

Grossi Dance & Performing Arts Academy Performance Companies

The Grossi Dance & Performing Arts Academy Performance Companies are for those dancers who wish to enhance their dance education. Being a member of the GD&PAA Performance Companies requires that dancers attend Company classes and extra practices throughout the year, abide by attendance and dance attire rules, and by proper protocol policy, attend NADAA and other workshops and participate in special shows, outreach appearances, community events and performances.

It takes a strong commitment and dedication on the part of our dancers and their families; however it comes with great reward. The GD&PAA Performance Companies dancers will receive outstanding instruction from GD&PAA staff, teachers, choreographers, guest artists and master teachers. Dancers will be challenged on all levels to achieve their greatest potential. Our goal is to help them learn to be comfortable and exude confidence while performing in front of all types of audiences, learn and respect the importance of teamwork, and to promote and share the art of dance within our greater community.

The GD&PAA Performance Companies requirements and information are as follows:

- Students interested in the Prep Performance Company are required to take a GD&PAA performance company level Jazz class, and a Ballet or Lyrical class, a technique/performance segment, and an additional class discipline in Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Modern or Contemporary class. Please consult the office manager or director for tuition fees and applicable payment arrangements.
- Students interested in the Apprentice Performance Company are required to take a GD&PAA performance company level Jazz class, a Ballet class, a technique/performance segment, and two additional class disciplines in Lyrical, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Modern or Contemporary class. Please consult the office manager or director for tuition fees and applicable payment arrangements.
- Students interested in the Junior and Senior Company Performance Companies are required to take a GD&PAA performance company level Jazz class, a Ballet class, a technique/performance segment, and a technique/performance class and three additional class disciplines in Lyrical, Jazz, Tap, Hip Hop, Modern or Contemporary class. Please consult the office manager or director for tuition fees and applicable payment arrangements.
- All dancers and parents/sponsors will read and sign a Letter of Agreement: Protocol and Procedure for the 2019-2020 season. Company classes will begin the second week of September.
- Attendance in classes is mandatory in order to ensure consistent curriculum and choreography as the Performance Companies members will do featured numbers in the annual student showcase and appear in other events as invited.
- A "soft audition" with staff members and guest artists providing complimentary and constructive comments will be held for the Preps Company. There is a \$15.00 class fee for the audition.

- Auditions and placement for Apprentices, Juniors and Company dancers will be held with staff members and guest artists providing complimentary and constructive comments along with numerical scoring as guidelines. There is a \$15.00 class fee for the audition.
- On the audition/open class date, the studios will be open for warm-up a half hour prior to the start times. Dancers should wear a dark leotard or black jazz shorts, jazz pants or leggings, with a GD&PAA short or form fitting camisole or shirt, tan tights (ladies) or black socks (Gents) and black or beige jazz shoes; ballet or half soles for lyrical portion. Dancers with chin-length hair must have it up and well-secured; no jewelry should be worn. Students may bring a water bottle to class with a secured top, and have small snacks.
- Dancers are eligible for scholarships to NADAA and other dance seminars. Please check the studio calendar posted in the classrooms and reception area, and facebook in the GD&PAA website for upcoming workshops, seminars and master classes. Students will be included for special field trips to The Bushnell, HSO, Greater Hartford Academy of the Arts and classes with sister dance schools.
- Summer dance intensives, classes, dance camps and workshops will be available throughout the year.

We welcome your questions and suggestions, and parent and family involvement. Please contact our staff by phone: 860-872-1498 or by email: grossidanceacademy@gmail.com.

Thank you for your interest in Grossi Dance & Performing Arts Academy's Performance Companies!