

FACTORY FLEX

“turning gears at your own pace.”



Welcome

The Factory Flex Program is a moderately competitive program tailored specifically for dancers between the ages of 7 and 18. It offers an excellent opportunity for young dancers eager to dip their toes into the competitive dance scene. The program is designed to be more accessible, providing a smaller, more manageable schedule compared to more intensive programs. This allows participants to engage in competitive dance without the overwhelming commitments often associated with it.

The program aims to nurture talent by setting flexible expectations, making it suitable for those balancing other commitments or looking to gradually increase their involvement in dance. It offers a supportive environment where dancers can grow their skills, gain valuable performance experience, and build confidence in a competitive setting.

For those interested in joining, auditions are mandatory for new dancers, ensuring that all entrants meet the program's standards and can fully benefit from what it offers. However, dancers who are already part of the team and wish to continue their journey with the Factory Flex Program are not required to audition again, acknowledging their previous accomplishments and commitment.

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🌟💙 **All dancers eager to participate in the Factory Flex Training Program must audition in person on a designated date. Dancers currently on our competition team are not required to re-audition!**

Training Requirements

Once selected for the Factory Flex Program, all dancers will participate in one intermediate leveled jazz routine and one intermediate leveled lyrical/contemporary routine. All dancers are required to attend the following classes and rehearsals each week to ensure they are prepared for competition: 1 Hour Ballet Class and 90 Minute Technique Class.

Optional Classes

All dancers in this program are automatically invited to participate in our annual production, which showcases our collective efforts as a cohesive team on stage. Rehearsals occur every Saturday and last between two to three hours when needed. However, participation is optional, and dancers can choose whether or not to be involved.

Dancers may also choose to participate in additional classes and routines to further develop their skills and performance abilities. We encourage each dancer to find the best fit for their schedule, ensuring they can balance their passion for dance with other commitments. For those who are eager to improve and work their way up to a more disciplined commitment, taking these additional classes can be incredibly beneficial. Our offerings include a variety of skill-enhancing sessions that cater to different levels and interests. Whether you're looking to refine your technique, explore new dance styles, or increase your overall stamina and strength, these classes are designed to support your growth as a dancer. By integrating these sessions into your routine, you can steadily progress toward your personal dance goals while maintaining a balance that works for you. Optional classes include a 45 Minute Flexibility Class, 45 Minute Jumps, Leaps, & Turns Class, 45 Minute Conditioning & Endurance Class, 45 Minute Improv Class, 1 Hour Tap Class, 1 Hour Acrobatics Class, and a 1 Hour Hip-Hop Class!

Invitational Opportunities

The artistic director, in conjunction with instructors, will meticulously select students who exhibit significant progress, uphold a positive demeanor, demonstrate exemplary attendance, and excel in collaborative efforts. These students will be invited to engage in specialized routines both within and beyond the classroom over the course of the season. This initiative is structured to support each dancer's individual development, providing them with exclusive opportunities to enhance their skills. Invitations will be issued contingent upon instructor endorsement, ensuring that the chosen dancers are prepared to undertake new challenges and display their talents in a nurturing environment. This includes a line routine, as well as our new program, LEVEL UP: The TDF Weekly Series. For more information on this program, take a look at our reference page!

For the safety of our dancers and to help maintain a healthy balance, dancers may only take as many technique classes per week as their age. For example, a 5-year-old dancer may take a maximum of five hours of dance classes per week. Monthly tuition will remain the same as normal studio fees.



Attendance Policy

Summer Classes

All dancers participating in the Factory Flex Program are required to either attend four weeks of summer technique classes, meeting two to three times per week, or participate in our week-long Summer Intensive. These classes are designed to enhance each dancer's foundation in jazz, lyrical, and ballet, while promoting continued growth, strength, and artistry during the off-season. Consistent summer training ensures dancers return to the season prepared, confident, and ready to progress. These options of summer training are mandatory to participate in the competition season ahead. No choreography will be learned in the summer for students in the Factory Flex Program.

