

Key School of Dance

# Dance Team Information



2019-2020 season

Sept - May

**Dancers wanted!**

## Requirements

- Must be in Ballet I or higher level
- Must take a Minimum of two classes a week or more. one of which must be ballet
- Must attend all classes and rehearsals
- \$40 a month in addition to class tuition

## Expectations

### Unlocked Dance Collective Members-

Key School of Dance will be forming Non-competitive and Competitive Dance Teams for the 2019-2020 dance season. These teams will perform at various venues around the community as well as Key School of Dance annual productions. The competitive Team will compete in the 2020 dance season at various competitions. Unlocked Dance Collective Members will uphold a standard of dance that includes clean music, age appropriate choreography, age appropriate and modest costumes, clean Lines, and Technique needed to become great artists and not just competitors. We will also strive to create a welcoming atmosphere that uplifts and encourages those we dance with and perform for.

**Time Commitment-** Rehearsals will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings and Saturday mornings from Sept-May. Dancers are expected to be at ALL rehearsals and performances unless there is a sickness or emergency. Company rehearsals and performances should be your priority. If a dancer misses the rehearsal before a performance that dancer will most likely not be able to perform in the performance. If a dancer does not know their choreography they will be taken out of the section in the dance that they do not know.

A dance company is a team. If one player is missing, or does not know the plays they are taken out and another is put in there place. Dance is no different. If one dancer is missing from a group piece it throws the entire dance out of whack. We need the commitment from the parents as well as the dancers. We can not do this without parents supporting the team and being fully committed.

**Financial Commitment.** A \$40 a month fee will be added to the students class tuition. ( a discount will be applied to those who pay for the entire season up front) Members are required to take a minimum of two ballet classes a week in addition to coming to rehearsals. We encourage our members to take four or more classes to really round out their dance training. An example would be two ballet classes, a stretch / tech class, and a contemporary. Other fees may include purchase of costumes and equipment ( shoes, tights,leo, props etc.)

**Performances-** Company members will have many opportunities to perform around the community as well as in KSD shows. Members will immediately learn a routine to perform at the Blue Springs Fall Fun Fest Sept 15th 7pm community stage. Then company members will start work on Christmas show routines. We will perform these works at the KSD Christmas show (around the first of Dec) then share them with our community in nursing homes, church programs and other venues. In January company will start work on new routines to perform and showcase in the spring show. Those who wish to compete will begin or clean their competition routines. KSD company members may have the opportunity to participate in a spring musical with Indep.City Theatre. ( april 2019)

**Other Obligations-**Company members must have good attendance in their weekly technique classes.members must adhere to company dress codes for class and stage. Company members will not only learn ballet choreography but also other dance genres such as Jazz, Hip-hop, contemporary, and more. Members will also dance to a wide range of music from classical, to pop, to instrumental, to modern, to hip-hop and Christian music genres. Members and their families may be asked to participate in fundraising events.

We have zero tolerance for drug use, smoking, gossip, foul language, and disrespect. Dancers will be dismissed from the company if a dancer decides to partake in these activities.

If company members are struggling with the temptation or desire to partake in these or other dangerous activities we encourage company members to come and talk to your company directors about this so that we can hold you accountable and encourage you to abstain.

You will not be dismissed or punished from company for being honest and open about your struggles or asking for help!

**Company members will receive-** Company Jacket, Company t-shirt, Keychain (hats, warm ups,and other accessories can be purchased separately), some costuming, over 60 hours of studio time in rehearsals, Original KSD choreography, and increase in dance techniques, and performance time.

**Competition-** Company Member can choose to participate in competitive dance competitions. Key School of Dance will participate in as many as three competitions per season. KSD will stay local when choosing competition organizations. Competing company members may be required to attend more rehearsals. For those that want to compete with a solo private lessons may need to be added and paid for. Competition Fees- For those company members who wish to join the competitive dance track there will be competition dance fees for each competition you wish to compete in as well as a fee per entry in that competition. Competition fees vary depending on the Competition Organization. Parents will be obligated to pay the competition fees for each entry. The Competition scene can be fun and challenging. At Key School of Dance we will strive to do our very best when competing. We will Show respect to each other and to other competitors. Costumes will be modest and tasteful. Music choices will be clean in lyrics and in content. KSD performs and competes not just to get a high score but to inspire, encourage and bless others.

**Ministry Team-** KSD company member can also be a part of a ministry. Sharing God's Love through dance. Students who wish to participate in the Ministry may also take part in studio bible studies, Prayer, and worship in dance nights at the studio. The Ministry team will also perform at church events, and other outreach ministries.

## Most important

We want our company member to have fun! We want to share the love of dance with our students, members and community and each other!