



2026 TBPA Encore Performance Team



INFORMATION and APPLICATION



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

Admission to the Troupe is by invitation, audition, or director permission.

2021 Universal Studios City Walk Performance



About Encore Performance Team

Encore Team performs both near and far in the State of Florida. They perform a 25-35 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 2025-26 season are: Disney Springs, Universal City Walk, Florida State Fair, Florida Strawberry Festival, Suncoast Hospice Fundraiser, Palm Harbor Tree Lighting and Parade, and of course, all four in-house shows at the Palm Harbor Playhouse (TBPA Stage). Talent agents have been contacted and they are on the lookout for more exciting places for the Team to bring its 2025-2026 Show.

The Team consists of five levels: Juniors, Seniors, JR Elite, Elite, and Elite Excel. All levels perform in the shows individually as well as mixed groups and full cast. Admission to the team is by invitation and/or audition. Placement on the team is open to TBPA students with at least 1 year of Musical Theater at advanced beginner and above skills in dance or those with 3 or more years of dance experience.

Invitations & Auditions

Admission to the team is by invitation and/or audition. Audition are held at scheduled times or by appointment.

Vocal auditions are held separately -- all vocalist must dance at the Jr Elite, Elite, or Elite Excel Level or have special permission from the Director, and must be enrolled in private voice lessons. Vocal performances are very limited in number.

Once an application has been submitted, an audition time will be scheduled. Those accepted to the team will receive an acceptance letter with commitment forms to be signed by both team member and parent.

Commitment

Joining the TBPA 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 are willing and able to make the commitments required.

If your student is involved with other activities, please check all dates for conflicts. Most dates will be released and finalized by September 30, 2025.

Re-choreographing and Extra Rehearsal Fees

When a team member is unable to attend a performance, very often that means that coaches will need to re-choreograph a number or two and the other team members will need to re-learn the number with the changes. Our team members are excellent performers but they are not adult professionals --these changes put lots of stress on the entire team. Having to relearn choreography at the last minute is unfair to the members who have worked very hard to learn some difficult choreography for big shows.

Therefore we will be imposing a re-choreographing fee and extra rehearsal fee of \$150 when a team member is unable to attend a major performance and fails to give the Encore Team a least a 8-week advance notice. (This will be waived for serious illness).

Absences

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. Prior year students with more than 3 missed rehearsals or one or more major event may not be invited to rejoin the team.

Consequences

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 choreography for a minimum of 3 song/dance numbers during the year plus a Holiday Parade sequence. All members perform in most numbers. All ages can apply for the Junior Team. Juniors should be be less than 5' tall. Maximum of 12 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-yr-old, be able to perform all of the Junior Skill Levels and be at least 4'10" Tall. Maximum of 12 members.

ELITE LEVELS

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

Elite members must have at least 1 yr experience on a TBPAA ENCORE TEAM.

Elite Excel is by invitation only. Team members at this level must have a minimum of 3 yrs on Encore, excel at all Elite level skills, and have proven choreographing ability.

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

- At least 1 yr previous Encore Experience or special permission by Directors
- Level of commitment demonstrated at team events and practices
- Mastery of ALL Senior Level Skill Set
- Be able to perform minimum JR Elite or Elite Level Standards
- Demonstrate professionalism both inside and outside of Tampa Bay Performing Arts Academy
- Be professional when interacting with TBPAA directors , venue staff, and team members
- **Willing to make a serious Commitment to attend ALL PERFORMANCES.**

All **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 2025-2026 Elite Teams are 9.

