

2018 – 2019 “Mini- Movers” Dance Company Policies

“EXPECTATIONS”

As an SDS Dance Company member you can EXPECT:

Extra practicesSacrificing some weekend activities...Rising early on Saturday morning...Some extra monetary expenses...

HOWEVER..You can also EXPECT:

A great improvement in your dance skills/flexibility/discipline....Awesome “performance” opportunities...To grow in your understanding of Worship...To use your Dance as a worship tool, privately and in public....Satisfaction in hard work and reaching your goals....Service in our community (sometimes not just with dance)....Developing true friendships based on Matt 22:39.....Support and accountability...Growth in Spiritual maturity that WILL impact those around you....Field trips, parties, Company outings....AND FUN!!

MOST IMPORTANTLY ...TO USE YOUR SKILLS IN THE WAY GOD INTENDED!

“DETAILS”

AUDITIONS: SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018

Interested students should contact Ms Stacey at registration or by email to sign up for auditions-switzerlanddance@gmail.com

PRE-REQUISITES:

(NOTE: all decisions involving Dance Company readiness, placement and involvement are subject to the professional experience and discretion of Ms Stacey)

- 1. Age:** the Mini Movers Company is designed for students 6 – 10 years old
- 2. Dance Experience:** ages 6-7 (at least one year experience in Ballet/Tap)
Ages 8-10 (one- two years experience in Ballet/Tap/Jazz)
ALL STUDENTS must be currently enrolled in **Ballet, Tap & Jazz**

COMPANY REQUIREMENTS:

- 1. DANCE SEASON:** Students are committed to the entire Dance Season which runs from October – mid- June's Recital. Students and parents will sign a commitment contract for each season.
- 2. WEEKLY DANCE CLASSES:** Students are required to take BALLET, TAP, JAZZ and classes each week to participate in Company. HIP HOP is highly recommended, as it is a dance form we use in Company. BALLET TECHNIQUE is suggested for ages 8 and up...however, neither hip hop nor ballet technique are required classes for Minis.
- 3. COMPANY CLASS:** Dance Company Class is on
SATURDAYS from 10:30am – 12:30pm (sometimes 11:30am -1:30pm)
(time may fluctuate based on what we are working on)

Occasionally, an impending performance may require extra time. **Our extended practices are scheduled well in advance for students to have plenty of notice and are usually closer to recital time.

Company CLASS will include:

Performance pieces: (learning pieces within the Mini Co, as well as a possible combined piece with older groups)

Stretch/Worship (prayer, Bible study, worshipping with dance as well as time for communication between students and age- appropriate spiritual instruction)

Technique (conditioning and technique, when time allows)

**Please note: Extra practice time is voluntary on the part of the Company teachers, we DO NOT charge for the extra time, but do expect members to be able to be committed and flexible.

4. ANNUAL TRIPS for continuing Spiritual, Physical and Educational Growth:

Dance Revolution Convention – November 16-18, Orlando

Required for ALL Jr. and Sr. Company members

HIGHLY RECOMMENDED for MINI-MOVERS!!

Parents ARE encouraged to attend.

Mini Company members will participate in everything but Showcase.

Cost – STUDENTS: (ALL INCLUSIVE) \$340

PARENT CHAPERONES (convention fee/room) \$115

ANNUAL COSTS:

1. Monthly Company fee is \$25 in addition to Regular lesson fees (due first of the month)

*2. Company Dance Supplies

Required: Company leotard, Company shirt, black leotard, jazz pants, make- up - \$100 ish

Optional: Company Jacket (\$85)/pants (\$20) dance bag (\$45) - approx.

**First year costs, usually these items last for several years!*

3. Company Costumes: 2x a year, estimated \$125 total for the year. *We will make and borrow as much as possible...the more parental help I can get in sewing and making costumes, the less money required!!*

Christmas costume money will be due in DEC. - Spring costume money will be due in MAY
(Spring costumes will include spring AND recital performance costumes for COMPANY dances ONLY).

THESE costume costs are SEPARATE from your recital costumes for your weekday classes

(Please refer to the studio RECITAL COSTUMES COSTS policy for that information and payment schedule).

4. Dance Revolution: \$340.00 (optional for Mini's , but highly encouraged)

After the first year, fundraising opportunities are available to help with Dance Revolution.

ATTENDANCE:

SATURDAY COMPANY TIME MUST BE A PRIORITY!

ATTENDANCE POLICIES:

CO. SATURDAY CLASS

1. No more than **2 UNEXCUSED or 4 TOTAL** absences for the year are allowed.
Students who exceed these absences could lose their spot as a Company member
2. All absences require a **WRITTEN** (not emailed) note to Ms Stacey as far in advance as possible, including partial absences. Please call the same day if there is an unexpected illness or circumstance.

PERFORMANCE/TRIP ATTENDANCE:

SICKNESS OR INJURY is the only excuse for missing a performance or annual Company trip.

Performance and trip dates are given out in advance and should be put on your family calendar. These dates include: 1-2 Christmas performances, 2-3 spring performances (Feb- May), SDS Showcase/Spirit Rally (May) and Recital (June).

Performances are usually on weekends, as well as *Sunday morning/evening* church services in our community. Since we are a dance MINISTRY, much of our ministry will involve local churches whose services will be on Sunday mornings/ evenings and/or possible *Wednesday* evenings. You will need be available for these types of performances to be involved in this dance ministry.

