

SENIOR EXPRESSIONS~ ELITE COMPETITIVE GROUPS

Facts & Figures

Ages 13 & Up (must have training in all areas of dance)

We are very excited to continue the success of the Senior Expressions. Because of our existing programs for the Tiny & Mini Expressions we knew this would be an awesome addition. Our goal, as always is to continue what we started with the Vandalia Dance Ensemble program, providing a senior team at an elite level within the studio for all surrounding cities.

*Below (in the estimated costs) you will find in comparison with the paperwork you became familiar with if you were a Tiny or Mini. With much research from several studio colleagues & traditional thoughts from what you already know from our Vandalia teams we think this has been a smooth transition. However since not coming from a High School budget some things will look a little intimidating but in its first two seasons we made it happen & will continue to offer very profitable fundraisers. You already know this 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.

*Take a look at the 2018-2019-class schedule to see if the team timeslots fit into your schedule. Please note that ballet is still the year round requirement for a competition cast member if you are a soloist/duet/trio member. Summer Ballet is 7 weeks & yes you can double up if missed for vacation) is also required for our All Ages group, Elite Jazz & Contemporary group.

<ballet is not a requirement for the Tuesday night Jazz & Hip Hop>

During the Senior Expressions timeslot of Tuesday's **7:00-8:15** they will be learning a **Miss Lori Jazz** & a **Miss Lauren Hip Hop**...if you are chosen for the Senior Expressions these are the required routines. There is a possibility of being named a "double" that will be chosen for these 2 routines. A "double" is 2 people sharing a spot and taking turns throughout the year. We may offer someone with potential an apprentice position. This person joins our Tuesday night class for learning purposes September through January. An apprentice still goes through the tryout process the following year. A team member is not guaranteed automatic placement the following year.

Elite Options= Miss Sami's Jazz would create their routine on several necessary Sunday's. These Sunday studio hours will be end of summer/early fall in conjunction with the Butler Pom rehearsal timeslot as Sami does both.

Tuesday 8:15-9:30 p.m. Miss Amy's Contemporary ~ a competition group that will condition, strengthen, work on technical body movement while learning their Elite Contemporary piece (Wednesday ballet is also required). If you do not make this group we hope you will consider the Contemporary Level V to continue growth in this style.

Our **All Ages group** (known as Reflections) is not specific to the senior team age only so if you are a younger dancer & have been a soloist/trio member/officer & wish to be considered please sign up to let us know you want to be evaluated (ballet is required). This group is choreographed by Lori/Sami/Ali/Sarah & will not be a year long set schedule of rehearsals. This past year we had 3 practices during Aug/Sept then 1 a month in Oct/Nov/Dec/Jan. We then ran the routine the week of a studio contest on a Wednesday when most dancers were in required ballet. This # of rehearsals depends on the elite group selected & the effort put in at home and in the studio. The schedule is up to the director and with 4 weeks notice we ask that you make it work. This has been a studio competition group only but this upcoming season we will be competing this with Showcase as well. The cost to compete in Showcase is extremely cheap and we feel it will be a strong addition. Will tack on 1 or 2 -30 minute gym rehearsals that tie on to the Seniors. The expectation is still the same...high standards/less rehearsal time.

Butler Kickline Pom will operate the same way with Sami...she & Pam will set the schedule on an occasional fall/winter Sunday at Butler (in coordination with the elite jazz timeslot here at the studio) & then we will later run this group during the Thursday night pre-performance timeslot of 7:00-9:30 with the other Senior Expressions competition routines. We hope to have access to a gym for our Thursday practices because this is what has set us apart from other teams... perfect formations, transitions and timing. On occasional Sunday might be necessary for pictures or practice. I think in 2018 we did 2 in total. Attendance is mandatory for both their team & other classes and all gym rehearsals for the benefit of all involved.

