



**INFORMATION and APPLICATION** 



The Encore Team is a Performance Troupe that brings their talent to Florida events and venues.

Admission to the Troupe is by audition or director permission.



## **About Encore Performance Team**

Encore Team performs both near and far in the State of Florida. They perform a 25-45 minute non-stop, high energy show where the music never quits. One song falls right into the next as the performers slide on and off stage without a quiver of slow down. A bright new costume emerges nearly every 2 minutes. The vocalists and dancers keep the crowd clapping and singing along throughout the entire performance.

This group is taught how to be professional entertainers, adhering to different rules, regulations, and requirements of many different performance venues. Venues and Events being considered for the 2021-22 season are: Disney Springs, Universal City Walk, Florida State Fair, Florida Strawberry Festival, Palm Harbor Tree Lighting and Parade, and of course, all four in house shows at the Palm Harbor Playhouse (TBPAA Stage). Talent agents have been contacted and they are on the lookout for more exciting places for the Team to bring its 2021-2022 Show.

The Team consists of four levels: Juniors, Seniors, JR Elite and Elite. All levels perform in the shows individually as well as mixed groups and full cast. Admission to the team is by audition. Auditions are open to intermediate to seasoned singers and dancers ages 8-15.

## **Auditions**

Auditions are held periodically throughout the application processing times. Dance auditions are done in groups of 4-8 dancers at a time learning a series of dance combinations utilizing the guidelines for the various levels. Vocal auditions are held separately -- all vocalist must dance at the Jr Elite or Elite Level, or have special permission from the Director. Vocal performances are very limited in number. The Team will send out a written offer, with commitment letter to all who make the team.

# **Commitment**

Joining the TBPAA Encore Performance Team is a commitment by both parent and student. It requires a time commitment as well as a financial one.

Prior to requesting an audition or accepting an invitation to join the team — please review the materials in this packet and be sure that both you and your student <u>are willing and able to make the commitments required</u>.

If your student is involved with other activities, please check all dates for conflicts.

Students are allowed to miss up to 3 regular rehearsals. If a student misses a mandatory long rehearsal before a major performance, they may not be allowed to participate in that event.

If a student misses more than 3 rehearsals without prior permission or acceptable excuse, they may be dismissed from the team and all monies paid will be forfeited.

Those coming from another dance troupe will be asked to provide documentation of attendance and commitment level prior to auditions to Elite levels.

Failure to maintain Elite Level commitment on a regular basis will be reason to be moved to the Senior or Junior Level Teams. Failure to maintain Junior or Senior level commitments will be reason to be dismissed from the team or prevented from performing at one or more major events.

## **Rehearsals and Expectations**

The **Junior Team** will have a one-hour weekly rehearsal and will be expected to rehearse at home. They will be responsible for learning lyrics and choreography for a minimum of 3 song/dance numbers during the year plus a Holiday Parade sequence. All members will sing and/or dance in most numbers. All ages can apply for the Junior Team. Juniors must be less than 4'10". Maximum of 8 members.

The **Senior Team** will have a one-hour weekly rehearsal and will participate in the same activities outlined above for Juniors except at the Senior Skill Level. To be eligible for the Senior level, a team member must be: at least 10-yrs-old, be able to perform all of the Junior Skill Levels at Audition and be at least 4'10" Tall. Maximum of 12 members.

### **ELITE LEVELS**

#### Elite members must have at least 1 yr experience on a Performance or Competitive Dance Team

Criteria considered in choosing Elite Team Members include but are not limited to:

- Attendance at rehearsals in previous years
- At least 1 yr previous Encore Experience or special permission by Directors
- Level of commitment demonstrated at team events and practices (such as: coming to rehearsals prepared and on time, knowing the choreography and lyrics taught the week before, clear indications that the student has practiced at home)
- Ability to handle costume changes and costume care
- Demonstrated ability to following directions
- Mastery of ALL Senior Level Skill Set at audition
- Be able to perform minimum JR Elite or Elite Level Standards
- Demonstrate maturity in behavior in various settings
- Demonstrate performing professionalism both inside and outside of Tampa Bay Performing Arts Academy
- Be professional when interacting with TBPAA directors or venue staff
- Have the ability to adjust to changes of directions on the fly during performance events
- Willing to make a serious Commitment to attend ALL PERFORMANCES.

The **Elite Levels** will have a one-hour weekly rehearsal. Elite members may be asked to do additional performances and attend extra rehearsals. **Students at this level must be able to rehearse for a full hour with few breaks.** Maximum numbers on Elite Teams are 7.

<u>Photos & Video --</u> All team members must attend the photoshoot and headshot session to be booked in the fall. Each team member will receive a digital copy of their headshot and the team photo. In addition, JR Elite and Elite teams will be required to participate in a video commercial for the team.

# **Technical Requirements per Level**

Below are requirements for each Team Level. Auditions do not require student to choose a Team Level, but auditions will require performance of progressively more advanced skills. Director's will place cast members on appropriate teams. Director's decisions are final.

