



# Studio A Dancers Company Manual...Performance Dance Requirements

## Performance Dance is an audition based class for dancers ages 8 & up.

Performance class members are cast in Studio A Dancers productions and are featured in the movement recital at studio A DanceArts year end concert. Studio A Dancers is a multi aged dance company that performs contemporary jazz based dance theater.

The goals of the Performance Dance are to enable young dancers to experience a pre-professional dance company, to nurture dancers growth as performers, and to encourage excellence in each individual dancer. Performance dance is committed to fostering a sense of community and a safe

haven for dancers to explore their creative and artistic potential.

Performance Dance is a vehicle for allowing its members the opportunity to experience the disciplines of a dance career and the joy of working with others in a company setting.

Faculty for Performance Dance are professionally trained teachers, performers, and choreographers. They are passionate about their students and the art form of dance. They strive to help each student recognize his or her potential as a performer and an individual.

The company does its best work when students regularly attend class and rehearsal. Performance Dance students need a positive attitude and a willingness to work hard. Dance is a rigorous discipline and students

accepted into Performance Dance need to make a commitment of time, positive attitude, and respect for choreographers, teachers, peers, and parents.

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**Journey**  
**Friday September 5**  
**6:30 - 8 pm.**

The audition will consist of a warm up and a series of combinations that represent material from the show. The combinations will range from easy to hard. We are interested in seeing how dancers approach the material and do not expect perfection!  
 Dancers should arrive a few minutes before the audition in order to fill out paperwork, get a number and stretch. Dancers should wear appropriate dance wear and hair should be secured away from the face. No street clothes or gum during the auditions!  
 Audition results will be posted by Sunday night [www.studioadancearts.com](http://www.studioadancearts.com).

Studio A Dancers	Senior	Junior	Apprentices
<p>Company members must be 8 years old at the time of the auditions.</p> <p>Members are selected for their skill as dancers and their ability to work well with their choreographers and peers. Members need to maintain a high level of skill . They are expected to attend classes regularly and to be on time for classes and rehearsals. Senior and junior company members must sign up for Performance Dance (billed as a 1 1/2 hour class) The production fee is \$50 to \$100 a show. New Apprentice members sign up for Performance Dance A (billed as 1 hour class)</p> <p>All member families must contribute 10 hours of volunteer time.</p>	<p><b>requirements</b></p> <p>Senior company members must attend senior company class and be enrolled in at least 2 other technique classes. At least one class must be jazz or contemporary. Senior company members must have continued their dance training with summer classes</p> <p><b>casting</b></p> <p>Senior company members will be cast in group and/or feature roles in Journey Company members are allowed 2 excused absences.</p> <p><b>workshops</b></p> <p>Senior company members are encouraged to attend workshops or dance performances each semester</p>	<p><b>requirements</b></p> <p>Junior company members 12 years &amp; up attend company class and must be enrolled in at least 2 technique classes. Ages 8 - 11 must enroll in at least 1 technique class.</p> <p><b>casting</b></p> <p>Junior company members will be assigned a group or class leader roll in Journey. Company members are allowed 2 excused absences.</p> <p><b>workshops</b></p> <p>Junior company members are encouraged to attend workshops or dance performances each semester.</p>	<p><b>requirements</b></p> <p>Apprentice level is a great way to see if Performance dance is for you. Apprentices must be enrolled in a jazz, ballet or contemporary class. They are given the option of attending the company class.</p> <p><b>casting</b></p> <p>Apprentices will be appear in one dance in Journey. Company members are allowed 2 excused absences.</p> <p><b>workshops</b></p> <p>Apprentices are encouraged to attend workshops or dance performances each semester.</p>

## Dancer Commitment

Performance Dance class members acknowledge that it is a privilege to be selected as a member of the company. They understand that with this privilege comes responsibility. Dancers are expected to attend every class and rehearsal except in cases of illness, family emergency, or extenuating circumstances. Dancers understand that he or she may not be included in choreography that is set during an absence. This is normal protocol for every professional company and an important lesson for dancers. Dancers are allowed 2 absences and then will be asked to leave the company.

