

## **BDA Company Auditions**

**June 10th 2023**

We are excited to announce our audition dates for the 2023-2024 dance season. This is an open audition. If you love to dance, feel the excitement of the lights and the stage, want to learn commitment and hard work, all while building lasting friendships...then this is for you. As a company member at Boutique Dance Academy you will be expected to show commitment, dedication, passion, an eager and positive attitude, talent and the desire to perform.

The audition and selection process take time. Please make sure your dancer understands the commitment required to be a company dancer. We want to stress the importance of following through. We are looking for dancers that are not only talented but focused, driven and excited to be a part of our award winning team.

## **The AUDITION**

During the audition we will evaluate your dancer on flexibility, technique and how they pick up choreography. To demonstrate this they will stretch, go across the floor and learn a combination. We will take into consideration both skill level and age when selecting dancers. Each dancer will receive a video of the combination 2 weeks prior to the audition. They will be required to learn the combination on their own (peewee's are not required to learn a routine prior). Please make sure you arrive warmed up, stretched out and ready to dance.

**ATTIRE:** We require all auditioning dancers to wear black. They may wear a leotard, a unitard, shorts and a crop top...any dance wear. Dancers may not wear t-shirts or sweat pants! Your hair must be pulled back out of your face. Please arrive dressed and ready to dance.

**TIME:** There will be 4 different audition time slots. Time slots will be broken up into ages and then from there the staff will put you into levels. Please come to the appropriate age breakdown based on your dancers age as of **1/01/2024**. For example, if your child turns 9 Dec. 20 2023, they would go to the 9-11 audition since they will be 9 on 1/01/2024. Please ask if you are confused.

**Ages 3-6** : 9:00-10:00

**Ages 7-8** : 10:00-11:00

**Ages 9-11**: 11:00-12:30

**Ages 12+**: 12:30-2:00

Each dancer is required to bring \$50.00 cash or venmo (@mindy-blank) or we can charge your account (please notify Melissa or Jamie). Once the selection process is over, we will post the results on Boutique Dance Academy's website using the number your dancer was assigned at auditions. At a later date you will be notified of the dances you were selected to be in via email. We are thrilled you are considering joining our dance company.

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## DANCE ACADEMY

### **Company Information 2023-2024**

**Why choose Boutique Dance Academy?** You will receive exceptional training while improving your technique. You will become part of our family, making lifelong friendships. You will gain confidence and learn the skills to be an independent, humble, and talented dancer. At BDA we **B**elieve it, we **D**ream it and we **A**chieve it. We are BDA.

Please read through this information sheet in its entirety and make the best decision for your family. Being a member of the company is a huge time commitment as well as a monetary one. Please make sure you fully understand all that is involved before making the decision to attend the audition.

We will also be holding a parent informational meeting on Wednesday May 10th at 6:30 pm for those who may still have questions.

**What are my Dance requirements as a company member?**

- If you are chosen as a company member you are required to take The Intensive or the Peewee Intensive, depending on your age. We also have a week dedicated to choreography so you need to be available that week if a dance you are in is beginning to be choreographed that week.

### 2023 Summer Intensives

**The Intensive:** June 19th - June 22nd and July 10th - July 13th (\$750)

**Peewee Intensive:** June 19th - June 22nd and July 10th - July 13th (\$250)

10% off if you sign up for both weeks

**Summer Choreography Bootcamp:** July 24th-July 27th

- Each level has a set number of dances as well as events throughout the year.
  - **Peewee:** they will compete in 3 regional competitions with one dance.
  - **Petite:** they will compete in 3 regional competitions, as well as 3 conventions (two with competitions). ALL Petites will have 2 pieces with the option of being selected for more specialty pieces.
  - **Mini:** they will compete in 3 regional competitions, as well as 3 conventions (two with competitions). All Minis will have 2 pieces with the option of being selected for more specialty pieces.
  - **Junior:** they will compete in 3 regional competitions, as well as 3 conventions (two with competitions). All Junior Members will have 2 pieces with the option of being selected for more specialty pieces.
  - **Teen/Senior:** they will compete in 3 regional competitions, as well as 3 conventions (two with competitions). All teen/Senior Members will have 2 pieces with the option of being selected for more specialty pieces.
- Petite, Mini, Junior, Teen and Senior Dancers are required to take Ballet, turns and technique, pilates, stretch and rehearsal classes. It is strongly encouraged to take more classes to improve your skills at all times.

