

Be a part of the RCDA Dance Company's

PERFORMANCE TEAM



Select performance opportunities for RCDA Dancers at Local & Community Events with a limited commitment requirement

CALLING ALL DANCERS! As we begin a new season of Dance we are always looking to grow and expand our dance horizons! For the 2023 - 2024 Season, we are inviting all RCDA Students ages 7 - 18 with at least one year of dance training to join our Company as a "Performance Team" Member. These students will rehearse with our Intensive Team dancers on specific days/times to learn our Performance Team Group Dance. This Group Performance Dance will be performed at local community events and be the Opening Number at some of the 2024 Recitals! This is a wonderful way to introduce new families & students to our Dance Company, and have the opportunity to perform in our local community.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

There will be a minimum of 6 Mandatory Rehearsals during the 2023 - 2024 Season. Dates for these Mandatory Rehearsals will be announced in August 2023.

EVENTS MAY INCLUDE (tentative):

- River Cats Game Performance
- Harlem Globetrotters Game Performance
- Local School & City Festivals
- Kings Game Performance
- Opening Number at some of the Recitals in June 2024!

Dates for our Mandatory Rehearsals will be announced at our Company Season Kick-Off Meeting for the 2023-2024 Season on **SATURDAY, AUGUST 19, 2023** at 11:00am at RCDA. At this meeting, we will announce some of the dates of our scheduled Events, our Mandatory Rehearsals, as well as reveal the THEME of our new Performance Team Production number. Please join us!

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Dancer's First & Last Name: _____ Dancer's Age: _____

Phone Number: _____ BEST Email: _____

_____ Price of \$229 may be charged to my student account at River City Dance Academy (parent initial).

_____ I fully understand that there are no refunds, prorating or credits for any missed rehearsals. I have read & agree to the Performance Team policies, requirements & terms found on the Company page of RiverCityDance.net. I understand that attendance is very important and that my student is expected to be present for ALL rehearsals, events and will perform in the Opening Number at some of the Recitals in June 2024 (parent initial).

Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____

Print Name: _____ Relationship to Student: _____

COMPANY INFORMATION & POLICY SHEET

River City Dance Academy's Dance Company is comprised of the Academy's exceptional and potentially capable dancers. The following contract/information sheet's intent is basic guidelines to which the Directors, Choreographers, Teachers, Company Members and Parents/Guardians will adhere and are expected to follow during the entire course of the season. Such guidelines are subject to change upon discretion of the Director. The 2023 - 2024 Season Contract applies from **July 17, 2023 - June 30, 2024.**

OUR MISSION

RCDA's mission is to provide professional dance training and instruction in all genres of dance. We strive to expose young, aspiring dancers to opportunities that will enhance their dance knowledge and training. We will work as mentors for our dancers and give them ample opportunity to perform dance as an art form. We will nurture dancers in a positive, and structured environment.

RCDA DANCE COMPANY GOALS & PURPOSES

The main objective of RCDA's Dance Company is to give dancers the opportunity to take their dancing to the next level by providing adequate technical training and opportunities to perform and perfect their craft. The company will also serve as a guide for older dancers on their path to a professional career. We will achieve these goals by requiring each student train in a wide range of technical disciplines and dance styles, participate in as many different performance opportunities, and maintain a love & passion for Dance in all its forms.

RCDA FACULTY MISSION & PURPOSE

We understand that each child and young adult possesses different learning styles and progresses on different timelines. The RCDA faculty is absolutely committed to understanding these differences and nurturing each student regardless of learning style. Additionally, some students are born with certain favorable or ideal physical or anatomical body characteristics, such as turn-out, hyper mobility in joints, musicality, etc. Although these characteristics are certainly a bonus, they do not create an automatic professional dancer. Dancers turn professional when they have learned how to affect the audience emotionally through their movement. This is the goal we have for ALL of our students, regardless of their long-term dancing goals. We as teachers are here to pass on our enthusiasm for dance to your children and families. All that we require from the students is a genuine love for dance, and a willing attitude in all of their classes. All that is required from parents is trust in our abilities as teachers and their support of our vision for your children.

COMPANY LOG-IN PAGE

All Performance Team parents & students will have access to a Log-In page at www.RiverCityDance.net to stay up-to-date with Rehearsal Videos, Event Fee Due Dates, Upcoming Mandatory Rehearsals, Performance Dates throughout the season, Costume Information, Hair & Make-Up information, and much more!

- To access the Log-In page, go to www.RiverCityDance.net, and click on the "Company" tab in the menu.
- A box at the top of this page will say "Company Log-In." Click on this box, and create a log-in.
- You will be contacted via email of your approval into this exclusive Members Site.
- This Log-In page will have the most up-to-date information for the 2023 - 2024 season, and should be referred to and visited often by students & parents.

