

CAROUSEL

DANCE COMPANY

2022/2023 INFORMATION PACKAGE



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Dance Company is an exciting opportunity for Carousel students. The company experience allows students to further develop their dance technique as well as performance quality and artistry. In addition, the students develop friendships, leadership skills and enjoy the opportunity to be a part of a group working together to create, perform and express themselves through dance. The 2022/2023 company season is an exciting one with many performance opportunities to be enjoyed. This information package is designed to provide more details about dance company, the commitment required and the different levels of company that are offered.

DANCE COMPANY A

COMMITMENT REQUIRED

- Saturday Afternoon Rehearsals – rehearsals are scheduled on Saturday afternoons between the hours of 2:30-5:00pm. Dancers **will not be required for the full time every week**. Rehearsal schedules detailing the required rehearsals for each dancer are posted in September and January
- Possible occasional Sunday rehearsals in preparation for performances
- Parent volunteer commitment of 8 hours annually

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

COMPANY A JUNIOR Levels 3 or 4	COMPANY A INTERMEDIATE Levels 5A & 5B	COMPANY A SENIOR Levels 6A+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enrolled in Junior 3 or 4 • enrolled in 3 hours of dance classes per week including both ballet and modern dance • fulfill one of the following spring/summer requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participate in TWO or more classes during 7-week Spring Session OR ○ Participate in a MINIMUM of 10 drop in dance classes during July & August OR ○ Participate in ONE class during 7-week Spring Session and 4 drop in dance classes during July & August OR ○ Participate in “DANCE PERFORMERS” program in August OR ○ Participate in Focus on Technique program in July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enrolled in Level 5A or 5B • enrolled in 4 hours of dance classes per week including both ballet and modern dance • fulfill one of the following summer requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participate in TWO or more classes during 7-week Spring Session OR ○ Participate in a MINIMUM of 10 drop in dance classes during July & August OR ○ Participate in ONE class during 7-week Spring Session and 4 drop in dance classes during July & August OR ○ Participate in “DANCE PERFORMERS” program in August OR ○ Participate in Focus on Technique program in July 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • enrolled in Level 6A or above • enrolled in minimum of 6 hours of dance classes per week including a minimum of 2 ballet classes and 2 modern classes • fulfill one of the following summer requirements <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Participate in THREE or more weekly classes during 7-week Spring Session OR ○ Participate in a MINIMUM of 15 drop in dance classes during July & August OR ○ Participate in a combination of Spring classes and Summer drop in classes adding up to a minimum of 15 classes OR ○ Participate in “DANCE PERFORMERS” program in August OR ○ Fulfill an L.I.T. position at DANCE PERFORMERS program. <i>Students must be a minimum level of 6B (during 2022/2023 school year) and be a current company A member to apply for an L.I.T. position in the Dance Performers Camp.</i>

PERFORMANCES

- December 11 & 12, 2022 – Snowman & Snowdog Performances at Humanities Theatre
- April 16, 2023 – Spring Company Show at Theatre of the Arts, U of W

REGISTRATION PROCESS

- students who fulfill the commitments listed above are eligible to enrol in Company A
- register on-line prior to June 30, 2022

FEES

- \$550 + HST per year – fees due August 1st (payment plan can be arranged upon request)

****All company fees are non-refundable.**

DANCE COMPANY B

Dance Company B is for students in Junior 2 or above who are interested in participating in Dance Company but who prefer a lesser commitment. Company B is an excellent option for students who are new to dance company or who are unable to fulfill spring/summer dance requirements.

COMMITMENT REQUIRED

- Saturday Afternoon Rehearsals – rehearsals are scheduled on Saturday afternoons between the hours of 2:30-5:00pm. Dancers will be required for approximately half of the Saturday rehearsals for approximately one hour of rehearsal time on each of the rehearsal days. Rehearsal schedules detailing the required rehearsals for each dancer are posted in September and January.
- Possible occasional Sunday rehearsals in preparation for performances
- Parent volunteer commitment of 4 hours annually

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

- enrolled in Level 2 or above
- enrolled in both ballet and modern dance
- no spring/summer requirements for Company B students

PERFORMANCES

- December 11 & 12, 2022 – Snowman & Snowdog Performances at Humanities Theatre
- April 16, 2023 – Spring Company Show at Theatre of the Arts, U of W

REGISTRATION PROCESS

- All students who fulfill the commitments listed above are eligible to enrol in Company B
- Students must register on-line prior to August 15th, 2022

FEES

- \$300 + HST per year – fees due August 15th (payment plan can be arranged upon request)
****All company fees are non-refundable.**

YOUNG PERFORMERS

Young performers is a program designed for students in Primary 3 and Junior 1. The “Young Performer Group” meets once per week on Saturday from 10:15-11:00am and will learn choreography to perform in both the Christmas and Spring performances.

