

PREMIERE / DANCE
PROJECT

Performance Team Handbook
2023-2024

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INTRODUCTION

Dancers and Families - welcome to our 2023-2024 performance season. We are happy to have you as a member of the Premiere Performance Team! This is a great program for dancers who are looking for multiple performance opportunities throughout the year. This experience will build confidence, create friendships, and promote community engagement. Please familiarize yourself with this handbook. Miss Kiersten is always available for questions or concerns.

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We are looking forward to an incredible season! We cannot wait to see all of the Performance Team members' growth throughout the season.

REGISTRATION

Registration for the 2023-2024 Premiere Performance Team begins on Monday, May 1st, 2023 and ends on Monday, August 7th, 2023. Registration will take place online through your parent portal.

- Pearl Team - Dancers between the ages of 4-6 years on August 7th.
- Crystal Team - Dancers between the ages of 7-9 years on August 7th.
- Diamond Team - Dancers between the ages of 10+ years on August 7th.

COMMITMENT

The Premiere Performance Team requires dedication from all of its members. Members of the Performance Team are held to a higher standard. All members must be willing to commit to the weekly classes outlined below and a bi-weekly 45 minute rehearsal. In addition, Performance Team members must be able to attend all outlined performances during the year. If a dancer must withdraw from the Performance Team, the financial obligation will be handled on a situational basis at the discretion of the studio owners.

ATTENDANCE

The attendance of Premiere's Performance Team Members members is crucial to the growth of the team as a whole. Dancers must be attending weekly classes on a regular basis. In addition, team members are allowed 3 rehearsal absences throughout the year. When a dancer misses more than 3 absences, he or she is required to set up private lessons with Kiersten to review missed rehearsal information.

REQUIRED CLASSES

Rehearsals - Bi-weekly rehearsals will begin September 10th, 2023.

- Pearl Team Rehearsal - every other Sunday from 2:00-2:45p
- Crystal Team Rehearsal - every other Sunday from 2:45-3:30p
- Diamond Team Rehearsal - every other Sunday from 3:30-4:15p

- **Schedule may change due to performance opportunities and/or holidays and will be outlined / updated on the calendar throughout the season as needed.*

Weekly Technique Classes - Weekly class levels will be determined during yearly evaluations.

- Introductory Level (KinderCombo & Intermediate Progression)
 - 1 Introductory Class (Ballet & Tap Combo) / Week
 - 1 "Elective" Class / Week
- Level I-IV:
 - 1 Ballet Technique Class / Week
 - 1 Jazz Class / Week
 - 2 "Elective" Classes / Week

Summer Camps / Classes - All Performance Team members are required to attend at least one summer camp or class. (This does not include summer Drop-In Classes.)

Welcome Day / Parade Choreography & Mandatory Parent Meeting (8/19)- All Performance Team members are required to attend the Welcome Day / Parade Choreography. This will take place on Saturday, August 19th from 1:00-3:30p. A **mandatory parent meeting** will take place from 12:30-1:00p on this date.

PERFORMANCE TEAM ATTIRE

Weekly Technique Classes - Dancers will be expected to follow the Premiere Dance Project dress code for weekly classes.

Rehearsals - Dancers will be expected to wear **all black, form-fitting dance wear** to rehearsals. This can include: leotards, booty shorts, bra tops, tank tops, and leggings. This dress code gives dancers a clean, uniform appearance that is ideal for the instructor when cleaning and working with choreography.

Performances - Dancers will be expected to wear Performance Team apparel and appropriate costume to each performance. Performance Team Hair & Makeup will be at the discretion of the instructor and will be announced in January or with each performance.

REQUIRED PERFORMANCES

Waukee Homecoming Parade | TBD

Dancers will perform the Parade Choreography during the Waukee Homecoming Parade.

Premiere Showcase | DATE TBD

Dancers will perform the Routine Choreography during the annual Premiere Showcase held in January.

Sporting Event Halftime (x2) | DATE TBD

Dancers will perform the Routine Choreography during the pre-show of an Iowa Wolves and Wild game between the months of November - April.

Recital | June 2024 - Date TBD

Dancers will perform the Routine Choreography during Premiere's annual recital held in June.

Other performance opportunities will become available throughout the season. These performance opportunities will not be mandatory. We will communicate all opportunities as soon as possible. Extra performances will not affect your "Performance Fee".

COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES

- **Email:** All major communications will be sent & received via email.
- **App:** Reminders and quick communications will be sent via the GroupMe app. Parents are welcome to utilize this platform to ask questions and communicate with other members. App information will be sent out at the start of the season.
- **Google Calendar:** All important dates will be listed on the Performance Team Google Calendar. Google Calendar information will be sent out at the beginning of the season.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION / PRICING

1. Performance Team Tuition | \$385 / year
 - The tuition for the Premiere Performance Team is separate from your regular class tuition and is taxable.
 - This fee covers seasonal planning, staffing, and rehearsal time.
2. Choreography Fee | \$150 / year
3. Additional Fees
 - a. **Registration Fee** | A \$50 registration fee will be required to reserve your dancer's spot on the Performance Team & charged upon registration.
 - b. **Costume Fee** | \$125 / costume
 - i. Shoe Requirements will be announced when the costume is finalized.
 - ii. Tights may be required after costume choice has been finalized.
 - c. **Performance Fee** | \$160
 - i. Homecoming Parade, Premiere Showcase, Sporting Event Halftime (x2)
 - d. **Team Apparel** | \$150

- i. Team Sweatshirt - includes dancer's name and logo
- ii. Parade T-Shirt

Yearly Financial Obligations: After joining the Premiere Performance Team, dancers and families will need to fill out a financial agreement to review all charges. The sum of Performance Team tuition, choreography, costumes, performance fees, performance and team apparel are added together for a grand total. 25% of this total will be due on Friday, August 11th. The remaining balance is then divided into 10 equal payments charged on the 15th of each month from September to June.

EXPENSES / FEES | *Based on 1 dancer.*

Performance Team Tuition	\$385
Choreography Fee	\$150
Costume Fee	\$125
Performance Fee	\$160
Team Apparel	\$150

TOTAL FOR YEAR	\$970 (\$1,037.90 w/ tax)
25% by August 9th	\$242.50 (\$259.48 w/ tax)
Balance for year	\$727.50 (\$778.43 w/ tax)
Monthly Payments (Sept. - June)	\$72.75 (\$77.84 w/ tax)

Your 25% deposit will be charged on Tuesday, August 8th & due by Friday, August 11th. Equal payments on the remaining balance will be made on the 15th of each month from September - June.

Performance Team Agreements will be due by Friday, August 11th.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Premiere Dance Project holds Performance Team members to high moral standards. At classes, rehearsals, and performances, dancers should respect all team members and instructors. At performances or outside events Premiere dancers should respect all facilities and people in attendance. This includes cleaning up in dressing rooms and auditoriums at all venues. A breach in any of the rules outlined above could result in disciplinary action or removal from the Premiere Performance Team entirely.

Any and all circumstances not discussed in the handbook will be handled at the discretion of the studio owners.