

TINY & MINI COMPETITION DANCE TEAMS

Tiny Expressions Primary Team (K-3rd grade) & Mini Expressions Elementary Team (4th-6th grade)

Tiny team will compete in the Jazz category & Mini team will compete in Jazz & Pom categories

****NEW last year-** There will be a Mini team A & Mini team B chosen. The B team is Open to dancers in 4th-6th grade that might not be ready for the select division. We want them to have the same experience of a Pom and Jazz routine to prepare them for either the Mini level A team the following year or to continue progress for future auditions on the Expressions teams. Head Coach Lori, Choreographer Lauren Daidone with Team Coach Chelsea Hoagland during our heavy competition months. Ms. Lori will continue to coach the Mini's A team. All teams will have student coach assistance as well.

EXTENSION teams...

Other optional additions to be considered for~ OFFICERS for the Tiny and Mini A team will be chosen at the end of August by audition & will compete separately at all Showcase contests and all 3 studio contests. Their rehearsals are separate and primarily in Sept/Oct/Nov on Friday or Sunday nights taught by our student coaches. LYRICAL will be no more than 13 dancers consisting of members of either Tiny or Mini team & will compete at all Showcase contests and all 3 studio contests. MUST be enrolled in year-round ballet. Hip Hop will be no more than 18 dancers that are also members of either Tiny or Mini team. They too will compete at all Showcase contests and all 3 studio contests.

Lyrical and Hip-Hop rehearsals are separate and primarily in August/Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec twice a month. The expectation that they work on their own, keep up and attend all rehearsals is extremely important. We will only rehearse as necessary & if staying at an elite level we will eliminate when possible. Ms Lori will instruct the Lyrical group and Miss Lauren Daidone as our Hip-Hop coach with the assistance of Miss Torre. Miss Torre will lead the officer line choreography with the assistance of student coaches.

read on for further information

We are very excited to announce the 19th year for the Dance Expressions competition dance teams. Our goal is to provide an introduction to the exciting world of competition dance for our Tiny & Mini team (4 competitions). We take it up a notch with our extension teams (6-7 competitions). Team life IS a bigger commitment than a regular dance class and it takes both the dancer and parent commitment for the entire group to succeed. Please read on and take into consideration these things to think about before making this commitment. I would advise a team folder for all handouts including this one to refer to later on in the year. Any veteran team mom will be happy to answer questions of our new prospects.

Take a look at the 2020-2021-class schedule to see if the team timeslot fits into your schedule. During the class every week the team will work on fundamentals of competition dance and putting together a competition Jazz and/or Pom routine. Extension teams will work outside that time slot, yet occasionally run their completed show in that class.

We will require that each team member take an additional studio class to further dance skills & technique, this is mandatory, and we cannot make exceptions! Tiny's~ your required 2nd class is to be a jazz or ballet. It is also highly recommended that you take one of the technique/leaps/turns non-recital class. Mini's~ your required 2nd class can be jazz or ballet but to be considered for the Lyrical team, ballet is required all year long. We do offer a "take 3 classes, receive the 4th free" option.

Also, taking a summer class is now required for team kids to get to the level we strive to be at (or several private lessons if vacations interfere with a consistent summer class). Whether this is ballet with Ms. Chelle or a class in any other style, we need to require this to push to the level of our competitors. In addition to these requirements if they receive an asterisk next to their name after auditions, they need at least 2-3 45-minute private lessons with a recommended teacher over the summer. They grow so much in a private lesson. In the winter months we will add 4-5 additional practice times on a Friday/Saturday/Sunday closer to competition time. We will have access to a gym for a few practices. Good attendance is mandatory for both their dance team & other classes and for the benefit of all involved. When you fill out your registration form please indicate which team & optional groups you are trying out for.

Must have registration form filled out and turned in prior to tryouts!!! They will not be able to try out if we do not have the registration form turned in, \$35.00 reg. fee paid, classes chosen for the year (can be altered afterwards) & on the

desk prior audition night.

TEAM COMPETITION DATES-

We normally compete at 3 Showcase America Dance competitions & 1 studio competition. The extensions groups will have the additional contests listed below.