Technical Requirements per Level

Below are minimum 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 time with music
- Single Grapevine
- Box Step
- Pivot Turn
- Chassé/ball change
- Chaîné Turns
- Ability to Count out Rhythms
- 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
- Single Pirouette in unison
- Double Grapevine
- Cross Point Combo
- Ability to perform all steps & combos in rhythm and maintain dances in rhythm with the music
- Kick Ball Change Combos
- 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 Elite: under 5'2"
- Balancé
- Piqué Turns
- Triplet Walk
- Port de bra
- Double Pirouette in unison (*Triples for Elite*)
- Triple Pirouette (*Elite*)
- Fan Kick Chest High (Elite)
- Double Chaîné in unison
- Pivot Lift
- Attitude Jump
- Cartwheel with straight legs (both sides for Elite)
- Side Split (both sides Elite)
- Roundoffs (Elite only)
- Isolations
- Ability to perform all steps/combos in time with the music and in unison
- 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
- Adjust spacing without direction to accommodate different size performance venues (Elite)
- Ability to adjust spacing when a team member is missing without assistance
- **Desired Abilities**
 - 1 Handed Cartwheels
 - Handsprings
 - Fouetté turns
 - Butler Jumps
 - Leaps
 - Aerials

Scheduled Performances & Rehearsals

*all dates subject to change.



Rehearsals

Junior Weekly Rehearsals	Tues	6:30-7:30	Aug - May
Senior Weekly Rehearsals	Wed	6:00-7:00	Aug- May
JR Elite Weekly Rehearsals	Thur	5:00-6:00	Aug- May
Elite Weekly Rehearsals	Thur	7:30-8:30	Aug- May
Excel Weekly Rehearsal	Tues	6:30-8:30	Aug-May

Pre-Scheduled Extra Rehearsals (all dates tentative until final copy is released)

Summer Camp (Mandatory)	Aug 4-8, 2025	9am-5 pm
Fall Extra Rehearsals (Mandatory)	Sat August 24	1-5pm
	Sat Nov 1	1-5on
	Sat Jan 31, 2026	1-5pm

Planned Performances -- dates will be announced as confirmed

(Disney, Universal, State Fair, & Strawberry Festival are tentative upon being chosen by audition tapes to perform or attend)

August 29, 2025	Encore Ball	Innisbrook
October 10 & 11 2025	Fall Show	Palm Harbor Playhouse
October 4, 2025 (Elite Teams Only)	Fund Raiser	Clw Marine Aquarium
December 12 & 13, 2025	Christmas Show	Palm Harbor Playhouse
December 2025 (tentative Dec 12)	Palm Harbor Christmas Parade	Palm Harbor Downtown
February 2026 (Feb 7, 8, 14, 15—one of these dates)	Florida State Fair	Florida State Fairgrounds
Feb 27 & 28, 2026	Winter Show	Palm Harbor Playhouse
Mar - April 2026 (Date determined by Universal)	Encore 2026 Show Performance/workshop	Universal City Walk
March -June 2026 (Date determined by Disney)	Encore 2026 Show Performance/workshop	Disney Springs
May 1 & 2, 2026	Spring Show & Awards	Palm Harbor Playhouse

Financial Commitment

Registration	\$85 due at Acceptance Non-refundable.
Summer Camp	\$275 Aug 4-8 9am-5pm

Uniform/Costumes	Elite \$300 Due on or before Oct 15, 2025, + \$65 Team Jacket if needed
	Jr Elite \$300 Due on or before Oct 15, 2025, + \$65 Team Jacket if needed
	Senior \$300 Due on or before Oct 15, 2025, + \$65 Team Jacket if needed
	Junior \$250 Due on or before Oct 15, 2025, + \$65 Team Jacket if needed

Performance Fee 1	\$300 (Due by January 1, 2026)
Performance Fee 2	\$300 (Due by February 15, 2026)

*A reduction in Performance fees will be announced if the team is not selected to perform or have a workshop at Disney Springs and/or Universal City Walk.

* All team members must pay Team Performance fees even if a particular team member can't make an event

Tuition:	\$85 per month Aug-May
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TBPAA ENCORE PERFORMANCE TEAM APPLICATION

Applicant Information

Name:

Date of birth:

Age:

Student Phone:

Current address:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Email:

Prior Performance/Competition Team

School/Group:

Awards:

Level:

Emergency Contact

Emergency Contact:

Address:

Phone:

City:

State:

ZIP Code:

Relationship:

Email:

Sizes

Jacket :

Pants:

Polo & T-Shirt:

Parent Information

Parent Name:

Address if different from applicant:

Phone:

E-mail:

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

Elite Team

JR Elite

Senior

Junior

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 agreement 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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