

The Arts Hub's Performance Company Information Packet

Welcome

The Arts Hub is happy to have you and your family! We have three dance companies: Junior, Intermediate, and Senior, with respective ages approximately 6-8, 9-12, and 13+ for participation. Auditions are held to assess students' abilities, behavioral discipline, and performance quality. Students who are 13 with one year of dance may be better suited for our Intermediate Performance Company (IPC) and 11 year olds with 7+ years of dance may be better suited for our Senior Performance Company (SPC). We place students to best suit each company's needs and experiences, and to best serve the student in terms of technique and growth. Students may be invited mid-year to advance by teacher approval should the opportunity arise. Students have the opportunity to take private lessons should they wish to perform extra dances such as solos, duos, or trios for the Spring competition.

Required Classes

PC students are welcome to take more than the classes listed below, but are required to take at least the below listed classes.

Junior Performance Company class: Wednesday 4:15-5:15pm
Junior Company Tap: Wednesday 5:15-6:15pm
Ballet 1: Thursday 4-4:45pm

Intermediate Performance Company Class: Wednesdays 5:15-6:30pm
Intermediate Company Tap: Wednesdays 4:15-5:15pm
Ballet: Appropriate Ballet class level (typically 2, 2A, or 3)

Please note Ballet classes will be assigned for best results for dancer's abilities and growth opportunities.

Senior Performance Company: Wednesdays 6:30-8:00pm

Two classes in appropriate Ballet placement (typically levels 4 or 5, Pointe)

Elective technique class for appropriate level: Jazz, Modern/Lyrical, Tap, Aerial Dancing

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Costumes

Each dancer participating in seasonal classes will perform at our Holiday Dance Recital in December 2019, and our Spring Dance Theater Performance (Aladdin, May 2020). Students will need a performance outfit for the opening and closing performances in the Holiday Show (December, 2019). Students will be sized during their dance class before costumes are ordered. Our December show typically involves costume items from home.

To keep costs low, for performances such as the Lafayette Farmer's Market, Louisville Labor Day Parade, our November Assisted Living performance, etc. students will wear the Arts Hub Performance Company zip up jacket, the Arts Hub tank top (which can also be worn to/from/during classes), and black leggings. PC students will be required to wear black leggings, and a low-cost top they likely already own at home for the holiday performance such as a holiday sweater, or something similar.

Students will be ordered professional costumes for their May Dance Theater and Spring Competition performances (\$25 rental fee for May's Dance Theater, and no more than \$60 per costume for the competition). Students will keep their competition costumes.

2019-2020 PC Theme: Inclusivity

Help us spread the love all around! This year our combined Performance Company piece is about Inclusivity and Anti-Bullying. One thing The Arts Hub is known for is the positive environment we create. We hope for this message to permeate through all parents and students. A positive attitude while present inside and outside our studio goes so far, and we want all students and families to feel welcomed. We take pride in encouraging our students to help them to feel comfortable and confident!

Dress Code

Students must wear the specific dance wear required for each class. Hair must always be pulled back out of face before participating. Students should wear tights and a leotard as a base to every class they attend (except hip hop). Form fitting dance shorts, pants, or tops are acceptable to wear to Performance Company and Arts Hub classes. Proper dancewear allows instructors to spot and correct body placement to better improve each dancer's technique. Each dance discipline has slightly different requirements (Jazz- tan tights, Ballet- pink tights, etc.) so please be aware of the dress code for each class and respect it for the teacher's and dancer's own sake.

Attendance and Schedule

The Arts Hub is lined up primarily with the Boulder Valley School District. When school is out, we will let you know if dance is out. On days students are sent home from school due to inclement weather, students will likely not have dance class that afternoon. The Arts Hub will offer make up days if the school system sets a make up day for school. Please arrive on time

and attend each class. Students are granted unlimited excused absences (school event, doctor/dentist visits, sickness or injury, and church events). Please call or email the studio on days that your student will be missing class. Unexcused absences and tardiness can hold back an entire class, and the studio cannot jeopardize its responsibilities to the rest of the class for one student. Students will be granted a maximum of four unexcused absences before being asked to schedule a private lesson (\$30 per 30 minute lesson) to catch up. Prompt student pick up within ten minutes of class ending is expected.

Additional rehearsals may be added to prepare for upcoming events. Ample notice will be given should rehearsals be added to the schedule.

Performances

The Arts Hub will participate in one parade (Louisville Labor Day Parade, Monday Sep 2nd). PC dancers will need a pair of sport/tennis shoes to comfortably participate in the parade portion, and BLACK jazz shoes. We are given one minute to dance in front of the judges for the parade. Dancers will then switch shoes to participate in their one minute pre-choreographed piece. This year, the piece is a positive message about Inclusivity and Anti-Bullying. The students are doing great with it!

November's performance will be at an Assisted Living facility. We are looking at Wednesday, November 20th, time and location TBD, but approximately 5-6pm. The PC students will showcase their pieces for the Holiday Performances for those in the facility. Costumes will be black leggings, and predetermined holiday tops (likely holiday sweaters or similar).

December will host two holiday performances (see Holiday Performances below for dates/rehearsal times). PC students will perform special holiday themed production pieces during this time.

Feb 21-23, 2020, PC students will have a very unique opportunity to attend Kids Artistic Revue Dance Convention and Competition at the Vance Brand Civic Auditorium in Longmont. The convention exposes them to other local dancers as well as nationally renowned choreographers and teachers for a day or two of energetic training. The convention itself is \$125 per dancer which includes five classes from all-star choreographers. Competition entry fees will be added once they are posted. Each PC will perform two competition dances. Estimated cost for this event will be \$225 per student.

Students may even benefit from an audition process and possibly win scholarships for the following year. The Competition portion allows students to perform on stage in a professional environment in front of judges. Students will receive constructive criticism and praises on their performance to make them become more well-rounded dancers. This is a very energizing and motivating weekend for the students. This is also where students may participate in extra performance opportunities with solos, duos, and trios. Pricing depends on how many performances each dancer elects (if they plan to do solo/duo/trio). Last year, we had a student place in the top 10 with their solo, and The Arts Hub won two group awards due to our incredible performers!

Holiday Performances

Our holiday performances will be Friday, December 13th 5-7pm, and Sunday, December 15th 2-4pm. The dress rehearsal for this performance will be Wednesday, December 11th 5:30-8:30pm. All dance classes will have costumes that students likely already own or are at the very least low cost/can be borrowed from someone else (possibly tan or pink tights for jazz or ballet classes, black leggings, black leotard, red/green shirt, snowflake shirt, or something similar). Dancers are expected to have appropriate shoes for each class.

May Dance Theater Production

All students participating in weekly classes will perform in our May Dance Theater Production (Aladdin, 2020). More information will be given out in January.

Parent Responsibilities

Please be aware that parent emails are sent out with important information such as upcoming rehearsal and performance times, locations, and dates. Parents should ensure they're apprised of information sent in emails, ensure your student arrives on time and prepared for class, and ensure they arrive on time, with all performance attire and materials at rehearsal and performances. In addition, we want dance to be a fun place for everyone. We appreciate any and all feedback to make our teams and processes even better. Let us know where we shine, and let us know where we can shine brighter. Thank you for all you do in support of your PC student!