

NEW HEIGHTS STUDIO PRESENTS



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DANCE COMPANY

2023-2024 SEASON
INFORMATION PACKET

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WHAT ARE "COMPANIES?"

Companies are another way of saying competitive teams. We have five levels of company based around age, ability, and commitment:

Tiny (ages 5-8), Mini (ages 7-10), Junior (ages 9-12), Teen (ages 12-14), and Senior (ages 15-19)

Our company students have required classes and rehearsals each week, are committed to their personal growth, and understand the importance of teamwork. These students already demonstrate an intermediate to advanced skill level for their age and have mastered foundational technique in multiple styles of dance.

Companies compete at regional competitions, take master classes at conventions, and perform locally, representing New Heights Studio in our community and beyond. All students are invited to compete a solo no matter which team they place.

AUDITIONS - WHEN?

Auditions will be held at the studio on the following dates. Arrive 15 minutes early to fill out your audition form with a parent signature and start warming up. If you are unable to make it to the following time, you must contact us to arrange a private audition.

TEEN/SENIOR

MONDAY, June 12 6:30-8:30pm

MINI/JUNIOR

TUESDAY, June 13 6:30-8:00pm

TINY

WEDNESDAY, July 19 4:00-5:00pm



WHAT TO EXPECT

TEEN/SENIOR

Students will learn jazz and contemporary combinations to perform for the judges. as well as be asked to demonstrate the following technical skills across the floor: Chaine turns, Single Stags, Grande Battements, Grande Jetes, Side Leaps, and any skill of their choice. Every student in this age group will also be expected to show the judges a 1-minute solo, self-choreographed, any style. Please have the music file ready to play on your own device.

MINI/JUNIOR

Students will learn jazz and lyrical combinations to perform for the judges. as well as be asked to demonstrate the following technical skills across the floor: Chaine turns, Pique turns, Jazz Pirouettes, Double Stags, Grande Battements, Grande Jetes, and any skill of their choice.

TINY

Students will learn a jazz combination and be asked to demonstrate the following technical skills: Chasse, Front Kick, Chaine Turn, Leap. To prepare, students should be working on flexibility, pointing toes, and timing with music.



AUDITION RESULTS

Audition results will be emailed to the parent on Thursday, June 15th for Mini/Junior/Teen/Senior auditions and on Friday, July 21st for Tiny auditions. If your student makes a team, company contracts outlining the season's commitment must be signed by both the parent and student and are due to be turned into the front office staff within one week of audition results to secure their spot on the team.

TEAM REQUIREMENTS

TINY COMPANY

WEDNESDAYS 4:15-5:00pm

Plus 1 additional class of choice

Highly recommended: Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Tumbling

MINI COMPANY

TUESDAYS 4:45-7:30pm

+ TAP OR HIP HOP CLASS

Weekly Classes:

1.0 hour Ballet II

0.75 hour Leaps/Turns II/III

1.0 hour Tap I/II and/or Hip Hop II

1.0 hours Rehearsal

= 3.75 hours minimum

Highly recommended: Jazz II, Tumbling

(Students will be given a 10-minute snack break on Tuesdays, so please pack something quick and substantial.)

*These are minimum requirements. We always encourage additional classes for your personal growth. Your monthly tuition includes unlimited classes.



TEAM REQUIREMENTS

JUNIOR COMPANY

TUESDAYS 5:00-8:15pm

THURSDAYS 4:00-6:30pm

Weekly Classes:

1.75 hours Ballet III/Pre-Pointe

1.5 hours Jazz III & Leaps/Turns II/III

0.75 Strength/Conditioning

1.50 hours Rehearsal

= 5.5 hours minimum

Highly recommended: Tap, Hip Hop, Tumbling, Deep Stretch
(Students will be given a 10-minute snack break on Tuesdays, so please pack something quick and substantial.)

