

Waterford Dance Ensemble

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IMPORTANT NOTE:

The Enrollment Form must be returned
no later than September 1st, no exceptions!

I. Waterford Dance Ensemble Overview

WDE is an open company, no auditions!

Who can join?

Dancers ages 9 & up who are planning to enroll in at least 1 ballet and 1 jazz class or lyrical jazz class at Waterford Dance Academy are eligible to join. (Jazz Funk/Hip Hop does not count as a jazz class)
Tappers are eligible as long as they meet the ballet/jazz requirements as well.

Company members will perform a minimum of 4 times between September 2010 and August 2011.

Our first performance is a Holiday show scheduled for 2:00pm, Saturday December 11th at the Round Lake Beach Cultural and Civic Center. This will be the focus of the first set of rehearsals. Dancers must be available from 8:00am until 4:00pm on December 11th in order to be included in this performance. The other performances will be announced as the dates are confirmed.

II. Company Rehearsals

WDE will meet every Thursday according to the Waterford Dance Academy calendar, from 6:00pm to 9:00pm beginning September 16th. Dancers will be divided into 2 companies, Junior Company for ages 9-11 and Senior Company for ages 12 & up. Dancers will be separated into the 3 dance studios and meet with various choreographers each week, rotating up to 3 times per night.

Rehearsals are MANDATORY, though we understand that there may be conflicts or illnesses. Read section V on attendance and please be sure to fill out the “conflict” section of your enrollment form prior to submission.

III. Company Dues ~ Payment Info

We must charge fees to cover the cost of the instructors and defray the cost of costume purchases for performances. Costumes remain the property of the company.

The hourly cost per person is less than \$5.00.

Dues are to be paid in 4 installments.

Payment #1 due September 1st: \$125.00

Payment #2 due November 1st: \$125.00

Payment #3 due January 1st: \$125.00

Payment #4 due March 1st: \$125.00

Discounts: Take 10% off if paying all 4 installments upfront by September 1st. (A \$50 savings!)

IV. Company Requirements

Dance Classes

All company members are required to take at least 1 ballet class **AND** 1 jazz or lyrical jazz class per week at Waterford Dance Academy. Tap class is optional. Those students who are strong tap dancers will be placed in tap performance pieces as they are needed. The same rule applies to dancers on pointe.

Weekly Class Attendance for REGULAR classes

There are 2 semesters in our entire dance season. 1 semester equals 17 weeks of class. Students must not miss more than 3 of each of their classes per semester in regular weekly dance classes. Those who fall below this may be pulled from the company.

Company Rehearsal Attendance

Only 2 unexcused absences are permitted in company rehearsals each semester, **NO** exceptions. If there are additional absences you may be prohibited from performing with the company and / or be removed from the company altogether.

Conduct

ZERO TOLERANCE FOR NEGATIVE CONDUCT!

Members will be expected to conduct themselves in a professional manner during regular weekly classes, rehearsals and performances. Members are asked to cooperate **WITH** each other, support each other and not compete against one another, regardless of AGE or LEVEL. Company members are ambassadors of Waterford Dance Academy, therefore anyone acting out or overheard talking about other company members or instructors/ choreographers in a negative manner, whether in rehearsal or regular weekly classes, **WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE COMPANY WITHOUT WARNING**.

Commitment

W.D.E. members are expected to make a commitment to the company. Because members are given opportunities that are not provided for other students of the studio, more is expected of them. This includes participation in field trips, workshops, outside performances and 2011 summer classes.

W.D.E. is guaranteed a minimum of 4 performance opportunities.

1. Holiday performance ~ 2:00pm December 11, 2010 Round Lake Cultural & Civic Center
2. SpringFest Expo dates TBA
3. Annual Spring Dance Concert date TBA
4. Lindenfest in August 2011

Other performance opportunities will be announced as they are made available.

V. Enrollment Form

You must return this form by September 1st if you plan to join WDE

Name of Dancer: _____

Age (must be age 9 by September 1st) _____

Please fill in the number of classes per week in which you are currently enrolled or plan to enroll this Fall.

Fill in ALL that apply to you

<u>Discipline</u>	<u>Level</u>	<u># of classes per week</u>
<i>Ballet (required)</i> <i>(1 required)</i>	_____	_____
<i>Jazz</i>	_____	_____
or		
<i>Lyrical Jazz</i>	_____	_____

<i>Pointe</i>	_____	_____
<i>Tap</i>	_____	_____
<i>Jazz Funk</i>	_____	
<i>WD Showstoppers!</i>	_____	
<i>Musical Theater Dance</i>	_____	

If join Waterford Dance Ensemble, there are certain standards that need to be upheld. You are representing Waterford Dance Academy. You will be looked upon as a role model for younger students, so your attendance, attire and especially conduct in class and rehearsals should always be at its best. Your behavior in the waiting room, in class, rehearsals, and performances is a direct reflection of the whole Ensemble, as well as Waterford Dance Academy. We ask for members to promote a positive atmosphere. You are also expected to accept the rehearsal commitment and put Waterford Dance Ensemble as first priority above future scheduled conflicts.

By signing this form below, you have indicated that you understand and can abide by this code of conduct.

Signature of Dancer: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent / Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Please list already known conflicts below:

Keep in mind, these conflicts will count toward your allowed absences.

Semester 1 meeting September 16th-January 27th

Semester 2 meeting February 3rd- June 2nd