

Fancy Feet Dance Studio

Performance Group Contract 2011-2012

About the Performance Group

The Performance Group was established 20 years ago in order to provide extra performance opportunities for spirited and passionate Fancy Feet dancers. Being a part of this group requires many extra rehearsal hours on weekends in order to prepare for and execute well-rehearsed routines at various venues. Class commitment will involve the performance group class plus technique classes. Since ability levels vary, it is necessary for students to study in proper technical classes to ensure a solid foundation. Teachers have circled approved classes for individual students. Some performances will be divided by age and some will involve the entire Performance Group. While there are many children wishing to participate in this program, only those families who are serious about the performance commitment will be able to participate. If either a student or parent is not respectful of this opportunity, you will be dismissed from the Performance Group.

The Commitment

1. Along with approval from the director, a student must have 2 years of dance experience at Fancy Feet to be eligible. Age 6-7 must have had 1 complete year of dance in order to be eligible.
2. Students may only join at the beginning of the year (in September).
3. Convenience cannot be the priority when selecting technique classes. Each dancer must get the proper foundation from their classes. Choose from classes circled.
4. Rehearsals are mandatory and must be a priority. There are no make-ups and students will be removed from sections of the dances if rehearsals are missed.
5. If more than 2 classes are missed in a session, or if one rehearsal or performance is missed, a student will be put on probation which may affect their participation in remaining performances. Avoid scheduling other appointments on dance days. Finish your homework or projects BEFORE class. Plan ahead.
6. Being in the Performance Group is a privilege. We perform and function as a team. Parents and students are expected to take this commitment seriously. Choreography is set around the students and their various levels. When students are absent, it affects the whole team.
7. Always read emails and material sent home. Check online for updates. Be aware of dates, performances, call times, costumes and details.
8. Punctuality is crucial. Tardiness is unacceptable. Respect is essential. Be a good role-model.
9. Performance Group Uniforms will be ordered in September. They will arrive in late October. Take care of these costumes. Only wear them for performances. You will use them throughout the year.
10. Each class will purchase a costume for the recital. Performance Group will have two costumes; one for the opening and one for the closing number.

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Performance Group Class Requirements for 2011-2012
Ages Divisions: 6-7, 8-10, 11-13, Teen

6-7	3 classes per week	P-Group class + 2 classes
8-10	4 classes per week	P-Group class + Ballet + Modern* + Jazz**
11-13	4 classes per week	P-Group class + Ballet + Modern* + Jazz**
Teen	4 classes per week	P-Group class + Ballet <i>or</i> Modern* + Jazz** + 1 class

*Modern includes contemporary and lyrical styles

**Jazz may not be substituted with Hip Hop

High School/Graduating Senior Policy

While I welcome a student who wishes to make the commitment to the Performance Group, it is important that newer Teen P-Group members understand special dance recognition and privileges may be modified for the students who have not remained consistent in the program throughout high school. (Individual circumstances will be taken into consideration.)

Ballet/Modern Requirement

In reflecting upon our past 20 years, I have found that our most successful dancers have all had one thing in common; the consistent study of ballet and modern dance. These disciplines build strength, technique, coordination and balance which insure a proper foundation for all other forms of dance. Since the performance group is intended for students who are serious about dance, I believe that the study of ballet and modern must be required. Therefore, we offer a variety of classes which will fulfill this requirement.

Fees/Registration

Performance Group registration fee = \$200.00 per student
(Includes Performance Group Uniform, Warm-up Hoodie, Annual Registration fee, rehearsals, mailings.) *NOTE: The \$200 does not include the cost of the Performance Group class.

Signatures

By signing below, I understand and agree to all that is required of me in order to be in the Performance Group. I understand that if I do not keep my commitment, I may not be allowed to continue in the Performance Group.

Parent: _____ **Date:** _____

Student: _____ **Date:** _____