

## 2018/19 Competition Dancer Contract

**Commitments:** Our competition groups will participate in one "Mock" studio competition on Sat. Feb. 9 at Tumwater High School, as well as two "studio competitions," Move, Mar. 15-17 in Tacoma and Energy, Apr. 12-14 in the Seattle area. Our competition plus dancers will also attend our optional competition, Spotlight, Jan. 25-27 in the Seattle area (and possibly other groups, too, if routines will be ready & all group members plan to attend). All dancers are also welcome to attend the optional Monsters Hip Hop Convention in Vancouver, Jan. 5-7 and the optional I Love Dance competition in Portland May 4-5. We ask that group members schedule other activities and vacations around these weekends so that our groups can perform as they are choreographed. It is difficult for the instructor and co-dancers to take class time to re-choreograph for even one dancer. Entry fees are due approximately six weeks before each event. Please pay attention to your studio calendar and the competition board in the studio hallway for entry fee deadlines. Solo and duo/trio dancers are welcome to participate in studio competitions, but participation is not required. Dancers are also welcome to attend additional competitions.

We will also participate in one "studio dance convention," Hollywood Vibe, Mar. 29-31 in SeaTac. Convention is required for competition plus dancers and we strongly recommend and encourage all competition dancers to participate. This year, competition plus groups will compete at convention and solo and duo entries at convention is an option. Please let Michelle or Andrea know if you are interested in competing at convention, in addition to taking class. Convention fees are due Monday, Feb. 11 to the front desk and scholarships are awarded to multiple dancers to help support the cost of attending convention. Scholarship entries are due Sunday, Jan. 13th. Dancers are welcome to attend additional conventions, in addition to the studio convention. It is also strongly recommended that dancers attend master classes with guest teachers and our Summer Intensive at Debbi's Dance, Etc. as the opportunities arise.

Competition dancers also do performances during the year (please check your studio calendar) and will dance in 2 or 3 recitals June 22 & 23, 2019 (dress rehearsal on Fri. June 21). Picture Day is tentatively set for Sun. June 9<sup>th</sup>. We ask that you mark your calendars now and plan all activities and vacations around these very important dates.

**Requirements:** One hour or more of ballet is required for all Jazz, Lyrical and Acro competition dancers (two hours a week of ballet are required for competition plus dancers). Ages 9+ are strongly encouraged to take one or more Brigitte's Ballet classes. Ballet attendance will be monitored, and failure to meet the requirement can result in being held out of a performance or competition and in extreme cases, removal from the group. In addition, dancers must take a supporting class for each dance genre that they wish to compete, Jazz/Lyrical, Contemporary, Tap or Acro (Hip Hop dancers need to take one additional class, any genre). Guys & Dolls & Disney dancers are required to take an additional class, and ballet/jazz technique is strongly encouraged.

**Expectations:** Dancers should come to class each week with the proper attire, footwear and attitude. Attendance is extremely important; it affects the whole group when even one student is absent. Please limit your absences (for any reason) to no more than 4 for the entire dance season. In particular: dancers should not miss more than once in any given month, nor should they miss the week before a competition or performance. As with ballet, failure to meet these requirements can result in being held out of a performance or competition and in extreme cases, removal from the group. Please consult the studio calendar before planning family trips or committing to other activities that conflict with our competition and show schedule. If you need to miss class due to an illness or emergency, please call the front desk (or preferably) the instructor. Solo and duo/trio dancers, it is your responsibility to call your instructor (and co-dancers if applicable) if you are unable to come to your scheduled time. 24-hour notice is appreciated for cancellations.

***Andrea, Michelle and the rest of the staff are looking forward to a great year!  
We are so glad you are dancing with us!***

Print Dancer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

I have read and agree to the above commitments, requirements and expectations for competition dancers at Debbi's Dance, Etc. for the 2018/19 dance year.

Dancer's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

Parent's Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_