



## ***Company Information Packet***

Being a member of Head to Toe Dance Company is a rewarding, exciting and educational program for dancers ages 5 -18. Our program will require an “above and beyond” commitment from each dancer and his or her family.

Our dancers learn so much more than dances and steps, they develop confidence in themselves. Being a part of our team will enhance your child’s life in so many ways. She will make strong bonds with the dancers on her team, learn about teamwork and dedication, grow tremendously in her dance abilities and have many opportunities to perform throughout the year.

### ***Benefits of Joining The Company***

- Develop the discipline and drive to achieve present and future goals.
- Nurture leadership skills through our Officer and Big/ lil Sister program.
- Explore the passion of dance fully with a wide variety of dance styles and challenges.
- Make lifetime memories with like-minded friends as they study, travel, play, dance and grow together.



## Expectations

As you can see, dance offers so much to its students. Our Company Dancers develop strong and flexible minds and bodies. They explore artistic and creative movement and have many opportunities to perform, learn and work as a team. They also cultivate long lasting traits such as confidence, leadership and dedication.

To be honest, competitive, intensive dance study is an expensive and time consuming endeavor, but it is worth it to see our dancers succeed. I want you and your dancer to know what is expected from anyone in our elite Dance Company. Our dancers are worth the investment of time and money!

**Tuition** - All Company members will be enrolled in automatic payment for tuition, which is year round. Tuition is \$130 monthly in the summer months and includes unlimited classes. During the school year, tuition is \$130 for core classes plus \$20 per month for any additional class.

**Costumes** – Company members compete in an average of 3- 4 dances. Costumes average about \$65 each. We also purchase costumes in the spring for our annual recital. Some of the recital costumes are “bring from home costumes” or are recycled from other dances we have previously done in order to defray costs.

**Competitions/ Conventions** – Competitions and Conventions average at \$215 per event.



## Company Events Throughout the year

While the specific events for next year are not on our calendar yet, this should give you an idea of what to expect for your child's involvement on our team.

**Fall Semester:** Dance Convention in Austin, Veteran's Day Performance in San Marcos, Saturday Rehearsals (average 2x per month), Christmas Performance, Optional Convention in San Antonio

**Spring Semester:** Dance Convention in Houston, 2-4 Competitions in Central Texas, Founder's Day Performance, Saturday Rehearsals (average 2x per month)

**Summer:** Unlimited Classes! Camps (several optional camps to choose from and one Company Camp which is required for all company members ), Optional performance trip to Disneyland!!

## Classes – School Year

Our company members (except Kick) all take our Core Classes – Ballet, Ballet Tech, Jazz, Acro, and Rehearsal. Students also take classes in hip hop, contemporary, pointe, musical theater and tap according to their interests. Each company has a different requirement of classes to take.

- \* Company I – Core Classes
- \* Company II - Core plus 2
- \* Company III – Core plus 3
- \* Kick – Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary and Rehearsal



## Core Values

**Determination** “The man who thinks he can and the man who thinks he can't are both right. Which one are you?” - Henry Ford

**Unity** “We are only as strong as we are united, as weak as we are divided.” -J.K. Rowling

**Dedication** “Genius is one percent inspiration, ninety-nine percent perspiration.” -Thomas A. Edison

**Respect** “Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves.” - Philippians 2:3

**Integrity** “Real integrity is doing the right thing, knowing that nobody's going to know whether you did it or not.” - Oprah Winfrey

**Self Control** “Educate your children to self-control, to the habit of holding passion and prejudice and evil tendencies subject to an upright and reasoning will, and you have done much to abolish misery from their future and crimes from society.” -Benjamin Franklin



## The Audition

We have a closed audition. Parents and other guests will not be allowed to observe auditions.

Dancers can prepare for audition by focusing on increasing their flexibility and practicing their turns and leaps.

Dance Attire: Please wear a black leotard, black jazz shorts and black or tan jazz shoes. Hair should be in a very neat ponytail or tight bun. Wear light makeup. No Jewelry or Nail Polish.

Dancers will demonstrate their splits, pirouettes and leaps. They will then learn a short combination and perform it as well. They will also have the opportunity to demonstrate their skills through improvisation.

Results of the audition will be posted on the studio door within 30 minutes of the audition. All results are final.

### Audition Information

Where: Head to Toe Dance

When: Monday May 18<sup>th</sup> 4:30-7:30pm

Who: Dancers ages 5-18

Audition Fee: \$25

