



*Under Direction of Beth Ith*

## Commitment Information

### 1. Dance Team Criteria/Auditions

- a. Dancers auditioning for Studio 1 Dance Team must be enrolled in Studio 1 Classes (summer or fall).
- b. All dancers must have minimum of 3 years dance training (start counting at age 4), and at least 1 year experience in the discipline that they are auditioning for (2-3 years is recommended). Dance Team is *not recommended* to dancers with, only, Combination Class or beginning dance experience.
- c. Audition Cost: \$7 per audition class (each class is 30 min) \***Auditions are held at the end of July\***
- d. Each dancer must audition in the age division he/she is on the day of auditions (unless pre-approved by Director):
  - i. Ages 7-11yrs (Tap, Jazz)
  - ii. Ages 12-18yrs (Tap, Jazz, Lyrical)
- e. **Appropriate Audition Attire:** Black Leotard with Black Dance Pants or Black Booty Shorts. Or you can just wear a black leotard and any color tights. **BOYS** (tap, jazz, lyrical): Black Dance Pants and a plain Black Tank Top or Black Fitted Shirt. Girls: Hair **MUST** be pulled back for Auditions.
- f. **Audition Day:** At auditions, the dancers will be given a dance combination and broken up into groups to perform for the choreographer. Each Choreographer has the discretion to place dancers on team, where they see fit, with Director's final approval. A letter will be mailed out notifying each dancer if he/she has made our Dance Team. Not everyone who auditions for the Team may make it. All Team placements are final; no discussion.
  - i. Team placement is based on technique and style, ability to pick up choreography, ability to dance within the group, and showmanship/stage presence.
  - ii. Studio 1 requires each Dance Team Group to have a minimum of 5 dancers. If only 4 students score high enough to make a Team, Studio 1 will offer the Team, but the rehearsal fee will increase, slightly. Any Team with less than 4 students has the option do continue with Private Lessons or will need to wait until the following year in hopes that more will audition.
  - iii. ALL Junior & Senior dancers placed on Amy J. Jones' Teams must participate on both the Jazz & Lyrical Teams.

### 2. Dance Team Commitment

- a. Dance Team is a year long commitment starting in the Fall and continuing through Summer Classes. Current Dance Team members are required to take Fall and Summer classes, at Studio 1, in the discipline that they compete in, as well as the other required classes for Team.
  - i. ALL Team members must also be enrolled in a Ballet Class (2 ballet classes if placed in level III or above).
  - ii. All Jazz and Lyrical Teams must also enroll in a Turns and Progressions Class at Studio 1.
  - iii. Mandatory 7 days (end of August) **Dance Choreography Camp** to learn Dance Team choreography. \$10/hour. \$12/hour for Groups of Four. See Beth Ith for specific Dates/Times. If you need to miss a camp rehearsal, you will need to schedule a private lesson, with your choreographer, for make-up.
- b. **Absences:** Each dancer is only allowed to miss 4 Dance Team classes from Sept-June, no exceptions. The last dance team rehearsal of the year (in June) is Mandatory, unless excused by a required school function; a private lesson would be required as a make-up. The Director needs to receive notice of any absence at least 1 week before rehearsal. Do not call the day of rehearsals. If we continue rehearsing dance team classes in the summer, a new policy will be assigned. All dancers must participate in all of their dance classes the week prior to a competition/performance, unless pre-excused due to illness/school/family function by the Director. Make-up classes may be required.
- c. **Injuries/Severe Illness:** If an injury or severe illness occurs and your dancer is forced to sit out (and watch) dance team classes, the choreographer has the right to omit them from current sections of the dance team dance. Also, sitting out/watching dance team classes 3 times (non-consecutively) will result in 1 marked absence (towards your allowed 4 absences). Doctor's notes need to be given to the Director when injuries/severe illnesses occur. Private lessons may also need to be coordinated with choreographer.
  - i. All dance team members are required to **participate** in all dance classes the week prior to any and all dance team performances or competitions. If a dancer must sit out of class the week before a

performance/competition, due to an illness or injury, a make-up class that same week needs to be attended, to participate in the performance/competition.