REQUIRED CLASSES for the PERFORMANCE TEAM

All Ages:

- At least 1 hour of a weekly Technique Class
- Attendance at all Mandatory Performance Team Rehearsals [*6 mandatory rehearsals throughout the 2023 - 2024 season*]

FEES & EXPENSES

All Performance Team Event Fees & due dates will be posted on the Company Log-In page at www.RiverCityDance.net.

- Performance Team Fees are \$229/year per student, and are due in full at the time your 'Letter of Intent' is submitted.
- Performance Team Fees cover the 6 mandatory rehearsals scheduled throughout the season, including the rental of outside rehearsal facilities.
- Additional Fees throughout the season will include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - \$150 (*plus tax*) Company Jacket*
 - *Mandatory for all Company Members
 - \$75 (*plus tax*) Company Backpack*
 - *Mandatory for all Company Members
 - \$44 (*plus tax*) Company Leggings*
 - *Mandatory for all Company Members
 - \$25 (*plus tax*) Performance Team Group Number T-Shirt*
 - *Mandatory for all Company Members
 - \$ Competition Make-Up Kit & Accessories*
 - *All Make-Up Kit items & Accessories are required & mandatory for ALL Company Members at every event/performance.
 - \$ Monthly Tuition
 - \$ RCDA Studio Attire that is to be worn while attending Community Shows & Events

TICKET PURCHASES FOR EVENTS

- Each student will be required to purchase a minimum number of tickets for each event that the RCDA Performance Team will attend during the 2023 - 2024 season (*usually a minimum of 4 tickets per dancer*).
- All tickets **MUST be purchased through our exclusive ticket links** that will be provided and listed online on the Company Log-In page. RCDA has a minimum number of tickets that must be sold for each event we attend & perform at, and purchasing through these links will give us the credit needed to reach our minimums. Any families that purchase their tickets elsewhere for scheduled events will be dismissed immediately for the Pre-Performance Team with no refunds issued.

ATTENDANCE POLICY

- Excused Absences:
 - An excused absence is one that has been approved by the Director in writing PRIOR to a Mandatory Rehearsal. It will be up to the dancer to learn what they missed at such rehearsals. Both excused & unexcused absences may result in a dancer being cut from part or all of the routine if they are not able to catch up on their own.
- Unexcused Absences:
 - An unexcused absence is when the Director has not received any prior notice that a dancer will not be attending a Mandatory Rehearsal. Both excused & unexcused absences may result in a dancer being cut from part or all of the routine if they are not able to catch up on choreography missed on their own.
 - All unexcused absences from a Mandatory Rehearsal will result in that dancer being put on a probation period, & may be removed from the routine at the Directors discretion. Make-Up classes may be scheduled with a Teacher and/or the Director & will be charged an hourly rate of \$75/hour. Failure to adhere to this policy may result in a dancers removal from the routine and/or an entire event with no refunds issued. Dancers will still be required to attend any event that they may not be performing in.
- Absences Due to Illness:
 - If a Company Member must miss a Mandatory Rehearsal due to illness or another critical reason, please contact the studio directly by email or phone to report the absence. When a Company Member misses any Mandatory Rehearsals, it is their responsibility to learn all choreography missed on their own. If a Company Member fails to catch up on choreography, they may be cut out of a section OR completely blocked out from the dance before the next scheduled event. No refunds or credits will be issued due to excessive absences.
- Absences Due to Injury:
 - If a Company Member becomes injured to the extreme that they are unable to dance and/or perform, they will still be required to attend all Mandatory Rehearsals to observe, take notes, & perform exercises to strengthen their bodies. A doctors note must be provided and turned in to the Director in these cases. Any dancer sitting out due to an injury will be put on our injured reserved list, & may be lined or cut out of the routine until they are cleared by a doctor to return. No refunds or credits will be issued due to injuries.

COSTUMES

All Performance Team Members are required to purchase RCDA Studio Leggings to be worn as part of their 2023 - 2024 Season costume for events. Members will be provided with their Company T-Shirt before our first scheduled event. Additional costume items may be needed, and will be posted on the Company Log-In page for purchasing information.

FUNDRAISERS

RCDA's Performance Team Members are responsible for financing their own travel & event expenses. In order to lessen such financial costs, fundraisers are encouraged, but not required. Fundraisers will be organized by parent volunteers, not by the studio or its Directors/Teachers.

CLASSES

Dancers that are part of the RCDA's Performance Team will take dance classes exclusively at RCDA unless given permission by the Director to train elsewhere depending on circumstances. This includes, but not limited to, master classes, auditions and technique classes held at other studios, venues, or various locations. **Failure to follow these policies during our Company Season may result in immediate dismissal from the Company and/or RCDA.**

CONFLICTS

ALL conflicts for the 2023 - 2024 season must be presented in writing and given to the Director by **AUGUST 01, 2023**. If a student does not participate in a scheduled Company event without prior notice, they may be dismissed from the Company at the Director and Instructor's discretion.