Performance members are selected for their skills as dancers and for their ability to work well with others. Dancers need to maintain a high level of dance excellence and a positive hardworking attitude. If a dancer struggles in one of these areas the teacher or choreographer will confer with the dancer, parents, and company director to resolve the difficulty.

## Family Commitment

A successful Performance Dance experience requires commitment from teachers, choreographers, dancers and parents. We recognize that parents are crucial to helping dancers meet their commitments to the company. We thank you for working with us to make this a meaningful and enjoyable experience for all involved. Please take the time to discuss this commitment as a family.

Each family accepted into the company is required to contribute 10 hours of volunteer time per semester. A variety of volunteer hours are available. Details about volunteer opportunities will be provided at the parent meeting.

Studio A also asks that parents deliver and pick up dancers from class and rehearsals in a timely manner.



Studio A Dancers provides dancers with the opportunity to participate in the artistic growth and social responsibilities of a dance company.

# Performance Dance Fall 2014

## Audition Form

please fill out this form and bring it with you to auditions.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Age \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

AUDITION # (you will get this at the audition) \_\_\_\_\_

Studio A is a place of joy and refuge for our dancers. As we start work on Journey we want to continue our tradition of a dance community based on compassion, responsibility, excellence and integrity. We request that each family take some time to read and speak about the information below. As a faculty we will take the time to discuss this information before the audition, but we feel it is important that we all work together to make this the best experience for all involved. Thank you for taking the time to discuss this information and to sign and return this form.

1. Company class is on held Friday from 7 - 8 or Sunday 1:30 - 2:30.
2. Company rehearsal times will run on Friday from 6:30 - 9pm and on Sunday from 1:00 - 5:00 pm. While you do not have to be at rehearsal every week or all of the times listed, you will need to be available at these times
3. The two weeks before a show are mandatory... dancers with school performance requirements may be excused from 1 rehearsal.
4. Company members have 2 excused absences per show for the regular rehearsal calendar.
5. Dances are set at rehearsal using available dancers. Dancers missing rehearsal may not be used in choreography set during their absence.
6. Performance dancers may not join other performing groups that may conflict with class or rehearsal times. This includes school plays!
7. Please list the classes you are enrolled for this year. Remember members ages 8 -11 must be enrolled in at least one technique class... and members 12 and up must be enrolled in at least two technique classes.

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We the faculty of Performance dance are committed to providing a safe and nurturing environment for our dancers. We agree to maintain a high quality of dance instruction and to encourage excellence in each individual dancer. We are committed to mentoring young dancers and to helping our students grow with love and respect.

Dancers in Performance Dance are committed to respecting their teachers, choreographers and peers. They agree to attend class and rehearsals consistently and on time with a positive attitude. Dancers understand that they are expected to practice material worked on in rehearsal and that they are all important to the success of the company. Dancers that do not meet the above expectations may have their parts reassigned or may be suspended from the company.

Dancers and parents, we respect you for the wonderful people that you are and we are thrilled to have you as part of our dance family.

Good luck at auditions... if you are having second thoughts, come in and have a fun class but keep your number when you leave.

I have read and understand the company guidelines and requirements. I am willing to accept the responsibility.

student \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

parent \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

## Rehearsal Dates for Journey

please check these dates... company members will be allowed to circle a total of 2 dates when they are not available to rehearse.

September 7 12 14 19 21 26 28

October 3 5 10 12 17 19 24 26

November 2 7 9 14 16 21 23

December 5 7 12 14 19

January 4 9 11 16 17



## Fall Semester Events

\* **Festifall** We will be performing at the Fall Arts Festival in downtown Chapel Hill on October 5th

\* **Prop & Set Day** held during Winter Break. Dancers, parents and alumni come together to build and paint sets for the show. A great way to earn volunteer hours.

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