionate about dance, eager to be challenged, and enthusiastic about performing. They show respect for their teachers and the studio's expectations, are self-motivated, maintain strong attendance, and bring a positive, open attitude to learning and growth.

ATTEND THE INTEREST MEETING

Please join us for the Interest Meeting on Zoom. Date and time can be found on our website. This is a great opportunity for dancers and parents to learn more about the program and ask any questions.

Auditions

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

- Cost - \$60.00
- Dancers must be at least 6.5 years old to audition

- All dancers are required to have right and left splits, no exceptions
- Please complete the Audition Form found on our website
*Audition is closed to parents

AUDITION DETAILS

This is a two day audition. Dancers are required to attend both days.

DAY 1: Jazz + Tap Choreography

Dancers will be evaluated by a panel of judges on the jazz and tap combinations learned through video at home. The video link will be sent via email approximately one week before the audition.

DAY 2: Ballet/Contemporary Class

Dancers will take a ballet/contemporary class to be evaluated on technique, ability to learn choreography quickly, and ability to apply corrections.

Dancers will also be asked to show technique skills for the judges, which may include some of the following:

- Tap: flaps, drawbacks. For older dancers: cincinnati's, wings, pullbacks, time steps
- Jazz: battements, leaps and pirouettes. For older dancers: fouettes

Attire: Black leotard, tan tights, jazz/lyrical shoe of choice, tap shoes

Acro Team: There is a separate audition for PC Acro Team for those interested. Those that are chosen for the Acro Team must also be a part of the Performance Company. Dancers will be asked to show skills such as walkovers, contortion, tumbling, and/or balances. Acro Team Auditions will be held on Day 2. It is not required to audition for Acro Team to be a part of the Performance Company.

Results: You will receive an email within 2-4 days of try-outs notifying if your dancer made Company. Those that made Company will receive an email prior to the start of the dance season with their PC schedule.

Time Commitment

Rehearsals

- 1-2 Saturday rehearsals throughout fall semester (Oct-Dec)
- 1 Christmas Parade Rehearsal (December)
- 5 Saturday rehearsals throughout spring semester (Jan-May)

Classes

- Dancers are required to take a minimum of one ballet class, in addition to the Company tap technique class, the Company jazz technique class and the Company Choreography class.
- We recommend dancers take two or more Ballet classes to reinforce and improve their technique if your schedule allows
- Other classes MSDA offers such as modern, lyrical, acro, hip hop, musical theater, leaps and turns etc. are optional but encouraged.
- For those on Acro Team, they will be required to take the Company Acro class

Mandatory Performances/Events

- Fort Mill Christmas Parade (Dec)
 - Winter Debut (Jan or Feb)
 - Performance Company Showcase (May)
 - All Baxter Recitals (May or June)
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Other Information

Costumes/Uniform

- You will be required to purchase a team uniform at the beginning of the season: jacket, leotard, pants, earrings
- Dance Shoes (tap, jazz, lyrical, ballet)
- There is a minimum of three required Company costumes to purchase for performances. Older dancers may have upward to 4-5.

Attendance

Attendance is an important part of maintaining a strong and productive Company. Please note that dancers' attendance plays a big part in whether they get selected

for extra opportunities. (See “Other Opportunities” below). Dancers are allowed to miss no more than three of each required class (ballet, tap, jazz, choreography class), unless pre-approved by Miss Jessica (Baxter Studio Director).

Service Society Participation

Company members are to participate and/or head up at least 3 service projects per year.

Small Group Dances: Small Group dances may be created as the year progresses, some may be rehearsed during class time and others in private lessons. Please note to be in other group dances, there may be extra expenses (private lesson time and/or costume expenses). Please inform Miss Jessica if there is an issue with being in multiple dances that may require additional expenses.

Solos/Duets/Trios (if applicable): These will be performed at our Company Showcase, nursing homes, and some events/festivals in the community. You will be required to purchase costumes for your dancer.

Guest Teacher Master Classes: We will offer the occasional guest teacher class typically offered on Saturdays or during Company class exclusive to Company.

Additional Performances: There will be optional performances that may arise throughout the year. The dancers/dances will be selected on a case by case basis (example: “Fall Festival”, “The Singing Christmas Tree,” “Spring Fling”, etc.)

Other fun things to look forward to:

We dance hard but we also play hard. Here are some fun things to look forward to:

- Secret Santa: Dancers exchange secret Santa gifts at our Company Christmas party, games and of course we eat!
- Three annual Company parties
- Big & Littles
- Company Field Trips

When fall/spring class registration opens, register your dancer for the season as usual. If your dancer makes the Performance Company, they will be placed in their Company Classes and we will assist revising their dance schedule.

Plan to attend the Performance Company Showcase in the spring.

Plan on attending our summer technique classes to get prepared for auditions.

Be sure to sign up for the virtual Interest Meeting found on our website.

PERSON OF CONTACT

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