TEEN & SENIOR COMPANY

MONDAYS 4:30-8:15pm

WEDNESDAYS 5:00-8:30pm

THURSDAYS 5:45-8:15pm

Weekly Classes:

2.50 hours Teen Ballet

1.0 hour Jazz/Contemporary

1.0 hour Leaps/Turns

0.75 Strength/Conditioning

1.50 Deep Stretch

1.75 hours Rehearsal

= 8.50 hours minimum

(Students will be given a 10-minute snack break every night. Please pack something quick and substantial.)

*These are minimum requirements. We always encourage additional classes for your personal growth. Your tuition includes unlimited classes.

SEASON COST

Total costs are determined by which team your student places on. The following fees do not include regular tuition, recital fees, recital costumes, or travel and accommodations to competitions/conventions. Solos and conventions are optional and listed separately. Here is what you can expect to budget for the season:

TINY COMPANY Total = \$495

MINI COMPANY Total = \$1,095

JUNIOR COMPANY Total = \$2,135

TEEN/SENIOR COMPANIES = \$2,385

We will be holding monthly fundraisers August thru March.
We need parent volunteers to help!

COST BREAKDOWN

TUITION

- Tiny Company and Mini Company - \$108/month x 12 months; includes unlimited classes and rehearsal time
- Junior Company - \$189/month x 12 months; includes up includes unlimited classes and rehearsal time
- Teen/Senior Company - \$224/month x 12 months; includes unlimited classes and rehearsal time
- Annual tuition is broken into 12 equal monthly payments, due on the 1st of each month via Autopay with card on file (July thru June).
- There is a \$20 Annual Registration Fee due every July.

COST BREAKDOWN

COMPETITION PACKAGE

- Tiny Company will be competing 1 group dance at two local competitions.
- Mini Company will be competing 2 group dances at three local competitions
- Junior Company will be competing 3 group dances and a duet/trio and will compete at one out-of-state competition.
- Teen, and Senior companies will be in 3-4 group dances and a duet/trio and will compete at one out-of-state competition.
- Soloists have the option to compete at additional competitions.
- The following prices are calculated per student and may not represent every competition we attend, but is a representation of competitions we have attended in the past. These fees are for each competition:
 - \$70 per Group
 - \$85 per Duet/Trio
 - \$30 Required Photo/Video Fee
 - \$25 Director/Admin Fees per competition
 - Optional Entries for Title/Dancer of the Year (\$38) or Photogenic (\$30)
- Does not include travel and accommodations

CONVENTION TRAININGS

- Conventions are optional, but are highly recommended.
- \$120 AXIS Dance Convention, Albuquerque, NM (ages 7+)
- \$275 The Streetz Dance Convention, Scottsdale, AZ (Jr/Teen/Sr)
- \$260 Fluid Dance Convention, Scottsdale, AZ (ages 5+)
- \$25 Director/Admin Fees per convention
- Does not include travel and accommodations

COST BREAKDOWN

STUDIO WORKSHOPS

- Quarterly Workshops featuring guest teachers
- Mandatory for Mini, Junior, Teen/Sr Companies
- \$40-60 per workshop

COMPETITION COSTUMES

- \$75 Costume per Routine
- \$30 Undergarment Leotard (Mini/Junior Co only)
- \$10 Tights
- \$100 Team Jacket
- Shoes are purchased on your own

OTHER EVENTS

- \$40 Team Party at Fat Cats Queen Creek
- \$20 Queen Creek Holiday Parade Package
- (We are still waiting for details on an Arizona State Fair performance.)