#### JUNIOR ENCORE SKILL SET GUIDELINE

- Step Touch in <u>time</u> with music
- Single Grapevine
- Box Step
- Pivot Turn
- Chassé
- Ability to Count our Rhythms
- Ability to sing on pitch
- Ability to make most costume changes in 120 seconds or less without help
- Ability to keep track of multiple costume pieces during performances

#### SENIOR ENCORE SKILL SET GUIDELINE

- Perfected all Jr Encore Skills plus
- Jazz Star with Relevé
- L-arm
- Relevé
- Chaîné Turns
- Chassé ball change
- Single Pirouette
- Double Grapevine
- Cross Point Combo
- Ability to perform all steps & combos in rhythm and maintain dances in rhythm with the music
- Kick Ball Change Combo
- Ability to sing 2-part harmonies
- Ability to make all costume changes in 100 seconds or less without help
- Ability to maintain costume bag with little to no assistance throughout multiple performances

#### **ELITE & JR ELITE ENCORE SKILL SET GUIDELINE**

- Perfected all Junior & Senior Encore Skills
- Height Requirements

Elite: 4'10" or taller Junior: under 4'10"

- Balancé
- Piqué Turns
- Triplet Walk
- Port de bra
- Single Pirouette in unison (Doubles for Elite)
- Double Pirouette (Triples for Elite)
- Fan Kick Chest High (Elite) -- Hip High for JR Elite
- Double Chaîné in unison
- Pivot Lift
- Attitude Jump
- Cartwheel with straight legs (both sides for Elite)
- Roundoffs (Elite only)
- Isolations
- Ability to perform all steps/combos in time with the music and in unison
- Ability to sing in 3-part harmonies
- Basic understanding of Head, Chest & Mixed Voice
- Make ALL Costume changes in 90 second or less
- Get on all costume accessories (90 seconds or less)
- Be completely responsible for costume bag throughout the season (Elite)
- Adjust spacing without direction to accommodate different size performance venues (Elite)
- Ability to adjust spacing when a team member is missing without assistance (Elite only)
- Desired Abilities
  - 1 Handed Cartwheels
  - Handsprings
  - Fouetté turns
  - Butler Jumps
  - Leaps
  - Aerials

## **Scheduled Performances & Rehearsals**

## Rehearsals

Junior Weekly Rehearsals

Senior Weekly Rehearsals

Tuesdays 6:00-7:00

Aug- May

Wednesdays 5:00-6:00

Aug- May

Thursdays 5:00-6:00

Aug - May

Elite Weekly Rehearsals

Thursdays 7:30-8:30

Aug - May

#### Pre-Scheduled Extra Rehearsals

Summer Camp (Mandatory) Aug 2-6 Juniors 9am-1pm Seniors & Elites 9am-6pm

Fall Show Rehearsal Saturday September 18 2-6pm
Group Rehearsals I Saturday October 16 2-7pm
Juniors & Seniors 2-4:30
Jr Elite 3:00-6:00
Elite 3:00-7pm

Full Show Rehearsal II Friday January 7 5-8pm
Full Show Rehearsal III Saturday January 29 2-6pm
Full Show Rehearsal III Feb 19 2-6pm

Full Show Rehearsal IV TBA

### **Performances**

Oct 7 & 8 **Fall Show** Palm Harbor Playhouse Nov (tentative) Encore 2021 Show **Disney Springs** December 10-11 **Christmas Show** Palm Harbor Playhouse December TBA Palm Harbor Christmas Parade Palm Harbor Downtown Feb 11, 12, 19 or 20 Florida State Fair Florida State Fairgrounds Feb 25-,26. 2022 Winter Show Palm Harbor Playhouse Florida Strawberry Festival March 5-13 (one day) Florida Strawberry Festival April 22-23, 2022 **Spring Show** Palm Harbor Playhouse Encore 2022 Show Universal City Walk May (tentative)

#### **Financial Commitment**

Registration \$75 due at Acceptance Non-refundable.

Summer Camp \$175 Aug 2-6 Elite Teams (9am-6pm)

\$150 Aug 2-6 Seniors (9am-4:30pm)

\$100 Aug 2-6 Juniors (9am-1pm)

Uniform/Costumes Elite \$250 Due on or before Oct 15, 2021, + \$65 Team Jacket if needed

Jr Elite \$230 Due on or before Oct 15, 2021, + \$65 Team Jacket if needed Senior \$200 Due on or before Oct 15, 2021, + \$65 Team Jacket if needed Junior \$150 Due on or before Oct 15, 2021, + \$65 Team Jacket if needed

Disney Workshop \$260\* + an additional \$40 if group is selected to perform

Universal Performance \$260\*\*

\*(includes 1 day admission to Disney World, Transportation from TBPAA to Disneyworld & Back, Workshop and Performance)

\*\*(include admission to Universal Studios for (2), Professional workshop and Performance

Tuition: \$65 per month Aug-May

Seniors \$70 per month Aug-May
JR Elite & Elite \$80 per month Aug-May

## TBPAA ENCORE PERFORMANCE TEAM APPLICATION **Applicant Information** Name: Date of birth: Age: Phone: Current address: City: State: ZIP Code: Email: Prior Performance/Competition Team School/Group: Awards: Level: **Emergency Contact Emergency Contact:** Address: Phone: 7IP Code: City: State: Relationship: Email: Sizes Jacket: Pants: Polo & T-Shirt: **Parent Information** Parent Name: Address if different from applicant: Phone: E-mail: Is Parent willing to be a chaperone?

# Application Level (if unsure of level, circle what you believe to be correct) -- Vocals

Elite Team JR Elite Senior Junior I would like to audition for vocal solos Yes No

# **Signatures**

I understand my commitments in applying for membership on the TBPAA Encore Performance Team. I understand that if I am chosen to be a member of the team, I and my parent will be asked to complete a commitment form that clearly outlines all commitments such as rehearsals, events, and other obligations of being part of the TBPAA Team.

Signature of applicant:	Date:
Signature of Parent:	Date:

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