
The Academy of Dance Arts

Home of:

The Academy Dance Alliance

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Dear Academy Parents and Students,

Thank you for your interest in the National Award-Winning Academy Dance Alliance Team! The Academy Dance Alliance is ADA's most dedicated and advanced Students. The company is always looking for talented and passionate young dancers to be a part of this amazing team.

Miss Sherry Moray, The Academy and Alliance Artistic Director, is pleased to announce evaluations for "The Alliance" will take place over the Summer Session. Dancers are invited to audition in any Dance Discipline of their choice. Placement will be decided by Staff taking age, and experience into consideration. Students will be informed of procedures and requirements that are standard for all company members if they are ready for The Academy Dance Alliance Team. Those Dancers not quite ready for "The Alliance" will be directed to the right technique classes to continue to build their skills. The following pages outline details and requirements for the The "Alliance" Team.

The Academy encourages all Dancers interested in "The Alliance" to continue taking technique classes over the summer. All dance disciplines are offered over the summer and attendance is highly encouraged.

Sincerely,

Sherry Moray,

Artistic Director

The Academy of Dance Arts

Academy Dance Alliance Team

What is The Academy Dance Alliance Team?

The Academy Dance Alliance is the National Award Winning competition team of The Academy of Dance Arts. The Alliance's mission is to create well-rounded Dancers with a solid foundation in Ballet, Tap, Jazz, Contemporary Jazz, and Hip-Hop. The Academy Dance Alliance is made up of multiple teams, varying in age and skill level from the accomplished beginner to the advanced level. The Company provides opportunities for young dancers to showcase their talents in competitions on a regional and national level. The teachers set goals on improving and learning, which develops Dancers with talent, commitment, dedication, discipline, excellent technique, performing skills, and team spirit. The Alliance encourages students to be their best and pursue their dreams in dance as well as in life.

Why should my child join The Academy Dance Alliance Team?

The Alliance Company is an accelerated program where a child's talent for dance can grow and improve. It is a rewarding environment where both hard work and determination are encouraged and fun remains at the core of every class while learning the art of dance. The student is rewarded with a sense of accomplishment, which helps build self-esteem and confidence, which carries over into all aspects of life.

Competitions:

Each year Alliance competes in three (3) to five (5) Regional Competitions. Our younger Mini Team and Teen Teams perform in 2 to 3 Regionals only. Every other year, The Alliance competes at a National Competition of the Studio's choice. Attendance at all competitions is mandatory. Regional competitions take place between January and May, while Nationals are held over three to five days in late June or July.

How Do I Audition for The Academy Dance Alliance?

The Company is always eager to train and mold highly motivated dancers. Auditions are held through Summer. Students interested in The Alliance need to inform the Front Desk and begin taking the appropriate Technique classes to be evaluated. Those interested in the Ballet Team need to be evaluated by Sherry Moray; Jazz/Contemporary Team by Ricky Ruiz; Hip-Hop Team by Karlo Familiarara; Tap by Jaclyn Burch; Teen Team I & II by Ricky Ruiz, Chris Marosi, and Carrie Nicastror-Ruiz; and Teen Team Ballet by Lindsay Pekny.

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TEAM MEMBERSHIP INFORMATION

All required classes must be taken at the Academy of Dance Arts, the Company's training school. Each Team Member will be assessed membership as previously stated, *due at the beginning of the Fall Class Term.*

MINIMUM WEEKLY CLASS REQUIREMENTS AND COMMITMENT

ALL required classes, in all dance disciplines will be strictly enforced. Any Alliance Member not meeting their obligations to their team(s) *is grounds for immediate dismissal.*

Hip Hop Team - *Must take: Hip Hop Team & Tech (combined) Class, Jazz Technique Class*

Contemporary / Jazz Team - *Must take: Jazz Production Class, Jazz Technique Class, Jazz Team Class, Leaps & Turns Class, two (2) Ballet Classes and a Modern Technique Class.*

Tap Team - *Must take: Tap Technique and Team (combined) Class, Ballet Class or Jazz Technique Class.*

Teen Team I - *Must Take: Teen Team I Class, Teen Team I Contemporary Jazz Technique, Teen Team Leaps & Turns, and a Ballet Class.*

Teen Team II - *Must Take: Teen Team II Team Class, Teen Team II Tech Class, and a Ballet Class.*

Mini Jazz Team - *Mini Jazz Technique, Mini Jazz Team Class, and a Ballet Class.*