SOLO INVESTMENT - \$500 per solo + Competition Entry Fees

- Every company student is encouraged to compete a solo, but it is optional. (Solos may only be choreographed by Ms. Mindy, Ms. Arielle, or Ms. Annabrielle, except for tap and hip hop solos. Graduating seniors may choreograph their own solo with a \$100 Instructor Assist Fee in place of the Choreography fee listed below.)
- \$400 Choreography, 4 Hours Private Lessons (regular private lesson fees apply after 4 hours, if desired)
- \$75 Solo Costume
- \$25 Studio Commission
- \$170 Competition Entry Fee per competition
- Optional Entries for Title/Dancer of the Year (\$38)

COMPETITION & CONVENTION SCHEDULE

We will issue team-specific calendars, since not all teams are participating in each event. Here are possible dates to save:

- October 28 - AXIS Convention, Albuquerque, NM
- January 26-28 - AMP Competition, Combs
- February 3-4 - StepUp2Dance Competition, Higley
- February 23-25 - The Streetz Dance Convention, Scottsdale
- March 15-17 - Precision Arts Challenge Competition, Las Vegas, NV
- April 5-7 - Ultra Dance Tour Competition, Higley (groups only)
- April 26-28 - Fluid Dance Competition, Scottsdale (duets/trios only)
- April 27-28 - Fluid Dance Convention, Scottsdale

Soloists may choose to compete at any of the above and additionally:

- November 10-12 - KAR Competition, Higley
- January 6 - Gravit8 Competition
- TBA - Spotlight Competition

PERFORMANCES/EVENTS

- August 4 - CPAC Performance
- August 11 - Immanuel Auditions
- August TBD - Studio Workshop
- August TBD - Team Party @ Fat Cats
- September TBD - Dancer's Health Workshop
- September/October TBD - Arizona State Fair Performance
- October 21 - Queen Creek Trunk or Treat Performance
- December 2 - QC Holiday Parade Performance
- December 15 & 17 - Immanuel Show Dates
- January TBD - Studio Workshop
- March 23 - Spring Into QC Performance
- May TBD - Studio Workshop

PAYMENT SCHEDULE

TUITION

- Monthly tuition is always due on the 1st of the month via Autopay with a card on file.
- July 1st is your first month of tuition.
- Tuition is based on a full year and is broken into 12 monthly payments. We do not pro-rate for holidays, closures, missed practices, or vacations.

OTHER FEES DUE

- In addition to monthly tuition, your card will be charged automatically on the 15th of each month, July thru March, to go towards your company fees (costumes, competitions, etc.)
- Money earned in fundraisers will be deducted from the amount due.
- Optional conventions, solos, and solo competitions will be posted to your account as you notify us of participation. You will be expected to login and pay for these separately.

TINY COMPANY Total = \$55/month on the 15th

MINI COMPANY Total = \$122/month on the 15th

JUNIOR COMPANY Total = \$238/month on the 15th

TEEN/SENIOR COMPANIES = \$265/month on the 15th

- These "Other Fees" will be collected automatically via your card on file on the date above. Declined card payments will incur a \$10 fee. Additionally, a \$10 Late Fee will be posted to your account if not paid on time.
- All payments are non-refundable.
- These Company Fees paid on the 15th will be credited towards your actual costs which could be slightly more or less. You are responsible for keeping an eye on your account to see if you owe additionally.

POLICIES

ATTENDANCE

- Dancers are expected to attend every rehearsal and required class and arrive on time, meaning 10 minutes early, shoes on, hair pulled back by start of class.
- Vacations must be scheduled so as not to interfere with rehearsals, performances, or competitions.
- Dancers must obtain an 85% attendance rate, or they will be placed on probation for 21 days until they can meet the requirement. Failure to do so throughout the 21 days will be subject to removal from the team. No refunds given.
- If an injury or illness occurs, instructors must be notified immediately. Injured students are still required to attend team rehearsals and classes to watch.
- If the dancer has any school or church activities that will require student to miss practice, instructors must know beforehand to be excused.
- Rehearsals within 2 weeks prior to competition are mandatory. If the student misses any rehearsals during this time frame, they will be taken out of the routine for that competition with no refund given.
- Sick Policy: Dancers feeling sick should plan to attend rehearsals and classes to watch unless they have a fever over 100, are vomiting or have diarrhea, or have a doctor's note. We also trust the parent knows best.

