

Forte Academy of Dance 2019-20 Competitive

“Debut Team”

Information

Thank you for your interest in the Forte Academy of Dance & Music DEBUT TEAM! This team has been specifically designed as an introduction to competitive dancing with a limited time and financial commitment. No audition is required for your dancer, as they were specially selected for participation based on their maturity, positive attitude, and natural ability. We truly hope they will consider joining us!

Dancers will participate with the competitive team in an environment that is low-pressure, yet slightly more rigorous than our regular recreational program. Dancers will take two 25-minute classes per week. In one, they will exclusively rehearse their dance, and in the other, they will alternate between working on jazz, tap, and ballet technique. **There is no other class of this kind at the studio**, where dancers can improve all three genres in a single class!

Competitions may sound intimidating, but they are actually very fun (and are nothing like “Dance Moms”)! Your dancer is already participating in this year’s June recital, and competitions have a similar feel to that kind of performance. One advantage to being a part of the debut team is that you will see your dancer perform their dance twice onstage (competition and recital), instead of just once!

A budget is listed on the attached page. Many of these things (tuition, costume, tights, dance shoes) are things you would be purchasing anyway as a recreational dancer. There is also the possibility for team fundraisers for those who are interested!

Team registration is **Monday, April 29 from 5pm-8pm**. You must attend registration to finalize your participation on the Debut Team. No late registrations will be accepted.

Please let us know if you have additional questions!

Debut Team Requirements:

- Signed team contract (due 4/29/19)
 - The attendance policy on this contract will state that dancers cannot miss more than 4 technique classes (can be made up) and 3 rehearsals (cannot be made up)
- Team deposit (**refundable** if dancer completes full season per contract)
- Enrollment in summer technique class (Register 4/29/19)
- Attendance at Summer Intensive Teambuilding session on the evening of Thursday, July 25th
- Costume Fee (due 7/25/19 via autopay)
- Enrollment in 2 weekly 25-minute classes beginning Fall 2019 (one rehearsal and one ballet/tap/jazz technique class)
- Participation in one competition (April/May 2020 – dates will be announced in Fall 2019)

Debut Team Budget:

Expense	Estimated Cost	Deadline	Info
Team Deposit	\$100 per dancer	4/29/2019	Refundable if dancer completes season per contract
Summer Class	\$75	4/29/2019	
Tuition	\$85 total monthly	September due 4/29/19 Subsequent tuition due 15th of previous month via autopay	2 classes (1 rehearsal, 1 tap/ballet/jazz tech class)
Premium costume	\$90	7/25/2019 via autopay	
Accessories	\$10-\$30	12/15/2019 via autopay	If applicable
Rhinestone Fee	\$15	12/15/2019 via autopay	If applicable
Competition Fee	\$30-\$40	1/15/2020 via autopay	
Tights	\$15-\$20 per pair	December 2019/January 2020 via autopay	We ask that dancers purchase a backup pair of tights
Dance Shoes	\$20-\$40 per pair	Purchase by mock competition (March 2020), if different than in-class shoes	
Makeup	\$10	Purchase by mock competition (March 2020)	
<i>Workshop</i>	<i>\$50-\$75</i>	<i>December 2019/January 2020</i>	<i>OPTIONAL for Debut Team</i>
<i>Team Gear</i>	<i>\$50-\$150</i>	<i>October 2019</i>	<i>OPTIONAL for Debut Team</i>