The Artistic Dance Company
Tiny Team Information Packet

Dancers and Parents,

We are excited that you are looking into joining our Tiny Team! Our Tiny Team was created for dancers that may not be quite old enough for our Mini Team, but still want to participate! The goal of our Tiny Team is to give your little one a step into competition dance without having to commit to a whole season. We understand that being on the Tiny Team is a little bit more time and financial commitment, but we believe that it is truly one of the best things that can help not only improve a dancer in their training, but friendships and life lessons that will stay with them as they journey through life.

It is our mission to provide a safe environment for any and all persons to learn and grow, not only as dancers, but as people. We promise to encourage the love of dance, while inspiring self-confidence, discipline, and the importance of hard work. Our main priority is to provide quality instruction in dance and create a loving environment. Respect, loyalty, and integrity are key elements in our program that are cultivated through work ethic, attitude, and teamwork. Commitment is the key element to each individual dancer as well as the team as a whole. We try to instill the importance of respect, loyalty, integrity within our competition teams. Your dancers acknowledge that when they commit to the season they are committing fully to be present with their team throughout the whole season.

This packet contains the basic information about our Tiny Team season and how everything flows. We want to make sure that you know everything your tiny dancer will be doing and we are here to answer any and all questions you have to make this a wonderful experience for both you and your dancer!

The Artistic Dance Company: A Basic Overview - Tiny Team

Q: Is my dancer ready for Tiny Team?

A: To join Tiny Team, your dancer should be between 3 and 5 years old and have completed at least one to two semesters of recreational classes. This ensures they're familiar with basic movements and comfortable in a class setting.

Q: How long does the Tiny Team season run and what does it look like overall?

A: While our regular competition season spans from June to June, the Tiny Team operates on a different schedule. Practices begin in early February and continue through the National Competition in early June. The Tiny Team practices their routine for 30 minutes each week and if your dancer chooses to do a solo they would also have a 15 minute practice each week for that. The group dance is mandatory, but solos are optional! Tiny Team participates in the May Regional Competition, the June National Competition, and our local Competition Showcase in April.

Q: How many dances will my dancer be in?

A: The Tiny Team participates in one dance, designed as an introductory experience for young dancers. Our goal is to create a fun environment where they can learn about competitions and feel comfortable performing on stage! They also have an option for a solo - these are not automatically given, but if you would like your dancer to have one please let our Competition Director know and staff will evaluate if they think that would be a good step for your dancer!

Q: What classes does my dancer have to be enrolled in at ADC to be on the Tiny Team?

A: To participate, your dancer must be enrolled in one of our Sapphire classes.

Q: What am I looking at financially for the season?

A: The four main fees that you will have during the year are: tuition, choreography, costuming, and competition fees. Our Studio Manager will keep you up to date on your balance, and our Competition Director will send out schedules and reminders when payments are due.

- TUITION: Tuition is due during the first week of each month and varies per dancer. The rate is calculated based on weekly class hours, plus any group dances and solos. Tiny Team takes a total of 1 ¼ hours of class per week (45 minute Sapphire class & 30 minute Routine Block) which is $75 a month. Please note: If your dancer chooses to do a solo this will add 15 minutes to their schedule and tuition will be $95 a month for 45 minute Sapphire class, 30 minute Routine Block, & 15 minute Solo Block.

- CHOREOGRAPHY FEES: Choreography fees are paid only once at the start of their routine block practices. Please note that prices may change and vary. Choreography payments for solos are made directly to the choreographer, not the studio.

Solos: $100 per dancer
Groups: $50 per dancer

- COSTUME FEES: All group and production costumes have a fixed rate of $100, which includes extra accessories, tights, rhinestones, appliqués, hair pieces, etc. The ADC staff will order these costumes. Every dancer will receive a new pair of earrings, with clip-on options included. You will also receive 2 pairs of tan tights

For solo, duet, and trio costumes, the choreographer may ask for your dancer's opinions. However, the choreographer will make the final decision. The Costume Coordinator will order these costumes unless specified otherwise. Costumes for solos, duets, and trios will be **at cost** and may exceed the $100 costume fee.

- COMPETITION FEES: An **approximate** breakdown of competition fees at each competition is below. Please note that prices vary depending on the competition.

Solo: $140 - $210 per dancer
Group Dance: $65 - $85 per dancer for each routine
Studio Fee: $40 per dancer for each competition

We hope that this was helpful in learning about being a member of The Artistic Dance Company's Tiny Team! We are so excited to be having a Tiny Team and can't wait for them to hit the stage and have so much fun. Please let us know if you have any other questions and we look forward to talking with you further!

Thank you,

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