

2022 AUDITION PACKET

Dancer North's

Upstairs Jazz Company

Directors: Christina Bushala, Julie Cartier, & Rosario Guillen

Audition paperwork and fees for all DCN performing companies are due no later than **Monday, August 15th at 5:00 pm**



AUDITION SCHEDULE

Monday, August 15, 2022

7:15-8:15 pm Ages 10-13 (Jr Company)

8:15-9:15 pm Ages 14-18 (Sr Company)

\$5.00 Audition Fee, due with paperwork (late paperwork will be assessed an increased audition fee of \$10)

Please read this entire packet before auditioning!

Dancer North's Performing Companies offer a wonderful opportunity for students to take their training to a higher level. Our rehearsal and performance standards are set to provide a level of professionalism for the students. Directors will teach students choreography during auditions and then select cast members for the performing season. All students should warm up independently before their audition.

Being selected as a cast member is an honor and a privilege, but it is also a commitment and a responsibility that requires a high level of dedication from both the performer and the performer's parents/guardians. Before auditioning, potential cast members must consider all other activities in which they may be involved and be willing to put their commitment to their dance company above and beyond any other activities that may conflict with the rehearsal and performance requirements. Please bear in mind while making the decision to audition that being a cast member is not just another extracurricular activity. Dozens of people, including performers, directors, and choreographers are negatively affected if all cast members are not demonstrating the same level of commitment.

Once you have reviewed this entire packet and have made the decision to audition, you need the following items turned in to the Dancer North office by **Monday, August 15th at 5:00 pm**.

- 1. Audition Application** (page 4)
- 2. Student/Parent Contract** (page 5)
- 3. \$5 Audition Fee** (exact cash requested)
- 4. Headshot or School Picture** (no larger than 4"x4")

Please do not staple your paperwork; use a paperclip or submit in an envelope. Only the requested paperwork should be submitted. Keep all other paperwork in this packet for your personal reference. Turning in the completed forms does not guarantee acceptance as a cast member. It only guarantees the opportunity to audition. No one will be allowed to audition without completed forms.

Casting decisions will be announced via email no later than Friday, August 19th

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2022/23 REHEARSAL/PERFORMANCE CALENDAR

PLEASE NOTE! Attendance is required and mandatory for all of the following dates, unless otherwise noted:

March 19, 2023	Spring Showcase Studio Run-Thru
April 12-13, 2023	Spring Showcase Tech & Dress Rehearsal
April 14, 2023	Spring Showcase Performance
April 29, 2023	Dance Jam Studio Run-Thru
May 7, 2023	Dance Jam Performance
May 20-21, 2023	Défilé Concerts (<i>optional performances for selected pieces</i>)

CAST MEMBER REQUIREMENTS

1. Jazz Company members must meet the following requirements in their Dancenter North Fall class registration:

JR JAZZ COMPANY: 1 Jazz Technique class, a choice of 1 Lyrical, Modern, Hip-Hop, or Broadway Technique class, and the Company Rehearsal Class (which meets on Thursdays from 6:30-7:30 pm with Ms. Julie Cartier)

SR JAZZ COMPANY: 1 Jazz Technique class, a choice of 1 Ballet or Lyrical class, a choice of 1 Modern, Hip-Hop, or Broadway Technique class, and the Company Rehearsal Class (which meets on Wednesdays from 8:00-9:30 pm with Ms. Christina Bushala and Mr. Rosario Guillen)

2. Cast members are to maintain consistent attendance in their required classes. There may be no more than two absences from any required technique class. Classes that are made up within a 2-week period are not counted as absences. After two absences, there will be a meeting with the director to determine if continuing as a cast member is a good fit.

3. Company Rehearsal Classes are vitally important to a successful production. Every effort must be made to attend each and every class. There may be no more than two absences from Company Rehearsal Class. Absences must be submitted in advance by a parent or guardian in writing or via email to a member of the directing team prior to rehearsal. Absences due to illness should be reported immediately to the studio office. Any performer missing more than two rehearsals will be removed from the cast. There will be no exceptions. Extenuating circumstances, such as injury or illness, should be discussed with the director.

4. All dates listed in the above calendar are mandatory and cannot be missed for any reason.

5. All company members must pay a non-refundable production fee (*Jr. Jazz Company: \$310.00; Sr. Jazz Company: \$425.00*), which is **due no later than Monday, October 3rd**. Production fees will not be refunded for any reason.

6. If you are notified of your child's selection for the company, you must complete enrollment by registering and paying for the appropriate Company Rehearsal Class by **Saturday, August 20, 2022**. Tuition for the class is included in our Carte Blanche program (production fees are not covered in the Carte Blanche program). Registration for Company Rehearsal Classes may be completed online by logging into your account at www.dancenter-north.com or by calling the studio during regular business hours.

7. Performer's parents/guardians are required to accumulate the necessary number of BRAVO! points in support of the performers and the productions. Failure to do so will result in the student's ineligibility to audition for future DCN productions. Details about BRAVO! can be found on page 3.