POLICIES

DRESS CODE

- NEW* - We are working a new dress code this season. Stay tuned!
- Hair must be pulled back and out of the face.
- Nails must be kept shorter than fingertips. Acrylic nails are not allowed in class or competition/performances. Nail polish is not allowed at competition/performances.
- All jewelry must be removed before the start of practice/competition.
- At competition, dancers must be fully in costume by their designated meet time. This includes hair, makeup, nails, and jewelry.
- NEW* - All phones will be kept in a basket by the stereo and may only be used during breaks or for filming choreography when requested by the instructor.

FINANCIAL INVESTMENT

- All tuition is collected via Autopay with your card on file on the first of the month. A \$10 will be collected for declined payments, as well as an additional \$10 Late Fee if tuition remains unpaid by the 5th of the month.
- Any student with a balance more than 15 days late for tuition and/or other fees will be benched and expected to watch rehearsals until account is current. Any student with a balance more than 30 days late will be subject to removal from the team.
- Tuition is based on a full year and is broken into 12 monthly payments. We do not pro-rate for holidays, closures, missed practices, or vacations.
- If you need to leave the team mid-season, a \$400 rechoreography fee will be assessed and automatically charged to the card on file.

NEW HEIGHTS DANCE COMPANY TEAM FORM

Dancer #1 Name:_____ Circle One: M or F
Birthdate:_____ Grade Level:_____

Dancer #2 Name:_____ Circle One: M or F
Birthdate:_____ Grade Level:_____

Contact Information

Father Name:_____ Phone #:_____

Mother Name:_____ Phone #:_____

Address:_____

City:_____ State:_____ Zip:_____

Email Address:_____

Emergency Information

In the event of an emergency and a parent/guardian can not be reached, please call:

Name:_____ Phone #:_____

Insurance Company:_____

Insurance Phone #:_____

I give permission to medical professionals to administer emergency treatment to my child should an accident occur in my absence.

Parent Signature:_____ Date _____

NEW HEIGHTS DANCE COMPANY PARENT CONTRACT

I (guardian name) _____, guardian of (dancer name) _____ agree to follow all New Heights Dance Company policies:

_____ (Initials) I understand that competitive dance is a great commitment and understand the attendance requirements. I agree that the team and my dancer's personal growth are priorities. I understand that my child's absence at practice will affect their position in the routines and on the team.

_____ (Initials) I understand and agree to the sick policy. I understand that my child is still required to attend practice if injured.

_____ (Initials) I understand that the correct attire must be worn to classes, rehearsals, performances and competitions, including hair, nails and jewelry.

_____ (Initials) I understand that tuition is due by the 1st of the month, and I will be fined a \$10 fee if my payment is declined and/or not paid by the 5th of the month. I understand that other fees will be collected on the date listed in the packet.

_____ (Initials) I understand that if I choose to leave the team early before the end of the season, I will be automatically charge \$400 for a re-choreo fee and no refunds will be given.

_____ (Initials) I understand that if my student is removed from the team for making poor choices (substance use, bullying, etc.) that no refunds will be given.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

NEW HEIGHTS DANCE COMPANY STUDENT CONTRACT

I (student name) _____, agree to follow all New Heights Dance Company policies:

_____ (Initials) I understand that competitive dance is a great commitment and understand the attendance requirements. I agree that the team and my personal growth are priorities. I understand that my absence at practice will affect my position in the routines and on the team.

_____ (Initials) I understand and agree to the sick policy. I understand that I am still required to attend practice if injured.

_____ (Initials) I understand that the correct attire must be worn to classes, rehearsals, performances and competitions, including hair, nails and jewelry.

_____ (Initials) I understand that I am to be a positive role model to those around me and will model integrity and healthy choices. I understand that gossip and bullying will not be tolerated and could result in removal from team. I understand that use of illegal substances will result in immediate removal from the team, no refunds given.

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____