COMMITMENT REQUIRED

- Attendance at weekly “Young Performers” class
- Possible occasional additional Saturday and/or Sunday rehearsals in preparation for performances
- Parent volunteer commitment of 2 hours annually

ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

- enrolled in Primary 3 or Junior 1
- enrolled in both ballet and modern dance
- no summer requirements for Young Performers

PERFORMANCES

- December 11 & 12, 2022 – Snowman & Snowdog Performances at Humanities Theatre
- April 16, 2023 – Spring Company Show at Theatre of the Arts, U of W

REGISTRATION PROCESS

- All students who fulfill the requirements listed above are eligible to enrol in Young Performers
- register on-line prior to August 15th, 2019

FEES

- \$300 + HST per year – fees due August 15th (payment plan can be arranged upon request)
****All company fees are non-refundable.**

DANCE COMPANY ANNUAL CALENDAR

A list of Dance Company performance and workshop opportunities is detailed below. **All dance company members will participate in *The Snowman & The Snowdog* and the *Spring Dance Show at the Theatre of the Arts*.** Throughout the year, additional performance, travel and workshop opportunities will be offered for Company A & Company B members. These additional opportunities will be announced to company members as they arise throughout the year and participation is optional. Some opportunities will be available to all company members while some opportunities will be offered by age/level and/or invite. **There will be additional fees associated with these extra opportunities.**

2022-2023 DANCE COMPANY ANNUAL CALENDAR

JULY 9 – “CELEBRATE SUMMER” PERFORMANCE AT NEW DUNDEE BANDSHELL (RAIN DATE: JULY 10)

Dance company members will collaborate with Rhapsody Dance Project for this fun outdoor performance.

JULY 10-15 – DANCE & THE CHILD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE (VIRUTAL EVENT)

Dance company members will present two virtual pieces at this year’s daCi conference.

AUGUST 18 – REGISTRY THEATRE PERFORMANCE 7:00pm

Students ages 10+ are invited to join our two-week Summer “Dance Performers” Program from August 8-19. During the program, students will learn choreography and create a performance to be performed at the Registry Theatre on August 18.

OCTOBER 17 – FALL PERFORMANCE AT REGISTRY THEATRE

This performance will highlight student choreographed pieces prepared for the Picton Junior Choreographer’s Gala. Open to Company A dancers in Level 5A and above.

OCTOBER 22 – PICTON JUNIOR CHOREOGRAPHER’S GALA

Ballet Gala in Picton featuring dance workshops and student choreographed works. Open to Company A dancers in Level 5A or above. Students who participate in this opportunity must also be available for the Registry Theatre Performance in October.

DECEMBER 11 – CAROUSEL COMPANY PERFORMS “SNOWMAN & SNOWDOG” AT THEATRE OF THE ARTS

The Snowman & The Snowdog returns. All Company A, Company B and Young performers will join us on-stage for this performance.

DECEMBER 12 – CAROUSEL COMPANY “SNOWMAN & SNOWDOG” SCHOOL PERFORMANCES AT THEATRE OF THE ARTS

School performances of The Snowman & The Snowdog at Theatre of the Arts. All Company A, Company B and Young performers will be involved in the school shows.

DECEMBER 16, 17, 18 – CAROUSEL PERFORMS WITH KW SYMPHONY AT YULETIDE SPECTACULAR

We are excited to be invited to perform once again with the KW Symphony. Details on eligibility for this performance will be forwarded to company members in August.

FEBRUARY 12 – PERFORMANCE WITH KW CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Carousel Dance Company looks forward to our first collaboration with the KW Chamber Orchestra. More details will be forwarded in August.

FEBRUARY 17 & 18 – HARRY POTTER PERFORMANCE WITH KW SYMPHONY

Carousel Dance Company performs with the KW Symphony. This project was started in 2020 and we look forward to revisiting it this season!

APRIL 16TH – DANCE COMPANY SPRING SHOW AT THEATRE OF THE ARTS

Carousel’s Dance Company’s annual spring company show includes Dance Company A, B and Young Performers.

JUNE 2023 – GUELPH CONTEMPORARY DANCE FESTIVAL

Workshops and performances at the Guelph Contemporary Dance Festival.

We are also working on coordinating workshop opportunities and guest choreographers. Watch for details on all these exciting performances, events and travel opportunities which will be posted throughout the year.