

CAROUSEL

DANCE COMPANY

2023/2024 INFORMATION PACKAGE



Company Director: Heidi Churchill

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 2023/2024 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 6-week Spring Session OR ○ Participate in a MINIMUM of 10 drop in dance classes during July & August OR ○ Participate in ONE class during 6-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 6-week Spring Session OR ○ Participate in a MINIMUM of 10 drop in dance classes during July & August OR ○ Participate in ONE class during 6-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 6-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 2023/2024 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 3 & 4, 2023 – Nutcracker at Theatre of the Arts, U of W
- April 7, 2024 – 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, 2023

FEES

- \$575 + 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 3 & 4, 2023 – Nutcracker at Theatre of the Arts, U of W
- April 7, 2024 – 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, 2023

FEES

- \$325 + 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 10:45-11:30am 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 3 & 4, 2023 – Nutcracker at Theatre of the Arts, U of W
- April 7, 2024 – 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

- \$325 + 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 Nutcracker* 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.**

2023-2024 DANCE COMPANY ANNUAL CALENDAR

JULY 8 – “STYLES OF SUMMER” PERFORMANCE AT NEW DUNDEE BANDSHELL (RAIN DATE: JULY 9)

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

AUGUST 24 – REGISTRY THEATRE PERFORMANCE 7:00pm

Students ages 10+ are invited to join our two-week Summer “Dance Performers” Program from August 14-25. During the program, students will learn choreography and create a performance to be performed at the Registry Theatre on August 24.

OCTOBER 22 – 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 28/29 – 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 3– CAROUSEL COMPANY PERFORMS “NUTCRACKER” AT THEATRE OF THE ARTS

All Company A, Company B and Young performers will join us on-stage for this performance.

DECEMBER 4 – CAROUSEL COMPANY “NUTCRACKER” SCHOOL PERFORMANCES AT THEATRE OF THE ARTS

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

DECEMBER 15,16,17 – 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 4 – PERFORMANCE WITH KW CHAMBER ORCHESTRA

Carousel Dance Company looks for to collaborating with the KW Chamber Orchestra.

MARCH 24 – GUELPH YOUTH DANCE EXCHANGE

This season Carousel’s hosts the exchange with dancers from Guelph Youth Dance. A day of workshops, sharing & creating. This event will include dancers from Carousel Junior & Intermediate companies.

APRIL 7 – 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.

JULY 7-12 – DANCE & THE CHILD INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE IN SLOVENIA

Stay tuned for details about the dancer & parent information meeting about travelling to Slovenia for the daCi conference in 2024!

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.