



THE VILLAGE PERFORMING COMPANY

VPCO 2022-2023

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The Village Performing Company is an educational source for dancers to build technique, performance and creativity. It also is a place to grow both as a dancer and an individual. Dancers are challenged to always strive for their best and the company exemplifies their hard work and dedication.

The Village Performing Company consists of dancers ages 8-18 and is divided into five different casts for the 2022 – 2023 dance season. The technical requirements for each group and the policies are listed below:

REQUIREMENTS AND COMMITMENT

All dancers in The Performing Company must register for the Performing Company Class in addition to the following classes based on their grade level and age...(classes taken at other locations do not fill any of these requirements)

COMPANY DANCERS GRADES 4TH – 6TH

Dancers must be enrolled in either Ballet or Jazz Styles or Jazz & Tap in addition to the Performing Company class.

COMPANY DANCERS GRADES 7TH – 12TH

Dancers must be enrolled in two technique classes in addition to the Performing Company class. Ballet is required and either Jazz, Jazz & Tap, or Modern. *The Performing Company class is held on Thursdays and is a 90 minute class with a dance conditioning warm up.

Commitment for the Performing Company is for the entire year starting June 2022 through May 2023.

AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held in person at VDS and virtual by request.

Applications must be submitted to attend auditions by May 11, 2022

Dancers must be at least 8 years of age by the audition date.

Dancers must sign up to audition.

CAST PLACEMENT

Dancers are accepted and advanced based on the following criteria:

technical skill, ability to learn choreography, performance skills, commitment and desire to dance, age, grade level and maturity and choreographic need.

All dancers must audition each year to gain placement in the company.

DANCERS WILL NEED:

- 1) **VDS** leotard, black cotton dance pants, black jazz shoes
- 2) Dance bag with a folder for handouts given out in class (please check on regular basis) and a small notebook for choreographic notes
- 3) Special needs for performances will vary. Company members will be required to purchase costumes for a performance that they will keep.

PERFORMANCE OPPORTUNITIES & REQUIREMENTS

- Dancers will be required to participate in the VPCO Student Showcase and the VDS Spring Performance. If there is a scheduling conflict dancers must give written notice to the Director 2 months prior to the performance so that adjustments can be made.
- VPCO dancers will be given opportunities throughout the year to participate in Special Workshops with VDS instructors and guest artists.
- VPCO dancers will be given opportunities to work on guided choreography projects for the Student Showcase based on skill and technical ability.
- Older VPCO dancers will be given opportunities to assist in younger classes and train with instructors.

STUDENT SHOWCASE

The Village Performing Company presents an Annual Student Showcase each Winter. This is an amazing and unique opportunity for young dancers to learn the ins and outs of a true dance company experience. Dancers are selected to work on choreography projects to create their own dances for the showcase performance. Dancers are guided by instructors through the choreographic process but the material should be student driven. Parents can help with costuming, but choreography should be the student's work just as an essay for school. We encourage all company dancers to participate in this show either as a dancer or choreographer in a student piece, solo or as a backstage helper. Rehearsals for student work will be on their own time. We have set dates for choreography showings where the instructors can give guidance and one **open rehearsal weekend**. All company dancers **WILL** perform in one instructor piece.

ATTENDANCE

Attendance for company is very important! The company class is a choreography class and each week new material is learned and developed. If dancers are absent it is very difficult for the choreographer to work effectively. Dancers will get sick and absences will arise but it is the policy that if a dancer is not going to attend class, I must be notified prior to class. You may email, text or call but a message must be left for the absence to be excused. Dancers are allowed 3 excused absences. Dancers are not allowed ANY unexcused absences. If a dancer has more than 3 excused absences, they may not be allowed to participate in the upcoming performance. Dancers are responsible to be on time and ready to dance when they arrive and tardiness will be counted. Dancers must also attend and participate in their technique classes. If they miss more than 6 technique classes they will not be allowed to dance in a Company piece.

BEHAVIOR

Dancers must be ready for class as soon as they walk through the door. No gum, candy, food or drinks. No talking. We have special events set aside for socializing, please be attentive while in class! Respect for the instructor and other dancers is demanded. Dancers that continue to disrupt class will have their parents notified once, if the behavior continues the dancer will be dismissed from the company. Dancers must be willing to work together as a group. The company is the best because of each individual working together.

ATTIRE

Dancers must be dressed in **appropriate attire** for class. You will need a VDS black spaghetti strap leotard with black dance pants or leggings. Hair must be pulled back in a ponytail or bun. If you do not have the appropriate attire for class you will not dance and it will be counted as an absence.

EXTRA COSTUMES

Dancers will be charged for any additional costumes. Costume charges will range between \$75- \$90 per costume needed.

VPCO DANCER OPPORTUNITIES

VPCO dancers will have a unique opportunity to work with guest artists throughout the year. VPCO dancers get discounts on special summer workshops. Advanced VPCO dancers will have the opportunity to work and volunteer in our VDS Assistant Program. Eligible Advanced VPCO dancers can apply for NDEO Honor Society for Dance Arts.