



Nurturing the HeART of DanceArts Youth

STUDENT HANDBOOK
2021-2022

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Dear Students and Parents,

WELCOME to the 7th year of DANCEARTS YOUTH COMPANY, and heartfelt congratulations to all the students who are eligible for the 2021-2022 DAYCO season.

In the fall of 2014, DanceArts Greenville successfully launched its DANCEARTS YOUTH COMPANY. DAYCo developed out of the original DanceArts Enrichment Programs entitled *Ensemble* and *Staged* started in 2010, which provided our Intermediate and Advanced students with specialized Saturday morning & early afternoon dance study. While continuing to offer pre-professional dance training in technique, choreography, and performance artistry, DAYCo added the Competition Track with opportunities to compete at YAGP (Youth American Grand Prix) and Grand Jeté (South Carolina Governors School for the Arts and Humanities) last season. This track is by invitation that is based on the artistic teams' review of the students' development. Competition Track will have three sessions per month in both the Fall and Spring semester. This level requires summer ballet training in a summer intensive and/or camps.

We have a new level this year that is called Festival. After watching the growth of our Competition Track dancers, our Festival curriculum will offer the same personal performance training. Festival dancers will start with two sessions per month for the Fall semester, and will include a demonstration on November 20th and announcement of what solo, duet or quartet dance that they will perform. In the Spring semester, Festival will have three sessions per month, during which they will work on their dances to present in the end of April. This level requires summer ballet training in a summer intensive or camps.

Our youngest company levels, Elites and Trainees, will start their fall semester with one session a month that will focus on Conditioning/Progressing Ballet Technique, Ballet class and Repertoire in Contemporary dance (Lyrical/Jazz focus). After the New Year, Elite and Trainees will come twice a month and will build on their dances for their showcase.

We plan to have a DAYCo summer camp August 2-5 and 9-12, when our full company will have eight days to take classes, receive photos for the season, get their dance kits and required items, and enjoy each others company while building camaraderie for the season. If you have any questions on summer training for your DAYCo dancer please reach out to us and we can assist you.

With best regards,

Anita Pacylowski & Hernan Justo, Directors of DanceArts Greenville & DAYCO

Erica Sturman, DAYCO faculty & manager

Meghan Loman, DAYCO faculty

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DANCEARTS YOUTH COMPANY
2021/2022

Elites & Trainees - (13 sessions for the year)

- ~ September 25
- ~ October 2
- ~ November 20
- ~ January 15 & 29
- ~ February 5, 12 & 26
- ~ March 5
- ~ April 2, 9, 23 & 30

Festival Track - (18 sessions for the year)

- ~ September *18 & 25
 - ~ October 2 & *9
 - ~ November *13 & 20
 - ~ January 8*, 15 & 22*
 - ~ February 5 & 12
 - ~ March 5 & 19*
 - ~ April 2, 9, 23, 29(Fri) & 30
- * Please note April the 29th is a Friday from 5-8pm

Competition Track - (24 sessions for the year)

- ~ September *11, *18 & 25
 - ~ October 2, *9 & *30
 - ~ November *6, *13 & 20
 - ~ December *11 & *18
 - ~ January 2(Sun), 8*, 15 & 22*
 - ~ February 5, 12 & 26
 - ~ March 5
 - ~ April 2, 9, 23, 29(Fri) & 30
- * Please note January 2nd is a Sunday from 1:30-4:30 and April the 29th is a Friday from 5-8pm

* The dates with an asterick by them are the days they will follow Schedule #2 (day starting at 10:00am). All other days they will follow Schedule #1 (day starting at 11:00am). Please see Saturday Schedules on page 5.

Competitions and Performances

Festival Demonstration - Saturday, November 20 @ 1:30pm *Festival Track ONLY

YAGP Showcase - Friday, January 21st @ 7:00pm *Competition Track Only

Youth America Grand Prix – January 27-29th *Competition Track Only

Grand Jete – March 4th-6th *Competition Track Only

CBT & DAYCo Gala – Saturday, April 2nd *Competition Track ONLY

DAYCO Showcase - April 30 *All DAYCO Levels*

- ~ Elites & Trainees arrive at 9am with **Performance** at 12:30pm.
- ~ Festival & Competition Track arrive at 2pm with **Performance** at 6:00pm.

DAYCO Saturday Session Schedule

Trainee & Elites Track schedule:

9:00-10:15 Progressing Ballet Technique and Ballet Class

10:15-11:00 Classical Rep

11:00-11:15 Snack

11:15-12:00 Contemporary Rep

Festival Track schedule: (there are 2 different schedules, please check calendar carefully)

Schedule #1:

11:00-12:15 Ballet Class

12:30-2:00 Solo Coaching

*rotating lunch

Schedule #2:

10:00-11:30 Ballet Class

11:45-2:00 Solo Coaching

*rotating lunch

Competition Track schedule: (there are 2 different schedules, please check calendar carefully)

Schedule #1:

11:00-12:15 Ballet Class

12:30-2:00 Solo Coaching

*rotating lunch

Schedule #2:

10:00-11:30 Ballet Class

11:45-2:00 Solo Coaching

*rotating lunch

POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

At DanceArts Greenville, we want a nurturing, supportive, and safe artistic learning environment. As student role models for the greater DanceArts community, we ask that all DAYCO students read and follow the following set of guidelines.