\*\*This is our tentative Company Schedule for next season. This is subject to change prior to our start date of August 7th

Peewee's: Tuesday's 4:30-6:30

Petite's: Tuesday 4:15-7:15, Wednesday 4:00-5:30 and Thursday 4:00-6:00

Mini's: Monday 4:15-7:15, Wednesday 4:30-7:30, Thursday 4:30-6:45

Juniors: Monday 4:15-8:00, Tuesday 5:30-8:30, Wednesday 4:30-8:30

Teen/Senior's: Monday 5:45-9:15, Tuesday 5:30-9:15, and Wednesday 5:30-9:15

- Bootcamp weekend: Once a month from August through January we will have a mandatory company bootcamp weekend for cleaning various dances. Those dates will be available when the company calendar is released.

- Dance must be your choice over all other extra curricular activities.
- You may have extra or additional classes. These classes may fall on the weekends.
- You must attend all competitions and performances. NO EXCEPTIONS
- We do perform at Castle Rock's Starlighting and Tree Lighting each year and also have 2 recitals.

### **What about Solos, Duos and Trios?**

- These are an additional expense and they never take precedence over group dances. Group dances must be your priority.
- You will fill this out on the google form you fill out prior to auditions
- You will be evaluated during the group auditions for your solo/duo/trio.
- Our in house BDA Choreographers and guest choreographers are available.

### **What are the financial expenses?**

Each dancer will have a set tuition for their required classes.

**Peewee: \$123**

**Petite: \$259**

**Mini: \$340**

**Junior: \$340**

**Teen: \$340**

**Senior: \$340**

On top of that these are the expenses from being a member of our company.

- Competition fees: group dances range \$75-\$85 per competition per dancer, duets and trios range \$85-\$95 per competition per dancer, and solos range \$130-\$160. \*These fees will vary depending on the competition.
- Convention fees: We attend 3 conventions (two with competitions) per year and these range \$250-\$350 per convention.
- Master Classes: We will have 5-7 guest instructors throughout the year. These classes will range \$25-\$65.
- You are required to purchase all necessary extras:
  - Dance Shoes: range from \$25-\$80
  - Competition earrings; \$10
  - Company Jacket: \$120

- Competition makeup: \$50
- Costumes: \$120-\$175 per dance
- Choreographer Fees: If selected for a guest choreographer piece you will be required to pay the choreographer fees, \$120-\$300. This information will be sent out with the acceptance letter and you can choose to accept at that time.
- Summer Intensives are mandatory at \$750
- Each family will have a \$100 production prop fee. If you have more than one dancer you will pay a family fee of \$150.
- We will offer various fundraisers throughout the year to help with expenses.

## **Communication**

Email is our preferred method of communication. The quickest way to get a response is to email Melissa, [melissa@boutiquedanceacademy.com](mailto:melissa@boutiquedanceacademy.com). This will also be how we communicate with you. Emails will be sent out regarding classes, competitions, recitals and general weekly information. We will be having a company monthly newsletter each month. Text messages will not be responded to.

We have a company Facebook page and we will always put information on there as well. It also serves as a fun way for the team to be able to stay in touch with each other. In addition to that we also have a team Band page. Band is a free app that allows us to have a group page to share videos as well as a company calendar. This calendar will have all additional classes, important dates and private lessons.

At Boutique Dance Academy we value ourselves on giving our dancers the best possible training while demonstrating respect, hard work, kindness and love.