Ballet Teams - *Ballet Team Class, and Ballet Technique (2 times per week, except for Mini Ballet Members who must take one Ballet class per week.)*

The Academy Dance Alliance is a year-long commitment for all Team Members. The above schedule of the REQUIRED classes must be taken by Alliance members. This commitment runs from August through August of the following year (INCLUDING ONE REQUIRED IN-HOUSE WORKSHOP (2 weekends), AND SET COMPETITION SCHEDULE, JUNE ACADEMY DRESS REHEARSAL and PERFORMANCE(S)). As a member of The Academy Dance Alliance a Student must register and train for all (5) five Terms and Summer Term in order to remain in good standing for the dance year and future years. All Dancers must be attending all their required dance classes on a regular basis in order to be considered for Solos, Duets, Trios or Small Groups. Fees and Tuition costs must be kept up to date and paid per payment schedule. See Front Desk for details.

UNDERSTUDIES will be selected for as many groups as possible. This is not only helpful to the choreographer, but also a very important role for the selected dancer. If your dancer is selected as an understudy, please encourage them to take part in this excellent learning experience with the possible opportunity to perform. Understudies will learn the choreography just as the dancers selected for the group. An understudy would go in for a dancer due to illness, injury or dismissal from the Alliance Team. Understudies will be required to be at ALL rehearsals. Choreographers will expect the same commitment and work ethic from understudies as dancers in the piece. There is NO COST to the Understudy for the Team class and they will use the Team Member's costume they are filling in for. Competition fees will also be paid by the missing team member.

GUIDELINES FOR

SOLOS, DUOS AND TRIOS

Those dancers interested in Solos, Duos and Trios should follow the following Guidelines:

1. Faculty Members who choreograph Solos, Duos and Trios are the following: Sherry Moray, Irina Starovoitova, Ricky Ruiz, Carrie Nicastro-Ruiz, Chris Marosi, Lindsay Pekny, Jaclyn Burch, and Karlo Familara.
2. Students may ask one of the above instructors if they are ready for a Solo, Duo or Trio, or one of the above instructors may suggest the idea.
3. Teen Team dancers are now allowed to do specialty numbers. If a Teen Team Dancer is ready for such a project, they will be informed by Ricky or Chris.
4. *All Solos, Duos and Trios need to be approved by Alliance Directors, Miss Sherry and Ricky.* Therefore it is understood that just because a Dancer has performed a specialty piece in the past such as a Solo, it doesn't necessarily mean they will be approved again.

Please know these new guidelines are in place to ensure ADA's Dancers are taking the proper steps in their training before taking on added responsibilities. ***Specialty numbers are a privilege earned through hard work, dedication and experience.***

How Much Does It Cost?

Membership and Administrative Fees are charged once at the beginning of the Alliance Dance Season:

APPROXIMATE: **\$42.00** - per Member per Dance Team

\$22.00 - Regional Competition Administrative Processing Fee
(for each of the 3-4 Regional Competitions per Member)

\$32.00 - National Competition Administrative Processing Fee
per Member

ESTIMATED EXPENSES FOR THE COMPETITION YEAR:

\$150.00 - Alliance Company Jackets

\$20.00 - \$75.00 - Dance Shoes (approx.), per pair

\$150.00 - \$300.00 - Costume per Team per Dance Number
(Plus Cost of any Props if needed)

Note: Costume costs vary per artistic need for each
dance number depending on the style needed
to suit each Dance Number

\$150.00 - \$300.00 - Solo/Duet/Trio Costumes – again – Cost varies
per need of style for each Solo, Duet, or Trio
costume

\$50.00 - \$100.00 - Accessories, Eyelashes, and Make-Up

\$38.00 - \$40.00 - Competition entry fees (per Dancer per Team per
Competition)

\$100.00 - Solo Competition Fee

Private Lesson Fee: Studio Fee = \$20.00 per hour.

Instructor Fee: Decided by each Choreographer. Please personally speak with your
Choreographer.

~ Studio Tuition is not included in this list ~

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Audition and Information Request Form

Parent(s)/Guardian(s) Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Age: _____ Birth date: _____

Dance Classes currently taking: _____

Dance Discipline(s) interested in: _____

I will be auditioning in the following classes over the Summer:

Best Phone Number to contact me: _____

Time of Day: _____

Please return the above information AS SOON AS POSSIBLE so that we may help you to understand the Alliance Audition Process and help you to help your Dancer achieve his/her goals.

GO ADA!