When you fill out your 2017-2018-registration form please indicate which groups you are trying out for. In addition please sign up on the audition form in the studio & indicate which groups you want to be evaluated for.

EXPECTATIONS~ both the dancer and the family are expected to fully support the staff at all times. While you may not agree with every decision made, the experience of each staff member is extensive. Insubordination will not be tolerated. Collaborating with a disgruntled parent or team member is not a role that any member or parent will play. The staff member's of Dance Expressions go above and beyond for the individuals and the team as a whole. The best decisions will be made and will be based on what is the best solution, course of action or option/s for the group.

AUDITION INFO~

Meeting Monday, May 14th 7:00 Butler lecture room (will discuss requirements for auditions & all paperwork)

1 mandatory clinic this year on Friday, May 18th 3:30-6:30 combo routine to be taught.

****Try-outs Monday, May 21st beginning at 4:00 **Attire~ black footless tights, black form fitting shirt no writing, black booty shorts, dance shoes of choice, hair glam, make-up glam.**

COMPETITION DATES- Tentative & subject to change

*Showcase~ Centerville Invitational- Sunday, February 24th, 2019

*Showcase ~Butler Kickline "Dayton Regional" Invitational- Saturday, March 9th 2019

*Showcase~ "State" contest - Saturday, March 16th, 2018 location to be announced.

*Showcase National Championships- weekend of April 6th

Tentative dates & contests listed for all groups~

*Studio circuit contests = one contest in Feb/March/April or May~ studio circuit dates for 2019 come out in August.

YOUR COST- same as 2017/18

Studio registration fee \$25.00 prior to auditions/form & fee at the desk prior to clinic night please.

Choreography fee per dancer per routine \$25.00

Tuesday 7:00-8:15 p.m. ~\$50.00 per month (Lori Jazz ~>**no more than 18 dancers** & Lauren Hip Hop~>**all senior expressions dancers chosen** (a 2 for one class)

Tuesday 8:15-9:30 p.m. ~\$50.00 per month (Amy Contemporary) ~> **no more than 14 dancers**

Elite Sami Jazz ~ Final lump sum of \$125.00 (balance of choreography fees, administrative, studio use, teacher hourly at all rehearsals studio or gym) ~>**no more than 14 dancers.**

Self-Choreographed Small Jazz~ Self-disciplined dancers to create a self-choreographed piece. \$50.00 per dancer for studio rental throughout the year & administrative fees. ~> **no more than 9 dancers.**

All Ages Group~ Final lump sum of \$150.00 (balance of choreography fees, administrative, studio use, teacher/s hourly at rehearsals, props) ~>**no more than 19 dancers 4th grade and up evaluated by your teaching staff.**

IN ADDITION---Each individual will be ordered select **apparel items** for rehearsals or events
(Indicate on the separate order form if you already own or will be getting from an alumni on order form) ~ to be paid for at Open House
Costs are APPROXIMATE

- Black ribbed logo tank \$17.00
- Studio logo jacket \$82.00
- Tank's \$22.00
- Legging's \$25.00
- T-Shirt's \$18.00
- 2-3 pairs of shorts \$15.00
- Black garment and/or drawstring bags (optional) \$20.00

ENTRY FEES: based on 2017 & 18

Entry fees apply to all routines that are taken to any studio events or dance contests; studio events are per dancer per event, Showcase dance events are per team per event. There will be approximately 2-3 studio events, possible Jamfest or new fun event, 3 Showcase events and Showcase Nationals. Not all routines will attend all contests. The *approximate* entry fee schedule is:

- Studio events: \$45/\$50.00 per dancer → per event
- Showcase Membership fee \$25.00 per dancer in total but based on # of dancer's we have in total.
- Showcase contests: \$85 per dancer in total but based on # of dancer's we have in total.
- Showcase Nationals: \$40 per girl in total but based on # of dancer's we have in total. If we split team name's in order to move all routines to Best of the Best it will be \$80 per girl. Up to discretion of the coaches.

