



Thrive: The Essence of Dance LLC
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Company Handbook

Persephonie's dancers have been successful in the competitive arena since she first began choreographing in 2011. Since then, her pieces have received numerous choreography and high point awards. In only the first year, Thrive's talented company members were recipients of various first place awards, scholarships, and invitations to nationals from regional and local competitions. In their second year, Thrive was awarded the ADCC Studio of Excellence Award by Turn It Up Dance Challenge. Thrive's company members have continued to exemplify excellence in their art and were awarded this prestigious title again in 2018.

Intensive Company

Thrive's intensive dance company consists of well-rounded and serious dancers who make dance their priority. Requirements include:

- 1.) Minimum 7 hours of weekly classes, 4.25 of which must be ballet.
- 2.) Commitment to 4 mandatory dance competitions and nationals OR a convention.
- 3.) Commitment to a minimum of 2 summer ballet classes, 1 stretch class, and 1 class of choice, OR the equivalent.
- 4.) Participation in at least 3 master classes offered throughout the year.

Recreational Company

We realize that some dancers want to participate in dance competitions just for fun. The recreational dance company allows dancers to compete at a casual and low-demand level. Requirements include:

- 1.) Two ballet classes and one class of choice (total of 3 mandatory classes - more are encouraged).
- 2.) Commitment to 3 mandatory dance competitions (4 for the production) and 2 master classes offered throughout the year.
- 3.) One ballet class and one class of choice in our summer program or the equivalent.

8 and Under Company

Our competition dancers under the age of 8 get an early advantage to the performance experience and technical excellence acquired from participating in our company, with reasonable expectations for their age. Requirements include:

- 1.) Two ballet classes and one class of choice (total of 3 mandatory classes - more are encouraged)
- 2.) Commitment to 3 mandatory dance competitions (4 for the production) and 2 master classes offered throughout the year.
- 3.) One ballet class and one class of choice in our summer program or the equivalent.



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Choreography Rates

Solo Choreography: \$450
Duo/Trio Choreography and Rehearsals: \$250 per person
Group Choreography: \$150 per person

*Prices include choreography ONLY. Any extra privates or rehearsals beyond the standard choreography package will be priced at \$45 per hour.

*Pieces choreographed by guest teachers will vary in price depending on their rate. Their rates DO NOT include private lessons after choreography is finished. Extra privates for outside choreographers are \$60 per hour.

Competition Fee

Each team member is responsible for an annual competition fee of \$100 to cover incidental expenses such as administrative costs of the team and group rehearsals after choreography is complete.

Choreography Policy

A 50% non-refundable deposit will be required on the first day of choreography for each routine. The remaining balance must be paid by the time the dance is finished. Accounts with unpaid deposits by the first day of choreography or balances after choreography is complete will incur an additional \$25 fee.

Costumes

There is an \$85 charge for child sizes and a \$95 charge for adult sizes for MOST catalog costumes, due by September 1st. Any extra accessories that are not included with the costume will cost extra (gloves, hats, arm bands, skirts, etc.). Custom-made solo/duo/trio/group costumes and separates will vary in price, please inquire for details.

Entry Fees

Entry fees vary for different competitions, but on average they charge about \$95 for solos, \$55 for duo/trios, and \$45 for group entries. All competition entry fees will be posted on your DSP account and are due by October 1st. Any payments after this date will not qualify for earlybird discounts and will be subject to a \$25 late fee.



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NEW THIS YEAR

Fundraisers

At the discretion of the director, company members have the option of participating in fundraising events in an effort to reduce the costs associated with competing at a high-caliber level (i.e. entry fees, outside choreographer fees, etc.). Funds generated from these sales will be proportionally allocated to each participating member.

Company Policies

- You must always demonstrate positivity, respect, and support to each other, outside dance studios, judges, and other dancers when participating in any dance competition, convention, event, or when wearing Thrive apparel.
- All company members are required to participate in the studio production.
- Intensive company members must participate in at least one large group to be eligible to participate in a small group, duet, trio, and/or solo. Recreational company members must participate in at least one group (if available), to be eligible for a solo, duet, or trio. There is no I in team :)
- Always clap for EVERY dance that is announced at awards whether it is from Thrive or from any other outside studio.
- Always thank the judge or announcer with a smile when they present your award- whether you like the award or not!!
- Consistent attendance in all classes is extremely important. You must make up your classes if you have more than 6 absences.
- Anyone who has not made up classes by the first competition, or has an unexcused absence the week of a competition, will not be allowed to perform. This is important for a successful competition weekend as well as practice in teamwork and commitment.
- Everyone is expected to make it to all rehearsals and classes. If you are sick or injured, you must still attend and watch unless you are contagious.
- Most importantly- have fun and be yourself!!!

I acknowledge that I have read and understood all information in both the General Thrive Student Handbook as well as the Company Handbook and I agree to all terms and conditions.

Parent/Guardian Printed Name/Date: _____

Parent/Guardian Signed Name/Date: _____