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MAY 2019

2019/2020 Company & Hip Hop Crew Auditions

Does your dancer LOVE to perform?

These Companies and Crews offer dancers the chance to excel quickly in technique, performance training and self-discipline, leading to more performing opportunities such as competitions, school tours and more. Every 2 years we plan a dance tour where the dancers have the opportunity to perform and/or take master classes at our destination. We've travelled to Disneyland, Disneyworld, New York and Edmonton. We are planning our next tour for 2021 with the destination TBD. (Not required). Companies are ages 5 and up and Crews are ages 7 & up. Age as of Dec. 31/19 and age groupings are only in place for the audition process. The 2019/2020 Company Info Package will be available soon with more information.

Auditions

To audition you MUST pre-register online. The link will be available in the Company/Crew Info Package. Pre-registration begins May 10th and ends May 25th. There is a \$15.00 audition fee per dancer, per audition (cash only) and must be paid at reception once you pre-register online.

Company and Crew auditions are Sunday, May 26th at Dance Unlimited at the following times:

Companies

5-7 year olds - 9:30-10:00am

8-10 year olds - 9:30-10:30am

11-13 year olds - 10:30am-11:30am

14 year olds & up - 11:30am-12:30pm

Hip Hop Crew

7-10 year olds - 9:00-9:30am

11 year olds & up - 9:30-10:00am

Dancers may be asked to stay for the next age group so please be prepared to stay.

2019/ 2020 Registration...Celebrating 27 years of DANCE!

Registration for our exciting 2019/2020 season will start ONLINE on June 1st at 8:00am and will be held IN PERSON on June 1st and 2nd, 10:00am -12:00pm for current DU families. You will need access to your Studio Director account (ALL CURRENT DU FAMILIES HAVE A STUDIO DIRECTOR ACCOUNT – Please DO NOT create a new one). Forgot your password? Click on the following link and click “Forgot Password”. Registration is first come, first served so register early!

<https://app.thestudiodirector.com/danceunlimitedperformin/portal.sd?page=Login>

“Bring A Friend Week” & “Watching Week”

June 3rd - June 8th is “Bring A Friend Week” and June 10th-15th is Watching Week. Bring your friend/s to any class during “Bring A Friend Week” and they get to dance too! Be sure to bring your cameras on Watching Week and join us as we wrap up our 2018/ 2019 year!

“Workshop Week”

Workshop Week, May 27th to June 1st is free so be sure to bring your friends! It's a great chance for you to try out other classes and dance styles you have never done. Regular classes are cancelled this week. If you would like to sign up for a workshop, you must complete the following form. <https://forms.gle/P719ovi2XVHF3KaA9>

Monday, May 27th

Studio 1

5:00 – 5:45pm – Modern 7-11 year olds

5:45 - 6:30pm - Modern 12 years & up

Studio 2

3:30 – 4:00pm – Tap 5-8 year olds

4:00 - 4:30pm - Tap 9 years & up

4:30 - 5:15pm - Hip Hop 13 years & up

GRADE 1 and 2 BALLET EXAM DANCERS ONLY, WILL HAVE CLASS THIS DAY

Tuesday, May 28th

Studio 1

4:15 - 5:00pm - Ballet 4 -7 year olds

5:00 - 5:45pm - Ballet 8 years & up

Studio 2

4:15 - 5:00pm – Hip Hop 9-12 years

5:00 - 5:45pm - Hip Hop 6 - 8 year olds

5:45 – 6:30pm - Musical Theatre 7 years & up

GRADE 1 and 2 BALLET EXAM DANCERS ONLY, WILL HAVE A MOCK EXAM THIS DAY

GRADE 3 BALLET DANCERS WILL HAVE CLASS THIS DAY

Wednesday, May 29th

Studio 1

4:15 - 4:45pm – Broadway Babies 2 - 3 year olds

4:45 - 5:15pm – Showstoppers Jazz 4 - 5 year olds

5:15 – 6:00pm – Primary Jazz 6 - 8 year olds

Studio 2

4:00 – 4:45pm - Acro Beginner/Junior level

4:45 – 5:30pm - Acro Intermediate/Advanced level

5:30 – 6:00pm – Acro Beginner 3-6 years

Thursday, May 30th

Studio 1

4:15 – 5:00pm - Jazz 9 - 11 year olds

5:00 - 5:45pm - Lyrical 8 – 11 year olds

5:45 - 6:30pm - Lyrical 12 years & up

6:30 - 7:15pm - Jazz 12 years & up

GRADE 3 BALLET EXAM DANCERS ONLY, WILL HAVE A MOCK EXAM THIS DAY

DANCE Summer Programs

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WEEK LONG INTENSIVES – July 22nd - 26th

Our Intensives are taught by guest teachers brought in from LA, Vancouver and Upper Island. Genres include Jazz, Lyrical, Modern, Contemporary and Hip Hop/Jazz Funk.