COMPANY BUILDING DAYS

Company Building Days will be scheduled throughout the season & are MANDATORY for all Company Members. These exciting and fun events build the rapport of the entire company, and unite us as a group. Failure to attend a Company Building Day may result in a company members dismissal at the Director and Teachers' discretion.

CELL PHONES

Cell phones are NOT permitted inside any of the dance rooms during classes. If any Teacher notices student using their cell phone before or during class, they may ask them to turn in their phone to be kept at the stereo OR asked to return their cell phone to the student lounge. Any students who disregard this policy will be sent to the Director and asked to leave the dance room. *The only exception to this policy is if a student requests to record any of the choreography AT THE END of the class.*

DANCERS BEHAVIOR

RCDA Dance Company members are expected to behave in a polite and respectful way toward all teachers and fellow dancers. This includes any content or material that dancer's may post or share on their social media accounts. It is expected that ALL RCDA Dance Company members refrain from posting, spreading or sharing any negative material both in-person and on social media in regards to their fellow team mates and RCDA. Company Members will further uphold a professional attitude towards their fellow team members, including keeping all relationships friendly and platonic. For this reason, dating within the Company would be inappropriate and will not be tolerated in accordance with this policy. If any teacher feels there has been inappropriate behavior, one warning will be given to the dancer and parent. If inappropriate behavior happens a second time, the dancer is subject to suspension, may lose the privilege of performing at the following competition, or may be dismissed from the Company completely. If for any reason the dancer is removed from the company or a routine, no refunds will be given for any costs up to date.

PARENTS BEHAVIOR

Our Code of Conduct for Parents is to support all dancers on the Company. Negative comments and gossip of any kind regarding other dancers, parents, teachers or directors will not be tolerated. Parents are expected to always give positive feedback to their dancers, and let them be proud of their performance. Trust in the instructors ability as a teacher and support our vision for your children. If any situations arise throughout the season that cannot be handled by the parties involved, please approach the Director to settle the situation, or email to info@RiverCityDance.net.

LATENESS/TARDINESS TO CLASSES

All Company Dancers are expected to arrive EARLY to their weekly classes. Dancers who arrive late will be given a warning, and if continuing to arrive late for any reason may result in a company members dismissal at the Director and Teachers' discretion. We encourage all dancers to arrive prepared to their classes with the appropriate shoes and attire. If dancers have any classes that are scheduled back-to-back, they will need to bring all of their required items with them to each class.

CORRESPONDENCE

- For ALL questions, concerns, absent notifications, and any other related items to RCDA or the RCDA Dance Company, please send to the email: info@RiverCityDance.net.
- All messages WILL be received by the teacher involved with any questions or items parents or students may have. This will eliminate any lost messages via personal texts or emails to the teachers directly, and keep all items more organized, and answered most efficiently.
- Please **DO NOT** contact teachers directly via personal emails, text messages, Facebook messages, phone calls, etc. for anything related to RCDA or the RCDA Dance Company.

DRESS CODE

Dancers will adhere strictly to the studio's dress code for each class they are taking. This includes, but not limited to, proper hair, shoes, tights and accessories. There are very specific dress codes for Ballet classes, and these **MUST** be followed to remain on the company.

- In addition to the Dress Code, dancers will be given a specific hairstyle and make-up guidelines for all performances during the competition season.
- To maintain a unified appearance onstage, no company member may alter their appearance during the season, including cutting or dyeing their hair.
- It is expected that your appearance at the time of auditions is how you will appear throughout the ENTIRE season.

DROP FEES

Any dancer who decides to drop out of the Performance Team will incur a \$200 drop fee. This fee will be charged by means of our Online Auto-Pay system as soon as the Director is informed of a student dropping out of the Performance Team, & will cover the cost and time for the Company Teachers & Director to re-block any sections of the dances that dancer was previously in & that now have to be reset due to their lack of commitment to their team mates. This drop fee will be non-refundable and non-transferrable.

PHOTOGRAPHY/VIDEO RECORDING/PUBLICITY

Company Members will be photographed and video recorded throughout the season. These images will be used by RCDA in publicity and become the property of the Academy. By agreement to be a part of the RCDA Dance Company, you are allowing RCDA to use your images for publicity exclusively and indefinitely.

If you have any questions about the 2023 - 2024 season, or need more information, please contact us at (916) 371-2016 or info@RiverCityDance.net.

**Please note, this contract is subject to change throughout the season.*