PUNCTUALITY & ATTENDANCE POLICY

Consistent attendance is vital in maintaining a student's mastery of dance technique. Dance is a physical activity that requires consistent weekly training to establish muscle strength and muscle memory. Classical ballet training is a highly specialized technique that requires excellent instruction by a knowledgeable teacher and committed attendance by the student in order to achieve the desired results. Please show respect to your teachers and fellow students by arriving on time for your classes and rehearsals.

Foreseen absences should be emailed in advance to Office@DanceArtsGreenville.com as early as possible, so that teachers and choreographers can plan accordingly. In the case of an emergency, illness, or unavoidable absence, we ask students or parents/guardians call or email DanceArts at 864-297-1635, as soon as possible.

ARRIVING EARLY AND PREPARING FOR CLASS:

Students will get the maximum benefit from ballet class if they arrive early (15 minutes before) and are mentally and physically prepared for class. These minutes before class should be used to stretch or think about the exercises you did in the last class.

REPORTING INJURY

DanceArts Greenville is committed to the safety and well being of all students. We expect students to take responsibility for their physical condition, report injuries, and not risk their health to participate in the program. Student should report to their teacher and the teacher will hand the student an **Observation Form** to be filled out while the student is observing class/rehearsal. The form will be available by the DAYCO board.

ELECTRONIC DEVICES

Cell phones and other telecommunications devices, such as iPads, iPad minis, iPods, laptops, pagers, gaming devices, etc. should be silenced and kept in bags and/or dressing rooms.

SOCIAL MEDIA POLICY and CONDUCT

As a DAYCo dancer, your posts and interaction on social media should promote a positive and healthy perspective. You represent DanceArts Greenville even when not in the studios walls and your conduct must demonstrate this appropriately. Posting any images or videos from DAYCO sessions should include a proper representation of DAYCo's mission and acknowledge the choreographic and music credits.

CARE FOR FACILITY & EQUIPMENT

1. Students are expected to respectfully use and care for buildings, grounds, and equipment in a proper manner.
2. Students are expected to keep dressing rooms neat and clean, and to clean up after themselves in the cafeteria and dressing rooms.
3. Vandalism or graffiti of any kind on DanceArts property or another person's property is not allowed.

DRESS CODE

Proper grooming, hygiene, and appearance is essential to the growing Dance Artist and a disciplined artistic environment.

1. Students should wear their DAYCO monogrammed leotard (Wear Moi Faustine style tank in Black, pink tights, and class-specific shoes) Leotard-\$35 and optional DAYCo jacket-\$55 are pre-ordered through our DAG boutique.
2. **Jewelry** can be dangerous in dance. In order to be safe for the dancer and her partners, only jewelry that is permitted are small earrings, rings and a thin non-dangle necklace. No FitBits, Apple Watches, Friendship bracelets or any kind of other additional bracelets.
3. Students should wear their DAYCO warm-ups/clothing over their dancewear as they enter and leave the building.

ADDITIONAL ITEMS TO BRING:

- Flesh color dancing socks (DAG Boutique)- \$22
- Black Biker shorts (DAG Boutique)- \$15.
- Resistance Band for PBT (DAG Boutique) 6" wide and 9.5 ft long - \$10
- Lacrosse Ball (DAG Boutique)- \$7
- Fusion Ball (DAG Boutique)- \$10
- Hand towel
- Yoga Mat (can be brought and stored at the studio)

NON-DISCRIMINATION/NON-HARASSMENT:

DanceArts Greenville is dedicated to the treatment of all persons with respect and dignity and to providing an environment that is free from any form of discrimination or harassment. The school prohibits and will not tolerate harassment of any kind to or by any persons, including teachers, staff, students, parents and any other person affiliated with or doing business with DanceArts Greenville. This prohibition includes harassment for any unlawful discriminatory reason, such as race, gender, national origin, disability, age or religion. This policy also prohibits actions that, while they may not be severe or serious as to constitute harassment in a legal sense, are nevertheless commonly understood to be abusive and disrespectful of others.

Accordingly, slurs, jokes, or remarks that are derogatory of a person or group's race, ethnic background, religion, gender, disability, sexual orientation, economic status, or age are considered inappropriate for the school's environment.

Each person is responsible for exercising his or her own good judgment to avoid engaging in conduct that may violate this policy. A person who believes himself or herself to be a victim of discrimination or harassment should report the incident to Hernan Justo & Anita Pacylowski-Justo, DAG directors. The matter will be dealt with on a confidential basis with disclosure only to the extent necessary for fair problem resolution and only to those who have an immediate need to know.

ALCOHOL & DRUGS POLICY

1. Smoking is not permitted on DanceArts property or grounds.
2. No student, regardless of age, will possess, use, sell, purchase, barter, distribute, or be under the influence of alcohol or a controlled substance.
3. Possession of drugs, alcohol and tobacco is not allowed.