- **MANDATORY** for ALL current and 19/20 ELITE TEAM and current Company Tech. 1 dancers

- **HIGHLY RECCOMENDED** for ALL current and 2019-2020 Company dancers

- **Junior** 9:00am-12:00pm, \$225.00, Ages 8 & up (must have Ballet and Jazz background)
JUNIOR IS ALMOST FULL!
- **Intermediate** 9:00am -2:00pm, \$275.00, Ages 14 & up (must have strong Ballet, Jazz and Lyrical background)
- **Senior** 9:00am -2:00pm, \$275.00 (RAD Ballet Int. Foundation and up, strong Jazz and Lyrical background)

WEEKLY INTENSIVE

June 18th - August 20th (10 weeks)

- HIGHLY RECCOMENDED for ALL current and 2019-2020 Peak Company dancers and up

1. **Intermediate/Advanced Summer Class (Jazz/ Lyrical/Contemporary)**

Tuesday's, 4:30-6:00pm, \$225.00

ACRO, JAZZ and HIP HOP CAMPS

August 19th -23rd, \$85.00 each. Ages 7 & up can register for all 3 and save \$30.00!

* Ages 7 & Up:

1. **Acro** 9:30-10:30am
2. **Hip Hop** 10:30am-11:30am
3. **Jazz** 11:30am-12:30pm

* Intermediate/Senior:

4. **Intermediate/Advanced Acro** 10:30-11:30am

You can register for any of these programs through your Studio Director account starting today! <https://app.thestudiodirector.com/danceunlimitedperformin/portal.sd> Additional camps may be added.

Assistant Teacher Training Program (ATTP)

What is the ATTP?

The ATTP provides dancers with the training, guidance and support, which will allow them to be successful assistants within the classroom. It also provides students with the opportunity to obtain valuable work experience while continuing their education in the art of dance. Dance Unlimited is excited to offer this program in order to encourage and provide further support in our classes with the enthusiasm of students interested in volunteering their time to make a difference.

What does the ATTP consist of?

Year 1 – Year 1 consists of classroom and practical training. The training includes topics such as anatomy, technique, musicality, vocabulary, creating lesson plans, classroom etiquette, teaching methods, and various other topics. Each student is provided with a binder full of teaching materials upon the start of the program and will be required to pass certain requirements by the end in order to achieve their certificate of completion.

Year 2 - The second year of the ATTP consists of additional hours of training focusing on the practical aspect of teaching as well as choreographing. Each second year student will be given an assignment approximately one week prior to the scheduled training. This assignment will require each student to use the skills they acquired throughout their first year of assisting while also challenging their leadership and organizational abilities.

Choreo Clean – NEW THIS YEAR!

Choreo Clean is a program for ATTP students that have completed Year 1 & 2 and would like to learn how to clean OACP pieces. Students will learn how to break down and clean choreography and conduct productive rehearsals for OACP dancers. Applicants must be mature, confident, kind, assertive, have excellent attention to detail and maintain an excellent attendance record in their own classes as well as their assisting classes. If successful in training, this becomes an “on demand” paid position.

Who can apply for the ATTP?

Any Dance Unlimited student the age of 12 (age as of Dec. 31/19) and above can apply for the ATTP. Those who are interested in applying may fill out the application. Only those who are selected will be invited to attend the training session held August 14-16, 2019. To apply, complete the following form by June 1st, 2019.

YEAR 1 Application - <https://forms.gle/Y5b53buqFgKp9Za6A>

YEAR 2 Application - <https://forms.gle/bQhcGgrigZ263iKE6>

Choreo Clean Application – <https://forms.gle/y3ZtjUvgs9Ge3Brq5>

What are the costs associated to the ATTP?

Year 1 - \$195.00 Year 2 - \$75.00 Choreo Clean - \$85.00

Our goal in the ATTP is to nurture a student’s desire to teach and provide them with the necessary skills to succeed. The ATTP is designed to equip students with a foundation of teaching skills and competencies, which may allow them to become student teachers and permanent teachers in the future. Successful ATTP candidates will be placed as assistants into classes in late August/early September.

DATES TO REMEMBER *The studio is closed on all statutory holidays unless noted otherwise*

- May 10-11 Class Pictures
- May 10 Company/Crew Audition Registration Opens & ATTP Application opens
- May 20 Studio is OPEN for Victoria Day
- May 21-25 Studio closed for dress rehearsals and recitals
- May 21-22 Dress rehearsals for the recitals at the McPherson Playhouse
- May 25 26th Annual Recitals at the McPherson Playhouse
- May 26 Company and Crew auditions for 19/20 season
- May 27-June 1 “Workshop Week” (*regular classes cancelled*)
- June 1 Last day to apply for ATTP
- June 3-8 “Bring A Friend Week”
- June 10-15 Watching Week and last week of classes
- July 22-26 Summer Intensives
- August 14-16 Assistant Teacher Training Program
- August 19-23 Summer Acro, Jazz and Hip Hop Camps

IMPORTANT RECITAL INFORMATION!!!

