

Performing Company Requirements

Since your dancer has shown interest in becoming a member of the Stage I Performing Company, there are a few things to take into consideration. The Performing Company is an excellent opportunity for dancers who wish to take their dance training to the next level but it requires much commitment in terms of time and finances. The Performing Company is composed of an elite group of dancers who have been selected based on their dance technique, positive attitude in the classroom and work ethic. The Performing Company adheres to a strict set of guidelines and entry into the program is determined by the Performing Company Directors and Stage I Staff.

To be eligible to apply to the Performing Company, dancers must:

- Have taken at least 1 year of dance training at Stage I Dance Academy
- Have had training in jazz, tap, and ballet
- Be teacher recommended
- Audition. Auditions will consist on taking various classes observed by the Performing Company Directors and Stage I Staff. For example, your dancer may take various classes with current Performing Company groups.

It must be noted that if entry is granted into the Performing Company families can expect an increase in financial commitment to their dancer's dance training. Typically, tuition is more than the equivalent of 3 studio classes. This will vary based on your dancer's age and which company they may be placed. Our older companies participate in more technique classes and perform more dances, which equals an increase in overall tuition and fees.

In addition to the financial commitment, families can expect an increase in involvement at the studio. Performing Company Dancers take multiple technique and choreography classes per week. They also perform at the annual Company Concert, multiple competitions, as well as at community events. Attendance is crucial, and dancers are expected to be in class, at all rehearsals and at every Stage I attended event.

If this is something you and your dancer are interested in pursuing, please contact info@stage1danceacademy.com or your child's dance teacher. This does not guarantee your dancer will be offered an audition, but it will put your dancer on a list of interested students.

At the end of the process, the Performing Company Directors have the final say on admission into the Performing Company. Our Staff is involved in the process and discussion, but the final decision is made by the Performing Company Directors who oversee the company in its entirety and have the best interest of every student in mind.

If your dancer is not chosen to become a part of the Performing Company after the evaluation process is completed, feedback may be offered to help your dancer continue to progress through the next year. Performing Company demands a lot from a dancer both physically and mentally. We consider these aspects when evaluating interested dancers. Reasons may vary as to why a dancer is not selected, and Performing Company is not for everyone, but our main goal is to continue to offer your dancer the very best in dance training, no matter the level. We forever have the best interest for your dancer in mind when making decisions and every decision is carefully thought about and discussed in length.

The Performing Company Mission is to offer supreme dance training to the serious dance students while encouraging growth in teamwork, leadership skills, and love of dance. We continue to uphold the values of Stage I Dance Academy by being the “step above dance school” and supplying dancers with positive messages and encouragement.