Tentative dates & contests listed;

*Butler Homecoming Halftime performance TBD

*One studio contest for our Tiny and Mini jazz plus extension groups, TBD (typically President's Day weekend)

*(Showcase America) Centerville Invitational- Sunday, February 28th, 2021 (all routines)

*(Showcase America) Tipp City Invitational~ Saturday or Sunday, March 13th, 2021 (all routines)

*(Showcase America) Senior Expressions Invitational "STATE" - Saturday, March 20th 2021 (all routines)

*2-3 Studio circuit contests for officers, lyrical and hip hop in February, March, April or May TBD end-summer

***Officers for sure & extensions teams tentative**-Showcase National championships (NKU in Kentucky) Sunday, April 11th

***Officer lines only in 2020**- two December "solo" contests 12-6 and 12-12

***Contests can last anywhere from 5 hours to 10 depending on how many teams enter. We only do a few so it needs to be your priority. All team members will be required to stay for awards.

COST- APPROXIMATE

Cost per for the Tiny team class is \$45.00 a month; Mini team class is \$50.00 a month **(2-3 instructors per team)**

IN ADDITION---Each individual will be ordered the following items...costs are approximate. You will receive an order form at auditions.

Returning member costs will be lower since they have many items.

- Costume or costumes depending on # of routines you are in (jazz for team, dance paws for lyrical)
 • (order/pay for @ open house in Aug...)
 • Hip Hop shoes ordered in the fall
\$75.00 each approx. NEW Dance shoes
\$50.00 approx. in total
\$60.00 approx.
- 4-5 competition team and optional parent shirts/tanks
Retiring the glitter shirt due to cost & didn't wear as often.
\$15.00/\$20.00 each
- Studio logo jacket & team black leggings
\$80.00 & \$30.00
- Make-up
\$20.00 approx.
- Team Garment bag (eliminating with suggestions of clear garment bags)
- Showcase America entry fees (each dancer contributes toward group entry fees)
\$30.00 total depends on # of dancers
- Showcase American elite entry fees (each dancer contributes toward group entry fees)
\$35.00 total depends on # of dancers
- Any studio circuit /entry per routine you are in
\$55.00 each
- Mini Pom fee
\$15.00-\$25.00
- Officer
\$200.00 approx.
- Lyrical
200.00 approx.
- Hip-Hop
\$200.00 approx.
- Gym rental
\$25.00 depends on # on team
- Accounting fee (Pam Drewry handles all team accounting)
\$30.00 Ledgers handed out 4 times a season

OFFICERS/HIP HOP/LYRICAL FEES -include additional choreographer cost, studio usage & split of Showcase contest fees for your category.

****NEW PAYMENT SCHEDULE/NEW ACCOUNTING as of 2019**

~payments made out to Dance Expressions will be mailed C/O Pam Drewry 720 Bay Brooke Ct. Vandalia, OH 45377. You will need to pick up your payment coupons following auditions in July TBA

2020----->NO DROP OFFS OF CASH PLEASE, LET'S DO A MONEY ORDER PRETTY PLEASE.

-> adjustments from last year's payment plan due to late auditions due to Covid-19. Returning members will also start with a credit from Covid cancellations.

***JULY 1st ~ \$150.00** If your child is trying out for the team you will need to send a **start-up fee \$150.00** to start your TEAM account. This will be refunded if your child is not selected for a team. You will send your team sign-up form and contract and check to Pam BY JULY 1st in order to audition.

***AUGUST 1st~ \$150 2nd** team payment due plus **YOUR MEASUREMENTS/TEAMWEAR ORDER FORM (handed out audition night or emailed to returning members)**. Please add an additional **\$100.00** for Elite Hip Hop and **\$100.00** for Elite Lyrical.

***SEPTEMBER 1st ~\$200.00** to be mailed in for Elite Hip Hop and **\$200.00** Elite Lyrical. ADD **\$100.00** if you are chosen as a Mini Team A officer or Tiny Officer.;

***OCTOBER 1st \$150.00** to be mailed in for 3rd team payment.. ADD **100.00** if you are chosen as a Mini Team A officer or Tiny Officer.

As Pam adds our chosen costumes in Sept/Oct to your ledger, you will be notified if an October payment is not due (Covid credits) or if a November or December ledger payment is due.

PLEASE NOTE* PLEASE NOTE*PLEASE NOTE* These fees may or may not cover your team expenses. Our fees are based on previous year but not an exact Science. Receiving your ledgers from Pam several times in a dance year will help you know where you stand. We are lucky to have her & love this consistency for all 5 groups. Your final team statement will come out by Feb. 1st with any balance or credit due by March 1st. We will start individual fundraisers in September and any money earned will go toward class tuition.

