

2019-2020 Teen Company Information



Purpose

The MPDC Teen Company is a performing group that will build on each dancer's foundation to help to accelerate his/her/their growth and begin to establish a sense of artistry. The company will work with our professional choreographers to learn and work pieces that will challenge company members, as we are most interested in the development of each student. Dancers who are interested in competing solos, duets, or trios may submit a request form, and we will fill the requests if we feel the dancer is ready. Your dancer must be available to set solos, duets, trios over the Summer and commit to 45 minutes once a week during the Fall Session to work them.

Dancer Requirements

Dancers must attend the yearly Company audition.

Summer

Dancers are required to attend the Summer Intensive Workshop, which will be June 17-21. Dancers are also required to take Ballet, Jazz & Modern during the Summer Session. Please contact us immediately if you have conflicts so that we can try to arrange a make up plan. Dancers must attend the Company Camp August 26-29, which will take place after school hours.

Fall Session

Dancers are required to take Ballet, Jazz, & Modern during the Fall Session as well as attend the weekly Teen Company rehearsal.

Absence Policy

Dancers can miss no more than 4 classes per quarter, with no more than 2 in each genre. Dancers can miss no more than 2 company rehearsals **per year**. Please notify the MPDC office if your dancer must miss class or rehearsal. *Dancers can not miss the rehearsal before a performance or competition. If they do, they will not be eligible to compete.*

Competitions/Performances

The company will attend 3 local competitions in the Madison and surrounding areas as well as one Convention/Competition in the Chicago area. The company will also perform at our Student Concert and Dance for Hunger benefit concert. **These are all required activities.** If your dancer misses one of these performances, he/she/they will be removed from the company. Of course, there are extenuating circumstances, in which case the rule will not apply. A calendar of our activities will be available as soon as possible (usually competitions have their season calendar out in late August.) The company may also be asked to perform at local events, such as Art Fair on the Square, if dancers are available.

Work Ethic

We expect dancers to bring a positive and respectful attitude to class each day. We also expect dancers to work hard and be open-minded. Dancers must follow the dancer code of conduct. Our faculty will administer appropriate punishment for rule infractions. Dancers must make sure they are prepared for each performance. Choreographers have the right to change personnel or have a dancer sit out of a performance if he/she/they do not know the choreography well enough to perform it.

****If a dancer does not fulfill his/her/their requirements and must be removed from a piece or the company, parents will be charged a \$250 re-blocking fee.**



Parents' Responsibilities

Parents are responsible for providing transportation to and from all classes, rehearsals and performances. **Parents must make sure their dancer is available for each performance and competition on our calendar, as well as the week before each competition, since these rehearsals are mandatory. If a dancer misses the rehearsal before or after a competition, he/she/they will sit out of the next competition. If a dancer misses a competition, he/she/they will be removed from the company. There are, of course, a few circumstances that are excused, in which case the rules will not apply.** Parents must make sure their dancer has the proper costume elements, hair and make-up for each piece. If your dancer cannot fix his/her/their own hair or put on make-up, you will need to help. Parents are required to pay all fees on time. All payments must be up to date or your dancer will not perform.

Parent Volunteer Work

We expect parents to help with studio events, Student Concert, steaming costumes, and team building events. We would like the dancers to have at least 2 social events throughout the season to promote team building and cooperation. Parents are expected to complete 7 hours of volunteer work throughout the year. Completed hours should be reported to the office.



Cost Estimate

Monthly tuition will depend on which classes your dancer is enrolled in. Beyond tuition, here is an estimated cost for company, based on 2018 company expenses. If you would like help estimating your dancer's tuition, please stop by the office.

Costumes		225.00
Shoes		60.00
Company Jacket (if not already owned)		85.00
Competition Fees		900.00
Summer Intensive		500.00
Hotel Costs	Unknown	
Estimated Cost Beyond Tuition		1770.00