- ii. All injuries lasting more than 1 week need to be addressed to doctor and a doctor's note needs to be presented to the Director.
  - d. Alcohol, cigarettes, and drugs are not tolerated. Use of these items will result in probation or dismissal from Studio 1's Dance Teams.
  - e. Dance Team members are not allowed to compete with any other dance studio or dance team.
3. **Dance Team Fees**-Dance Team classes are \$10/hr and held weekly for 1 hour (Sept-Dec) or \$12/hr for Teams with only 4 members. In January, Dance Team rehearsals are dropped to 30 min rehearsals. **Fees are due at the Beginning of the Month, regardless of attendance.**
- f. **Studio 1 Dance Team Summer Commitment Deposit** of \$250 needs to be paid, in full, to Studio 1 by *Dec 1<sup>st</sup>*. **A Late Fee of \$25 will be applied, per month, that the Fee is not Paid in Full.** This fee will be used as a "drop out fee" if your dancer does not finish their commitment to the Dance Team (fall-summer). Otherwise, it will be credited towards your Summer Dance Tuition or it can be rolled over to the following Dance Team year. This is a *Non Refundable Deposit*.
  - g. **Group Choreography Fees:** A Choreography Fee of \$25 (per dancer/per group) needs to be Paid (made out directly to Choreographer) on the 1<sup>st</sup> Day of Choreography Camp. *ie: Participating on both Jazz & Lyrical Teams would require a total of \$50 choreography.* Front desk will collect the payments and present to Choreographer.
  - h. **Dance Team Outfit:** All team members are required to purchase a Studio 1 Dance Team Jacket and pants.
  - i. **Costumes:** Dance team costumes are either retail, ordered from costume books, or made by a dance team parent or grandparent. All hand-made costume payments will go directly to whoever makes the costumes. Ordered costumes will need to be paid to Studio 1.
  - j. **Competitions:** Studio 1 usually attends 6-8 competitions and 2-3 dance workshops per dance year, and one "Big Trip" either at Spring Break or in the summer. Optional Extra Competitions avail for solos, duos, trios. All competitions fees are due 6 weeks prior to every competition/workshop. The "Big Trip" rotates between Disneyland (spring break), August Seaside Competition, and Las Vegas Competition (June/ July). **A Late Fee of \$25** will be applied to any Competition Fee not paid on time, as I give plenty of notice for due dates.
  - k. **Performances:** The Dance Team is required to participate in our Woodinville All Fool's Day Parade (end March/April) and at the CF Walk in May. We also like to perform at community events and local schools, if given the opportunity. Participation is mandatory, unless pre-excused through Director due to family conflict.
  - l. **Extra Dances:** All Dance Team members are required to participate in the Parade, Opener, and Finale dances for our Spring Recitals. There are extra fees and rehearsals (\$5/hr) (March-June). A schedule will be given out in January.
4. **Solos, Duos, Trios, Private Small Groups-** All Dancers must have at least 1 year of dance team experience before committing to a Solo, Duo, or Trio, unless waived by Director. Dancer's solos, duos, trios must reflect the same style of dance as their group Team. If your dancer would like to do any special dance such as a solo, duo, trio, or private small group, he/she must be on that specific Team and committed to hourly private lessons every week until the dance is finished. They must also continue rehearsal privates with choreographer every week throughout the competition year (Jan-May), but may drop to 30 min rehearsals. Solos, Duos, Trios, and private Small Groups are a big commitment and expense.
- a. **Private Lessons-** Private Lessons need to be pre-paid (to Studio 1) and pre-arranged with your specific teacher. If a dancer fails to come to a scheduled private lesson, without calling to cancel, they will need to pay the teacher for their time. Private Lessons are \$60/hr, \$30/half hour. The fees are divided among the number of dancers within your private lesson.
  - b. **Choreography Fee-** There is a one-time **Choreography Fee of \$150** for solos, duos, trios, and private small groups. The choreography fee is paid directly to the choreographer and needs to be paid on/before the first private lesson. Duos, Trios, and Small Groups divide the \$150, evenly, amongst each other.
  - c. **Student Choreography-**Open to Advance Dancers who are at least 13 yrs old. Please contact Beth Ith if interested.

\*Studio 1 Dance Team is a year long commitment and therefore you and your dancer must be willing to commit to Studio 1 for the entire dance year (Fall-Summer)\*

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