Parent commitment- Please understand that team members missing too many classes or important gym rehearsals will **not** dance at a competition. Family vacations or other activities that interfere with a Jan/Feb/March rehearsal are not excused. You cannot make these up with a private lesson. It affects the entire team, not just your child. There is a no tolerance policy. If you miss a contest for a reason beyond illness/death in family, you will sit out your next team performance. Again, it affects your hardworking teammates. Please make sure you can commit before your tryout. In Jan/Feb/March the leaps & turns class will become an extension to the Mini timeslot. If you are not in the leaps class this will become a 30-minute class cost for those months. You will receive the gym schedule as soon as I can make arrangements with the schools, however, please be flexible because we are at their mercy. If you quit the Tiny or Mini team mid-year you will not be permitted to try back out & are still responsible for all fees. Competition parents will be asked to help with things such as fundraising, being a room mom at competitions, assisting with costume accessories, hosting a team/parent get together etc. I appreciate all of your help. We have a fantastic family organization.

AUDITIONS are THURSDAY, JULY 23RD Tiny Team 4:30-5:45, Mini Team A & B 6:15-7:45 (Junior/Senior 8:15-9:30 *new interest & those auditioning for extension teams.

Please wear black leotard with black booty shorts & black footless tights & jazz shoes or Dance Paws.
Hair must be pulled back in bun, ponytail or your style of choice. Make-up will help them stand out ☺

When you dress to impress you are already in a dancer/performer state of mind.

During the audition several judges will observe the dancer as if they were in a dance class. They will be doing various leaps, turns and jumps. They will also learn a short dance routine; a small hip hop and lyrical portion will be taught as well. They will be judged on technique, flexibility, ability to learn quickly & showmanship while performing.

(new in 2019) a separate evaluation form will be filled out by teachers/coaches you have had this past season at the studio.

They will be rating you 1-10 in the areas of;

Maturity (handles constructive criticism, works well with others, emotional strength)

Work Ethic (pushes self, excited to learn, knows material in class)

Attendance (good attendance in all classes...required 2nd class means must be in class, on time to events & classes)

Technique (growth in this area)

Attitude (passionate, excited, good energy)

*new dancers will not go through this portion of the process

Results will be posted on studio door at 9:00 p.m. and on studio facebook page ☺

*****IMPORTANT-** All dancers that audition will receive a team contract & sizing form THAT NIGHT. If they make the team you have **until AUGUST 1** to mail in with your AUGUST fee. This is also your confirmation that you accept your position on the dance team. If I do not receive your form and payment, I will assume you have changed your mind. PLEASE PUT THIS ON THE CALENDAR. Last year we were chasing \$ & forms for 3 weeks, we cannot do this, especially this year with the late audition. **Late fee of \$15.00 will be applied if you have to be contacted.**

The decision of the judges is final. If you are able to commit to everything mentioned above, please turn in the bottom portion of this form.

GOOD LUCK AT TRY-OUTS Ms, Lori

Check list for your audition~

Mailed to Pam=Audition form & down payment turned in by July 1.

Mailed to Studio=registration form & registration fee. *please list "pending audition" next to the team name yet make your other class choices or you could be closed out by the time I hear from you in August.

Summer form with ballet and master class choice (TBA soon)

Tiny and Mini Audition sign-up form~~~

I _____ along with my daughter _____ understand the time commitment, money obligation, attendance policy and audition process. If I quit the team for any reason, I understand I am obligated to pay for any and all items ordered and that I will not be able to tryout for the same team in the future.

NAME _____ EMAIL _____ PHONE _____

ADDRESS _____ ADDITIONAL PHONE _____

CIRCLE TEAM AUDITIOING FOR~

Tiny Expressions or Mini Expressions

optional-> Lyrical optional-> hip hop

GRADE for 2020/2021 _____

SCHOOL YOU ATTEND _____ BIRTHDATE _____

I have been on this particular team for at least one year and I plan to audition for an officer position at the end of August~ YES or NO

I am currently a soloist YES or NO

I am in 5th/6th grade on or would like to be considered for the following; circle or highlight.

(see Junior/Senior team paperwork for details)

Junior team (Sarah and Lauren routines)

Junior Contemporary (Amy)

Junior (new) Small group jazz (Lori)

Teen All Ages

Senior Pom

DANCER'S
SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____

PARENTS
SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____