Recital Tickets *A reminder that tickets for both recitals went on sale April 27th!*

Tickets are available through the McPherson Box Office. <https://www.rmts.bc.ca/events/dance-unlimited-2019-mcpherson-playhouse>

Recital Flower Bouquets

Show your dancer how much you loved their performance and present them with flowers after the show! We are doing presales for flower bouquets until May 14th at 6:30pm. Order yours online today and drop payment off at reception. <https://forms.gle/Tt4xa88rXyJpoGA66> If the form doesn't work, please copy and paste in your browser. Bouquets will be available for pick up at the intermission of the recitals. All proceeds go towards the Company dancers Tour 2021. Thank you in advance for supporting our dancers!

(PLEASE READ CAREFULLY so things will run smoothly for everyone!)

DRESS REHEARSALS – May 21st and May 22nd

The dress rehearsal for the 11:30am show is on Tuesday, May 21st and the 5:30pm show is on Wednesday, May 22nd, both at the McPherson Playhouse. Dress rehearsal means that dancers wear their costume (arrive in first costume), have their hair in a secure bun with hair net, bangs gelled back and their make-up on. Make-up should be brown eye shadow, brown or black eyeliner, brown or black mascara, light blush and red lipstick. Boys do not need make up. The dances will be done in the exact show order due to setting the tech cues in show order. **The dress rehearsals will be closed to parents. Only dancers, confirmed parent volunteers and staff will be allowed in the theatre. This will allow us to prepare a fabulous show for you without the interruptions of dancers entering and exiting the theatre at all times.**

TUESDAY, MAY 21st DRESS REHEARSAL TIMES:

If your child is ONLY in the first half of the show: Please drop your child off at the stage door on Government St. at 3:30pm SHARP and pick them up at 6:30pm SHARP. (BROADWAY BABIES – drop off at 3:45pm and pick up at 4:15pm). **If your child is ONLY in the SECOND half of the show:** Please drop your child off at the stage door on Government St. at 6:00pm and pick them up at 8:30pm SHARP. **If your child is in BOTH halves of the show:** Please drop your child off at the stage door on Government St. at 3:30pm and pick them up at 8:30pm SHARP. All dancers will be checked in by a backstage parent volunteer and be supervised by their assigned class parent/s for the entire dress rehearsal.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 22nd DRESS REHEARSAL TIMES:

If your child is ONLY in the first half of the show: Please drop your child off at the stage door on Government St. at 3:30pm SHARP and pick them up at 5:30pm SHARP. (SHOWSTOPPERS – drop off at 3:45pm and pick up at 4:15pm). **If your child is ONLY in the SECOND half of the show:** Please drop your child off at the stage door on Government St. at 5:00pm and pick them up at 6:45pm SHARP. **If your child is in BOTH halves of the show:** Please drop your child off at the stage door on Government St. at 3:30pm and pick them up at 6:45pm SHARP. All dancers will be checked in by a backstage parent volunteer and be supervised by their assigned class parent/s for the entire dress rehearsal.

If your dancer is at the theatre for the entire dress rehearsal, please give them a healthy substantial meal BEFORE arriving at the theatre. You may send small, non-messy, **NON-PEANUT** snacks with them. We understand that this is quite late for the younger dancers but we don't want to pull them out of school and the parents out of work for the rehearsal. They are also always very happy to watch all the dances. There will not be a set break for the older dancers to leave the theatre and get food so please send dinner with them.

We do not have use of the lobby or balcony so no one is allowed in the lobby or upstairs before, during, or after the dress rehearsal. Please leave all valuables at home, including cell phones. No food, drink or gum is allowed in the McPherson and don't forget, please keep your feet off the seats! Thank you!

RECITALS – May 25th

ARRIVING AT THE THEATRE: Dancers should be at the McPherson **NO LATER THAN 10:30am for the 11:30 Show and 4:30pm for the 5:30pm Show**, with their hair and make-up done and their first costume on. Don't be late or you will get left behind! The Jazz performing companies are to enter through the stage door and go directly downstairs. All other classes please **drop your child off at the front door** so they can be placed with our parent volunteers. **Parents will not be allowed to sit with their children so please make sure you wish them Good Luck and say good-bye before sending them in. Please DO NOT try to visit or take your child at intermission. This will allow us to take better care of your children. Thank you in advance for co-operating!**

WHAT YOU NEED TO BRING: Please have all pieces of their **costume/s including shoes labelled with their first and last name**. Additional costumes should be in a bag clearly labelled with the dancers name, dance name and what number it is in the show. Please leave valuables at home. **Please do not bring any food or drink as it will not be allowed in the theatre!** Please give your child a healthy lunch BEFORE the show.

PICKING UP YOUR DANCER: No dancers will be allowed to leave the McPherson during either of the performances until the end of the entire show. Once the entire show is over, please go to the stairs leading to the balcony where you will find your child waiting for you. The parent that has been assigned to you or your child's group is responsible for them the entire time. Each show will be *approximately* 2 1/2 hours.