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Welcome to **Studio 55 Dance** 2023-2024 Elite Company

We are a family friendly dance studio offering quality dance education for Rockford and the surrounding communities. At Studio 55 Dance, we believe that FUN is the most important element in any successful dance program! In each class our students have a great time in a non-competitive atmosphere, while learning proper technique and terminology. The dance skills your child will learn while being involved at Studio 55 Dance are just a small part of their education. It is our mission to instill the highest level of dance training in an atmosphere that will encourage self esteem, confidence, and teamwork while building friendships that will last a lifetime. Our passionate staff strives to give each student the necessary tools to develop into a successful dancer.

Our Elite Company Program is designed for dancers age 4 and older, who are ready to make a commitment to a competitive team and accept new challenges. Dancers will spend their class time focusing on proper technique, correct terminology, and body alignment in all styles to help develop a well rounded dancer. Advancing their technical skills both as an individual and as a team member will assist with their strength and endurance, as well as encourage self discipline. While dancing on the Elite Company, dancers will have the opportunity to showcase their talents multiple times throughout the season including conventions, competitions, and community performances.

The Elite Company is designed with a higher level of training through advanced technique in various styles. All Competition Teams will meet a minimum of 2 times per week. Depending on age and class placement some dancers will be required to attend additional hours or classes. Being part of the Elite Company gives dancers the opportunity to participate in, or audition for additional competitive groups at Studio 55 Dance. Solos, duets, trios, small groups, hip hop, acro, pre-pointe, pointe and assistant teachers will all be chosen during the audition process.

If you would like to be a part of the Studio 55 Dance Elite Company, please contact the studio for more information.

Thank you for considering us!
The Staff of **Studio 55 Dance**



Elite Company
2022-2023



Tuition

Tuition payments are due by the first of the month for that month's tuition. Payments not received by the first day of the month will incur a \$20.00 late fee. Additional late fees will be assessed to your account for every 30 days past due. Tuition paid in full for the 2023-2024 season as of September 14, 2023 will receive a 5% discount. No refunds.

Registration Fee

A non-refundable \$15 registration fee is due at the time of student registration. The second registered student within the same family will have a registration fee of \$10, and all additional students within the same family will have their registration fee waived.

Company Member Fee

A non-refundable \$100 Company Member Fee is due by September 28, 2023. The Company Member Fee will cover administration costs incurred throughout the season.

DanceStudio-Pro / Newsletters

All families will be required to register a DanceStudio-Pro account. Invoicing, account balances, class registration, and online payments plus much more will be available through the Parent Portal. All Monthly Newsletters will be sent via email, so make sure we have your current e-mail address to receive these announcements.

Attendance

The 2023-2024 dance season will start the week of Monday, September 11th with recitals tentatively scheduled for June 8-9, 2024. Attendance is very important, not only to each individual, but to the entire group. Students must attend all classes and extra practices. Parents please let us know in advance if your child will need to miss class due to school activities or family vacation, and call us when your child is ill. All dancers are allowed no more than 3 absences in each class(team practice, ballet technique, and elective classes). Full attendance policy will be supplied in the Competition Team Agreement.

Production

All Studio 55 Dance Company Members will participate in a full team Production routine. Practices for the Production routine will be held on the first Saturday of each month October through March(2nd Saturday in December). An exact schedule, including times will be provided at a later date. There are no extra fees for these practices. Production practices are mandatory.

Attire

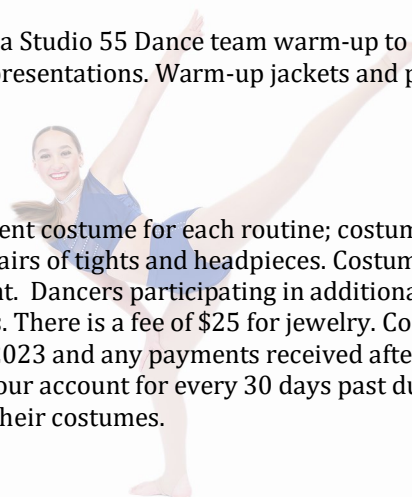
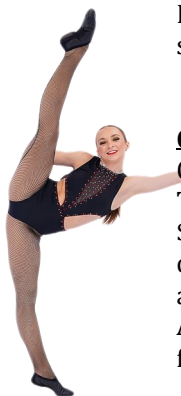
Students should be dressed in tights and a leotard before coming to class; tight tank tops and tight shorts are also acceptable. NO baggy clothing. Hair must be worn up in a ponytail and off the neck and face; a bun is required for all classes. All competitive dancers must have pink ballet shoes for ballet technique class. Jazz, tap, and lyrical shoes are also required and must be purchased through the studio.

Team Warm-Ups

Competitive Dancers are required to get a Studio 55 Dance team warm-up to wear to and from competitions. Dancers will also wear these for award presentations. Warm-up jackets and pants must be purchased through the studio.

Costumes

Competitive dancers will receive a different costume for each routine; costumes may be ordered or custom made. The costume fees will also include 1-2 pairs of tights and headpieces. Costume Fees will be a minimum of \$250-\$500 depending on team placement. Dancers participating in additional dances outside of their 4 required dances will have additional costume fees. There is a fee of \$25 for jewelry. Costume and jewelry fees are due absolutely NO later than November 30, 2023 and any payments received after that date shall incur a \$20.00 late fee. Additional late fees will be assessed to your account for every 30 days past due. Students must have all costume fees paid in full before they will receive their costumes.



Competitions

Competitive Teams attend different competitions in the spring of the year, competing against students of their age and ability from other studios in different categories: ballet, tap, jazz, lyrical, etc. Dancers will attend 3 regional competitions with all 4 group dances.

Competition locations and date/times will be given at a later date once all regional schedules have been announced. Competition teams will also attend a national competition in June/July 2024. The national event we will be attending will be chosen at a later date after placement at regional competitions is known.

All competitive dancers will also be required to attend a local dance convention in the fall(October or November). Conventions are an amazing opportunity for your dancer to learn from some of the top professionals in the industry. Dates and prices will be given at a later date.

All accounts must be in good standing in order to participate in competitions and conventions. If your account has an outstanding balance, you will not be allowed to dance in any competitions until all fees have been paid.

Competition Fees

All competitions charge a different rate based off the size of the group. Below, I have listed the lowest and highest rates that I have experienced in the past. These are just a rough estimate and exact rates will be distributed after all events have been chosen.

Solo: \$120-\$180 per dance-per competition

Duet: \$120-\$180 per dance(to be divided in half)-per competition

Trio: \$120-\$180 per dance(to be divided into thirds)-per competition

Small/Large Groups: \$55-\$65 per dancer-per dance-per competition



Join us for our Elite Company Intensive

The Elite Company Intensive is designed for the serious dancer who is ready to make a commitment to a competitive team and accept new challenges. Dancers will be given the opportunity to improve on individual skills as well as focus on correct terminology and self-discipline in preparation for the audition. Any dancer auditioning for a place on our Elite Company must be registered for the Elite Company Intensive prior to July 24th. Auditions will be held July 27th to evaluate students for proper team placement.

Attire: black leotard, pink stirrup or convertible tights, with hair pulled back neatly into a bun. Please bring all necessary shoes to auditions; lyrical, tap, jazz, and hip hop.

Monday-Lyrical/Contemporary Tuesday-Tap Wednesday-Jazz

Ages 4-8 5:30-6:30

Ages 9-18 6:30-8:00

Thursday-**AUDITION**

All Ages 5:30-8:00

Private auditions can be scheduled at anytime for proper team placement.

