

# **DDH DANCE ACADEMY DANCE TROUPE COMMITMENT FORM**

The DDH Dance Troupe is a **jazz based performance team** that was developed for dancers who desire to perform more often and compete in dance competitions. Members of our Dance Troupe also perform at local events and have the opportunity to attend professional dance workshops to expand their technique and style.

## **Requirements/Expectations:**

- ✓ All dancers must attend an audition for a position on the DDH Dance Troupe. Judges will critique **technique and ability** as well as performance quality. Dancers must have had at least one year of dance at DDH to audition. It will be at the director's discretion to allow any students transferring from another studio. These transfer students must have a letter of recommendation from their previous studio owner and/or must have proof of previous competition experience.
- ✓ **IN ADDITION** to the audition score the dancer's technique, attitude, previous attendance record & troupe event participation, health, teamwork skills, age, skill & ability level, concentration and maturity are major factors in placement on the Dance Troupe. Dancers are not placed by what grade they are in school- for example NO high school senior will be placed in Sr. Trp. 3 just because they are a senior in high school. Many other factors are considered when determining placement of dancers.
- ✓ Unfortunately some things happen that are out of our control when it comes to sickness and or injuries however it is another factor considered as to the amount of classes missed due to injury or sickness during the previous dance season.
- ✓ Dancers must be a minimum of 9 years old by September 2017 and may continue to try out until age 19. (Dancers that are 8.5 years old and have been recommended by an instructor may also tryout).
- ✓ All dancers who are placed on the Dance Troupe **must also take at least one other dance lesson at DDH**. Please note that Hip Hop classes and 1/2 year classes do not count as your additional class requirement. **Ballet and Jazz are highly recommended.**
- ✓ Dancers must maintain excellent grades as determined by their parents to remain in the Dance Troupe.
- ✓ Any inappropriate **social media posts** will result in the dancer being dismissed from dance crew and or troupe. Also, please be respectful and considerate of choreography rights. Any video-taping or filming of choreography will need to be okayed with the choreographer/instructor. **No posting of choreography without permission.**

## **Attendance:**

- ✓ The DDH Dance Troupe requires a higher level of commitment from dancers, parents and staff. It is necessary to insist on good attendance because dancers will be learning material at a faster pace. Dancers may be asked to have mandatory additional practices, especially at times just prior to a competition or special event in which they will participate. DDH does offer a certain amount of additional practices and rehearsals as a benefit to the dancers and does not at this time charge additional fees. However, a small additional rehearsal fee will be necessary, if the allowed **free** complementary extra practice time exceeds what is allowed for its DDH 2017 -18 dance budget.
- ✓ Dancers must be in attendance for ALL practices in the weeks prior to competitions and special events. We may choose to not allow a dancer to participate in such events if they have excessive absences (with no refund of any fees).
- ✓ Dancers must be on time or early for classes and should commit time to practicing routines and improving flexibility at home.

## **Parent's financial commitments:**

- ✓ The fee is for one term of Dance Troupe. A **50% non-refundable** deposit of each DDH Troupe dancer is due on registration day. The remaining **non-refundable** 50% balance will be due on the 2<sup>nd</sup> payment due date.
- ✓ There will be 2 costume deposits of \$60 (total \$120) due for each Troupe dancer as they learn and perform two separate routines. All costume fees are due the end of October & are **non-refundable after Nov. 15**. Late payments will be assessed a late fee.
- ✓ Competition participation is a requirement. There will be a minimum of 1-2 competitions per dance year. Parents are responsible for all fees involved, and any costs of transportation, lodging, and food. All classes that Troupe members are registered for (tap, ballet, etc) will be considered for competition at the teacher's discretion. We will inform parents which routines will be attending competition.
- ✓ Competition fees are non-refundable for any reason unless it is due to serious injury or serious illness. Should a serious injury or illness arise, DDH must receive a letter from a parent or guardian requesting the need to withdraw from Troupe, otherwise full tuition will still be due.
- ✓ Additional costs include: makeup, special hair requirements, props, specific tights and shoe expenses. We work hard to keep these costs as low as possible.

### **Troupe Fees are due**

**1<sup>st</sup> Troupe payment due.....**upon registration - 50% of troupe fee

**2<sup>nd</sup> Troupe payment due.....** October 7, 2016 –remaining 50% of troupe fee

**Troupe Costume deposits due by week of.....** October 27, 2016 (2 costumes deposits = \$120)

## **DDH Dance Troupe Events:**

- \*Halloween Party \*Fall Dance Workshops (not required but recommended)
- \*Holiday Parade \*Christmas performances at local facilities and holiday events
- \*Christmas party (optional gift exchange) \* Summer/Fall dance workshops (not required but recommended)
- \*1 to 3 Dance Competitions-Required as a Performance Troupe member. (Held usually in April, May and sometimes in June).

All the stated requirements/commitments should be carefully considered and discussed by both the dancer and parents before auditioning for a position. Please keep in mind that being a part of a dance team requires the same, if not more of a commitment as a sport in school would be. Membership on the DDH Dance Troupe is a privilege, not a right. **Because you have been on Troupe before has NO influence on placement in the following year. No dancer is guaranteed a position on the Troupe.** Audition results will be posted on the website & at the studio a few days after try-out date. You will not receive a phone call or letter with audition results.

**\*Please note that all previous balances must be Zero to be considered for a 2017/18 Troupe Member**

**Please turn in this signed form, at your audition time along with your \$3 audition fee.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, understand and hereby agree to all the above mentioned requirements/commitments for  
Parent or guardian's name

\_\_\_\_\_ to participate as a member of the DDH Dance Troupe if chosen.  
Dancer's name

Parent/Guardian Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Dancer Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_, 2017