

Forte Academy of Dance 2019-20 Competitive

“Apprentice Team”

Information

Thank you for your interest in the Forte Academy of Dance & Music APPRENTICE TEAM! This team has been specifically designed as a transition into competitive dancing. 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 more rigorous than our regular recreational program. Dancers will attend two 25-minute rehearsals, one 40-minute tap/jazz technique class, and one 55-minute Cecchetti Ballet class per week. In rehearsals, they will exclusively rehearse their two dances. In the technique class, they will alternate between working on jazz and tap, and will be enrolling in our Cecchetti ballet program to enhance their strength, knowledge, and technical presence at competition.

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 apprentice 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!

Although no audition is required, we do require that all dancers who wish to join the Apprentice Team attend a one-hour workshop during Summer Intensive on the evening of **Thursday, July 25**. Dancers should wear a black leotard, pink tights, ballet shoes, and hair in a bun.

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

Please let us know if you have additional questions!

Apprentice 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 Thursday, July 25 workshop (timing will be one hour in afternoon/evening)
 - Cost is \$25 (due 4/29/19)
- Attendance at Summer Intensive Teambuilding session on the evening of Thursday, July 25
- 2 Costume Fees (due 7/25/19 via autopay)
- Enrollment in 4 weekly classes beginning Fall 2019 (two rehearsals and two technique classes)
- Participation in one competition (April/May 2020 – dates will be announced in Fall 2019)

Apprentice 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	
Summer Intensive Workshop	\$25	4/29/2019	
Tuition	\$133 total monthly	September due 4/29/19 Subsequent tuition due 15th of previous month via autopay	4 classes (2 rehearsals, 1 tap/jazz tech class, Cecchetti ballet)
Premium costumes (2)	\$180 total	7/25/2019 via autopay	
Accessories	\$10-\$30 per costume	12/15/2019 via autopay	If applicable
Rhinestone Fee	\$15 per costume	12/15/2019 via autopay	If applicable
Competition Fees (2)	\$60-\$80 total	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)	
Workshop	\$50-\$75	December 2019/January 2020	<i>OPTIONAL for Apprentice Team</i>
Team Gear	\$50-\$150	October 2019	<i>OPTIONAL for Apprentice Team</i>