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2023 SPRING BRAVO! PROGRAM

The Spring BRAVO! program is for parents and guardians of performing company cast members (excluding The Magic of the Nutcracker). Volunteering during the performing season is required (and fun!). BRAVO! jobs are first come, first served. Sign up takes place online through www.signupgenius.com. The link for the 2023 BRAVO! sign up will be sent in February via email to all parents/guardians listed on the audition application. Parents can volunteer for any combination of jobs in order to fulfill their required points.

A minimum of 30 points is required for one Spring Company cast member. A second child in the cast requires an additional **15 points**. Please take into consideration that many families choose to exceed the required number of points, as they are aware of the intricacies and difficulties of producing such high quality productions. If you are able to do additional work in any area of need, it is always appreciated! As they say, "Many hands make light work!"

There are five categories for volunteers to engage in supporting the productions.

- A. **PRE-PRODUCTION:** costuming, sets, props
- B. **TRANSPORT:** load-in, load-out, laying dance floor, strike
- C. **MARKETING:** poster distribution, ad sales
- D. **PERFORMER WELFARE:** providing food for cast, setting up, serving
- E. **SHOWTIME:** dressing, make-up, stage monitoring, security, ushering, lobby sales



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2022/23 AUDITION APPLICATION

please print clearly in black or blue pen

STUDENT NAME _____

AGE _____ HEIGHT IN INCHES _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY/ZIP _____

SCHOOL _____

GRADE _____ DATE OF BIRTH _____

If you have never been in a DCN production, please tell us about your dance training and performing experience.

I am a registered student at Dancenter North: ___ YES ___ NO

List all classes enrolled in for Fall 2022 at DCN (*discipline and level only; do not list days & times*).

List all school/sport/religious activities for this year and day/time of involvement.

List any planned family or school trips.

If you were a performing company member in 2021/22, please list all companies in which you were cast.

List any other personal dates of conflict during the 2022/23 performing season.

PRIMARY PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME _____

PARENT CELL _____

PARENT EMAIL _____

I AM A SPRING COMPANY VETERAN PARENT & AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AS A NEW FAMILY MENTOR: YES _____ NO _____

ADDITIONAL PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME (OPTIONAL) _____

PARENT CELL _____ PARENT EMAIL _____

I AM A SPRING COMPANY VETERAN PARENT & AM INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING AS A NEW FAMILY MENTOR: YES _____ NO _____

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2022/23 STUDENT/PARENT CONTRACT

STUDENTS & PARENTS! Please review this contract together carefully. Items should be discussed and understood before making a commitment. After reading the entire contract, both the performer and the parent must initial every rule as listed, and both must sign and date at the bottom.

STUDENT PARENT
INITIALS INITIALS

- _____ I understand that the audition application and the contract must be fully completed, accompanied by a headshot and audition fee, and turned into the DCN office no later than Monday, August 15th at 5:00 pm. I understand that my audition fee will increase to \$10 if we do not meet the deadline.
- _____ I understand that if notified of selection for the cast, I must complete my enrollment by registering for the assigned Company Rehearsal Class by Saturday, August 20th and pay the tuition associated with that class, as applicable.
- _____ I understand the class/rehearsal attendance requirements as spelled out in this packet.
- _____ I understand that it is my responsibility to check my personal performer file folder each time I come to the studio for any rehearsal scheduling, costuming information, or any other show-related information. In addition, I understand that it is my responsibility to frequently check the DCN virtual Green Room (www.dancercenter-north.com/green-room) for scheduling changes, updates, and general cast information.
- _____ I understand that as a performing company member, I am expected to be a good role model and an ambassador of Dancercenter North. This means that I will exhibit good behavior at the studio, theatre, and all other venues. I will be a team player. I will be courteous to other students, guest artists, teachers, directors, staff members, and BRAVO! volunteers; whether at Dancercenter North or other locations. I also understand that any inappropriate behavior, including gossiping, complaining, or bullying, will result in a personal conversation with the directors and may lead to removal from the cast.
- _____ I understand that if accepted as a cast member, a non-refundable production fee of \$310.00 (Jr Company) or \$425.00 (Sr Company) is due no later than Monday, October 3rd. Additionally, I understand that my fee will not be refunded for any reason, related or unrelated to the current pandemic, or if rehearsals and/or performances must cease entirely for health and safety reasons. The production fee includes, but is not limited to, the following: casting sessions, costumes, choreography, extra rehearsal time, stage rehearsals, outside venue insurance, storage rental, warm-up classes, administrative staff, backstage supplies, janitorial supplies, wardrobe supplies, sewing supplies, make-up, and additional room rentals.
- _____ I understand the requirements of the Spring BRAVO! program. If my child is selected for the cast, I commit to accumulating a minimum of 30 points in support of the production. I commit to accumulating an additional 15 points if I have a second cast member in the production. If I fail to do so, my child will not be eligible to audition for future productions at Dancercenter North.
- _____ I understand that for the privacy of our families, no unauthorized videos or photographs may be posted online or on social media without the direct consent of the studio director.

I have read all of the information contained in this packet and in the above contract. I understand and agree to this commitment as outlined by Dancercenter North.

Student's Name (print) _____ Student's Signature _____ Date _____

Parent's Name (print) _____ Parent's Signature _____ Date _____