Technique Class Absences

While there are no strict attendance makeup requirements for technique classes, regular participation is highly encouraged to support dancers in refining their skills and technique.

Routine Rehearsal Absences

Dancers are permitted up to four absences per routine from September through January. From January 1st until their first competition of the season, absences are not allowed unless justified by a valid reason, such as a doctor's note, a funeral, or a religious event. Consistent attendance is crucial to ensure dancers are thoroughly prepared for competitions.

Competition Commitments

The Factory Flex group will perform their routines in 3 regional competitions, located no more than 3 hours away from the studio, between March and May. They will also perform their competitive routines in our annual recital in June, following with participation in 1 National Competition, located no more than 6 hours away from the studio.

All Factory Flex dancers will compete in the Intermediate category. Instructors have the discretion to evaluate dancers for placement in the Advanced category based on skill, performance, and readiness.

Participation in the Factory Flex Program also requires families and dancers to sign a program contract. This contract outlines expectations for attendance, behavior, rehearsal participation, team commitment, as well as tuition obligations. Upholding these expectations is essential to maintain a dancer's position on the team and to ensure a positive, supportive, and professional environment for all members. This ensures that all dancers are able to fully benefit from the structured training and competitive experience.

At the end of the season, instructors will provide feedback and guidance to help families determine if the dancer is ready to advance to other TDF competitive programs, or explore additional dance opportunities. Continuing dancers will be expected to recommit to program policies, attendance, and class participation for the following year.

This structure ensures that dancers continue to grow in a safe, supportive, and goal-oriented environment while maintaining a healthy balance between dance, school, and personal life.

Tuition & Fees

The Factory Flex Program is designed to provide a flexible yet structured competitive experience, and tuition and fees reflect the program's offerings. Monthly tuition is based on participation in a minimum of seven classes per week. Each dancer will also have a costume fee, charged once per season, to cover the cost of performance attire. Additionally, each group will have a competition registration fee for the first competition of the season, which covers entry and administrative costs. These fees ensure that dancers have the resources they need to fully participate in classes, rehearsals, and competitions throughout the season. Please note, some competition events will have a media fee for access to photos/videos.

TUITION, FEES & DEPOSITS

- Summer Class Tuition
- Studio Registration (n/a after 8 consecutive years)
- Competition Registration Deposit
- Program Monthly Tuition - Flat Rate (up to 7 hours of rehearsals/training minimum)
- *Possible Prop Fee
- Costume Fee - 2 Group Costume minimum
- Competition #1 - Registration Fee
 - 2 Group Routine Entry Fee

- Competition #2 - Registration Fee
- 2 Group Routine Entry Fee
- Competition #3 - Registration Fee
 - 2 Group Routine Entry Fee
- Nationals Competition Fees
 - 2 Group Routine Entry Fee
- *Optional Production Competition Fees x4 events

Join Our Dance Family

In conclusion, the Factory Flex Program offers dancers an incredibly enriching competitive dance experience that goes beyond just technical skills. It provides a platform where dancers can foster meaningful friendships and develop a strong sense of teamwork. The program is designed to cultivate a lifelong love of dance, emphasizing not only performance but also personal growth and development.

With a keen focus on individual growth and tailored support, dancers are encouraged to thrive at their own pace, allowing them the flexibility to balance rigorous training with other important activities in their lives. The Factory Flex Program instills a variety of valuable life skills that extend far beyond the dance floor, such as discipline, responsibility, and collaboration, all within a nurturing and supportive environment.

Ultimately, Factory Flex is dedicated to helping dancers grow not just as performers, but as well-rounded individuals. It creates lasting memories and lays a solid foundation for their future success in the world of dance. The program's holistic approach ensures that each dancer is not only prepared for competitions but also equipped with the skills and confidence needed to succeed in whatever path they choose to pursue.



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