STUDENT TEACHING ASSISTANT POSITIONS

DAYCO dancers can volunteer to be in the **Student Assistant Mentor Program (Festival and Competition Track only)**. This is a completely volunteer position and is great for students who need community service volunteer hours for school or extracurricular activities. As student role models for the greater DanceArts community, we ask that you demonstrate the behavior and etiquette of a good student. You will assist the teacher in a class and develop positive relationships with the students. Please wear DAYCO uniform and be in proper DRESS CODE: DAYCO leotard, pink tights, ballet shoes and hair in bun. If interested, please email office@danceartsgreenville.com.



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DAYCO ELITE, TRAINEE & FESTIVAL DIVISION, TUITION AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

Elite and Trainee tuition = \$450 per dancer (Elite: Must be in Ballet 4A, attend the full ballet curriculum and enrolled in Jazz and/or Lyrical. Trainee: Must be in Ballet 5B, attend the full ballet curriculum and enrolled in Jazz/Lyrical)

One session per month: Sept.-November. Two sessions per month: January-April
13 training sessions

Payments options:

1. September one-time payment of \$450
2. September and January payments of \$225
3. Monthly payments of \$50

Festival tuition = \$765 per dancer (Must be in Ballet 5A or higher, attend the full ballet curriculum and enrolled in Jazz/Lyrical)

Two sessions per month: Sept.-November. Three sessions per month January-April.
18 training sessions

Payment options:

1. September one-time payment of \$765
2. September and January payments of \$383
3. Monthly payments of \$85

Additional Fees for Festival tuition: Community events fee: \$25 (if, applicable) & Costume Rental fee: \$100
Festival Fee's will be drafted on January 1st.



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DAYCO COMPETITION DIVISION, TUITION AND PAYMENT OPTIONS

Classical Competition YAGP and/or Grand Jeté track tuition = \$1200 per dancer (Must be in Ballet level 6B or higher, attend the full ballet curriculum and enrolled in Jazz/Lyrical.)

25 training sessions between September and May for YAGP/Grand Jeté

This track is by invitation only.

Payment options:

1. September one-time payment of \$1200
2. September and January payments of \$600 each
3. Monthly payments (September through May) of \$134 per month

Estimated Additional Fees for Competition tuition (Hotel, Registration and Costume rental)

Classical & Contemporary Competition YAGP and/or Grand Jeté track tuition = \$1500 per dancer (Must be in Ballet level 6B or higher, attend the full ballet curriculum and enrolled in Jazz/Lyrical. This includes three – 1 hour sessions with the choreographer. If additional instruction is needed, it will be at the private lesson rate.)

25 training sessions between September and May for YAGP/Grand Jeté

This track is by invitation only.

Payment options:

1. September one-time payment of \$1500
2. September and January payments of \$750 each
3. Monthly payments (September through May) of \$167 per month

Estimated Additional Fees for Competition tuition (Hotel, Registration and Costume rental)

Estimated Additional Fees

TOTAL YAGP One solo: Ballet Fee minimum: \$635

TOTAL YAGP Two solos: Ballet and Contemporary solos Fee minimum: \$870

TOTAL Grand Jeté One Solo: Ballet Fee minimum: \$215

TOTAL Grand Jeté Two solos: Ballet & Contemporary Fee minimum: \$340



From above, Competition Track Fee Breakdown:

YAGP Track: Estimated Hotel Cost 2 nights @ \$160 = \$320

YAGP Track: Registration Fee \$105, Solo Fee \$110 per solo = \$215/\$325

YAGP/Grand Jeté Ballet costume rental= \$100

YAGP/Grand Jeté Contemporary costume purchase/rental= \$75-\$100

Grande Jeté: Registration Fee \$65, Solo Fee \$50 = \$115

**** Please note that these are estimations of the additional fees that you might incur. ****

PARENT/STUDENT SIGNATURE PAGE

DanceArts Greenville – please return this page signed by student and parent to DAG office or email a scanned image to OFFICE@DANCEARTSGREENVILLE.COM by August 30, 2021.

Dear Students and Parent(s)/Guardian(s):

This handbook was developed as a guide for students and parents and to answer commonly asked questions that come up during the course of the program. Our goal is to create a positive educational atmosphere of learning where rules are enforced firmly, fairly, and consistently to all students.

We ask that you familiarize yourself with this handbook by reading it and ask that you sign this page as evidence that you are aware of our policies and procedures. This form is part of the student registration process at DanceArts Greenville and must be returned as a condition of enrollment.

Signing below is evidence that parents and students have or will read and understand the contents of this handbook. It also grants permission for school photographs or video to be used in media presentations that could be made available to other educational institutions or through a cable television station or network. Parents understand that their child’s image, name, work product, school, and age may be revealed in the presentation(s) but that no other information about their child or his/her training will be revealed without prior consent.

_____ Signature of Parent/Guardian

_____ Signature of Student

_____ Print Name of Student

_____ Level of student & Age

_____ Date Please circle: DAYCO LEVEL- Elite | Trainee | Festival | Competition Track

Preferred method of company tuition payment: Please circle: 9 installments | Semi-Annual | Annual