

Purely Dance Performance Team 2023-2024

Placement

Placement classes will be held:

Thursday, June 1, 2023

6:00-7:00 pm 6-11 years old
7:00-7:30 pm mandatory meeting
7:30-9:00 pm 12 years old and up

Saturday, July 15, 2023

10:00-11:00 am 6-11 years old
11:00 am-11:30 am mandatory meeting
11:30 am-1:00 pm 12 years old and up

Mandatory meeting requires attendance by both the student and parent

* Attendance is required for at least one of the placement dates. If attending both dates, placement will be determined based on the best overall presentation given during the placement classes.

Placement classes will consist of a short technique class in which ballet and jazz skills will be assessed followed by a short combination in which choreography and performance skills will be assessed.

Students will be placed in one of several groups (number of groups is dependent of number of dancers on the team). Group rosters will be emailed 1-2 weeks before Performance Team classes begin on August 4.

Placement is determined by the teacher and is based on group cohesion and unity. Skill level, attitude, and experience are also factors. Students will be placed in the group which will best facilitate their learning and improvement of dance skills. Students will remain in their assigned group for the duration of the dance year.

Dance Routines

Each performance group will learn several dance routines over the course of the year.

To participate in a **ballet routine** the student must be taking a **ballet class**.

To participate in a **jazz routine** the student must be taking a **jazz class**.

To participate in a **tap routine** the student must be taking a **tap class**.

To participate in a **contemporary routine** the student must be taking a **ballet OR jazz class**.

Practice Times

Performance Team classes will be held on Friday nights between 5:00pm – 9:00pm. Most weeks groups will meet separately. Occasionally all groups will meet together for group practices and dress rehearsals. We ask that you are flexible with your time as some changes to the class schedule are made week by week.

Performance classes will begin August 4. Through the month of August, performance class will be held 6:00pm – 8:00pm for all groups ** tentative time**. All performance groups will be working together on a contemporary routine.

After the all group contemporary routine is completed, groups will have separate practice times that will be announced in August.

Attendance

Performance classes are fast paced weekly rehearsals for future performances. It is not a technique class. As such you will be expected to keep up with the class. Since you will not be taught dance techniques in performance class, it is imperative that you attend all your regularly scheduled classes where you will learn the technical aspects of dance you will need. It is important for all members to come to class on time with a positive, teachable attitude ready to learn dances.

To avoid injury, arrive 5-10 minutes before your scheduled class time to warm-up and stretch. Time to warm up and stretch will not be given during class time!

Performance class attendance is very important! We understand that there will be occasions when you must be absent but ask that you keep absences to a minimum.

- Performance Class Absences
 - 4 excused absences – notification before class begins
 - 2 unexcused absences – no prior notification
 - **All absences beyond this will result in removal from the team**
- Technique Class Absences
 - Missing 2 or more of a class in one month for 2 or more consecutive months
will result in removal from the corresponding performance routine
- Mandatory Dress Rehearsals
 - All group rehearsals with costumes
 - Usually, they will be held the Friday before a scheduled performance
 - **Absences are not acceptable and can result in your exclusion from that performance**

When you are absent you are responsible for the missed information. Please get together with one of your teammates before you return to class. **Class time will not be taken to teach you what was taught during your absence!**

Performances

In previous years, the Purely Dance Performance Team has performed at Glendale Glitters, Peoria Christmas Festival, Maricopa County Fair, Arizona State Fair, Desert Ridge Mall, Arrowhead Mall, various elementary schools, senior living facilities and more. This coming year we are planning on returning to several of these as well as performing at new venues.

Expenses

Required Expenses

Performance Team Rehearsals will be considered an additional weekly class per student. Normal tuition rate will apply.

- Example: student takes one jazz class, one ballet class, and team rehearsal each week. Monthly tuition rate for 3 classes per week will apply.

\$350 per student due in full by September 1st.

Price includes:

- All costumes required for the year
- Tights required for costumes
- Equipment needed for shows

Price does not include:

- Dance shoes
- Transportation to and from dance shows
- Make-up
- Additional tights (if tights originally provided are ripped or soiled)

**If this is a concern, please contact Kimberly at kimberly@purelydance.com*

Entry to Some Performance Locations

Some locations that the Performance Team will be performing at, such as the State Fair and County Fair, have entry fees. The girls on the team will not have to pay entry fees at these locations. However, parents and family may have to pay entry fees. For most shows, at least one parent will be able to accompany each student on the team. Additional parents or family members will have to pay entry fees for the location. Details about each performance location will be given out before the show.

Additional (Optional) Expenses

Dance Competition

We will be attending a dance competition with the performance team in the spring of 2024 in order to give our students experience in competing.

Dance competitions can be expensive. Entering a dance routine to compete will cost each student between \$50-\$150 per routine.

These competition expenses are not included in the Performance Team class fee.

Participation is not mandatory. We will discuss this option with the team and parents later in the year as spring approaches.

Performance Team T-shirt

Each year a t-shirt is designed for the Performance Team. Students are given the opportunity to purchase the shirt. The shirt may cost between \$20-\$30.

Purchasing a team shirt is completely optional and is in no way a requirement for the team.

Contact Information

Feel free to contact Kimberly with any questions regarding the Performance Team.

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