OTHER FEES: based on 2017 & 18

- Costumes plus accessories per routine \$75.00/\$100.00 approx.
- Music mixing \$10.00
- Props/trailer/gas \$45.00 (2 routines last year~just depends)
- Gym rental (to be divided if a fee is charged) \$25.00 (didn't have in 2017.18)
- Performance shoes, specific make-up, team earrings, black booty shorts to purchase on own
- Gifts~ banquet awards, nationals gifts etc. \$15.00/\$20.00 approx.
- Accounting \$25.00 per girl

LEDGERS:

***After your daughter is chosen for the team/s you will need to follow the monthly payment plan that begins over the summer. See team registration form for summer policies. All fees other than the monthly class fees will be recorded on individual ledgers. The \$100 monthly payment for ledgers will be due the first of each month beginning in September. All credits from team fundraisers will be recorded on the individual ledgers also, and distributed several times a year. Other Individual fundraisers you've done in the past will go toward studio tuition (Flower Bulb, Yankee, Pampered Chef). Otherwise during the dance year it is a \$100.00 ledger payment the first week of the month on one check. Plus your studio class fees on a separate check. Yes 2 checks per month helps keep our team and our studio book keeping separate. Some stopped paying on their ledger by Dec. 1st; some paid until March 1st depending on # of routines they were in. ALL team fees must be paid in full by March 1st.**

FUNDRAISERS:

- Team Fundraiser~July 13th golf outing at Homestead in Tipp City – Last year \$254.00 was earned per dancer with approx. 20 teams field. 2017= 20 participants earned \$285 with a total of 25 teams fielded. Each dancer is required to get one team of 4, 1 door prize and 1-hole sponsor. Details to be discussed at the meeting, but please note this is full team, all team’s participation. We need the golf teams to be successful and last year was HUGE. Homestead Golf Fundraiser Chairperson Ashley Gunderson can be reached at Agunderson75@gmail.com
- Team Fundraiser~Recital fundraiser – Friday and Saturday concessions, flower bouquet sales (mid-May), programs sales and security, Friday ticket sales along with a few staff in the back halls. Previous years earned \$8 - \$10 per hour for each worker. This figure depends on the number of workers and the amount earned. Committee chairpersons (volunteer coordinator who schedules workers and keeps track of hours worked, concessions manager, and flower sales chairperson will add their preparation hours into total hours worked. Committee chairpersons get the extra benefit due to extra hours put in prior to the recital date. If you have interest in the Senior Expressions you need to **contact Laura Gross @ laura.gross@live.com**
- Other Individual Studio & Team fundraisers; Flower Bulb, Yankee Candle, Pampered Chef & Invitational volunteering etc. to go on studio accounts. Those that are also soloists have the invite to the large 50/50 as well. Any other fundraiser ideas that will be profitable for our dance families we’d love to hear about.

We have goals to do an out of state studio or team competition trip & get back to Disney sooner rather than later 😊
 #justdreamingandwishing

Upon being selected for the Senior Expressions you will return the signed contract/commitment/ apparel form for team gear no later than June 1st.

Keep the top half~~~ turn in the bottom half in order to audition

Senior Expressions Audition/Evaluation Permission Slip~~~ must have this & registration form and fee turned in prior to your audition,

I _____ along with my daughter _____ have both read this & the contract in its entirety. We understand the group descriptions, time commitment, money obligation, attendance policy, expectations, evaluation process & pending contract. We understand the decision of the judges & staff is final.

NAME _____ AGE _____

Dancer EMAIL _____ Parent EMAIL _____

Dancer CELL _____ Parent CELL _____

AUDITIOING FOR~ **Lauren Hip Hop/Lori Jazz** **Amy Elite Contemporary** **Sami Elite Jazz**
Small Group **Elite All Ages**

DANCER’S SIGNATURE _____

PARENTS SIGNATURE _____ DATE _____