



# FACTORY FORCE

*“hard work in motion.”*


## Welcome

The Factory Force Program is an advanced and comprehensive competitive experience designed for young dancers between the ages of 7 and 18. This program caters to those who are not only ready but eager to train with a clear purpose, perform with unwavering confidence, and compete at the highest level of their age group. Participants in this program are expected to be driven by a strong desire to excel, demonstrating both discipline and a deep passion for dance.

These dancers are committed to elevating their technique, refining their artistry, and enhancing their overall performance quality. The program is structured to provide rigorous training and numerous opportunities for growth and development in various dance styles and performance settings.

To ensure that all participants are placed appropriately based on their skill level and potential, all dancers, including those who are already part of the current team, must audition yearly. This audition process ensures that each dancer is challenged appropriately and can continue to develop their skills in a supportive yet competitive environment. The Factory Force Program strives to cultivate not only outstanding dancers but also confident and well-rounded individuals who are prepared for the demands of competitive dance.

Scroll down to discover more!

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# Training Requirements

Once selected for the Factory Force Program, all dancers will participate in one competitive leveled jazz routine and one competitive leveled lyrical/contemporary routine. All dancers are required to attend the following classes and rehearsals each week to ensure they are prepared for competition. This includes a 1 Hour Jazz-Based Jumps, Leaps, and Turns Class, 120 Minute Ballet Class Credit (2 classes/week), 45 Minute Flexibility Training, 45 Minute Condition & Endurance Training as well as LEVEL UP: TDF Weekly Series!

Participants in this program are also expected to partake in our annual production, which showcases our collective efforts as a cohesive team on stage. Rehearsals occur every Saturday and last between three hours when needed. This commitment is required for all dancers in the program.

## **LEVEL UP: TDF Weekly Series**

We are thrilled to announce that we're offering more opportunities for Factory Force dancers to delve into a diverse array of dance genres. This expansion in training not only enriches their skills but also fuels their passion, motivating them to achieve readiness for the professional world of entertainment and dance. Our commitment is to expose and educate dancers, guiding them

toward a successful career in this vibrant industry.

To further support this mission, the classes listed below will rotate weekly throughout the season, meeting once per week and introducing dancers to a variety of styles, topics, and industry-based experiences. This ever-evolving format keeps training fresh, engaging, and well-rounded.

Our Factory Force dancers receive a flat-rate tuition that provides unlimited access to all classes, allowing them to train without limits and fully immerse themselves in their dance education.

Meeting once per week, dancers will rotate learning different topics including:

- GUEST TEACHER WORKSHOPS: Dive into masterclasses and workshops with top-notch guest instructors, choreographers, and artists, all set up just for TDF students to help you expand your skills and open up new possibilities.
- PUBLIC SPEAKING SEMINARS: Boost your performance game with training that helps you build essential tools and confidence to share your true talents with any audience, big or small.
- GENRE EXPLORATION: Dancers receive the opportunity to explore styles beyond their usual training, including ballroom, collegiate pom, and cultural dance. This series builds versatility, confidence, and a broader appreciation for dance in a fun, engaging way.
- IN HOUSE PHOTOSHOOTS: Get the hang of performing for the camera while fine-tuning your technique and showing off your unique style, one pose at a time.
- MOCK AND REAL AUDITIONS: Dive into the world of auditions, learning how to snag performances, contracts, and gigs beyond the studio with the skills you need to thrive in the industry.
- NON-COMPETITION RELATED PERFORMANCES: Use your talent to make a difference by creating outreach programs and performing in non-competitive venues, letting your creativity shine and inspire others.
- CONCEPT VIDEO SHOOTS: Turn your stage presence into captivating camera performances, exploring new artistic dimensions and capturing your talent in a stunning visual format.
- CHOREOGRAPHY SERIES: Dancers receive the opportunity to collaborate, create, and bring their ideas to life while learning the process of building a piece. Through exploring

musicality, movement, and storytelling, they'll grow their creativity, confidence, and ability to work together in a fun, supportive environment.

## **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 Force 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 & Routine Rehearsal Absences**

Dancers are allowed a maximum of four absences per routine or class from September through January. From January 1st until the first competition of the season, absences will only be permitted for valid reasons, such as a doctor's note, a funeral, or a religious event. Consistent attendance is essential to ensure that dancers are fully prepared for competitions. For mandatory training hours, dancers are required to make up any missed hours by participating in additional classes throughout the week. These include: Ballet, Jumps Leaps Turns, Flexibility, and Conditioning. Classes will take place with Factory Flex students on Wednesday afternoons. More information will be available to access on our website.

# 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 Force dancers will compete in the advanced category.

Participation in the Factory Force 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. 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 Force Program is designed to provide a 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

# Student Schedule

**JUNIOR FACTORY FORCE SCHEDULE**

DAY 1 (Tuesday/Thursday)		DAY 2 (Tuesday/Thursday)		DAY 3 (Saturday)	
5:30-6:30 PM	JR Force Ballet	4:30-5:30 PM	JR Force Lyrical	9:00-10:00 AM	Pre - Pointe/ Ballet Technique Force ALL
6:30-7:15 PM	Force Flexibility	5:30-6:30 PM	Jr Force J/L/T	10:00-10:45 AM	Jr Force Jazz Routine Rehearsal
7:15-7:30 PM	Dinner Break	6:30-6:45 PM	Dinner Break	11:00-2:00 PM	Production (when Called)
7:30-8:30 PM	LEVEL UP!!!!	6:45-7:30 PM	Force Conditioning		

**TEEN FACTORY FORCE SCHEDULE**

DAY 1 (Tuesday/Thursday)		DAY 2 (Tuesday/Thursday)		DAY 3 (Saturday)	
5:30-6:30 PM	Teen Force J/L/T	5:30-6:30 PM	Teen Force Ballet	9:00-10:00 AM	Pre - Pointe/ Ballet Technique Force ALL
6:30-7:15 PM	Force Flexibility	6:30-6:45 PM	Dinner Break	10:00-10:45 AM	Jr Force Jazz Routine Rehearsal
7:15-7:30 PM	Dinner Break	6:45- 7:30 PM	Force Conditioning	11:00-2:00 PM	Production (when Called)
7:30-8:30 PM	LEVEL UP!!!!	7:30-8:30 PM	Teen Force Lyrical		

Please note, additional and optional teams such as The Dance Factory's Tap Team, Acrobatic Troupe, and Hip-Hop Crew Rehearsals will be held on the schedule Monday or Saturday weekly.

# Join Our Dance Family

In conclusion, the Factory Force 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.

It emphasizes the development of a strong work ethic through consistency, accountability, and teamwork. Participants are encouraged to enhance their technical skills and creative expression while cultivating personal discipline. By focusing on these core values, the program lays a solid foundation for success, nurturing versatile and driven artists who are prepared for the demands of the dance industry.

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