

DDA Performance Troupe 2024-2025 season

Mini ages 5-8 * Junior ages 9 & up * Teen ages 12 and up

Ages are approximate, dancers will be grouped depending on age and ability

Weekly Troupe Rehearsal Class

Each individual team (Mini, Junior, Teen,) has a weekly rehearsal. *Please reference the 2024-2025 season schedule) for times.* The cost of the rehearsal class is priced the same as all other weekly classes and are 20-30 minutes, depending on age. Dancers will be provided with their performance troupe time following auditions.

Class requirements for Performance Troupe members

Performance Troupe members **MUST** be enrolled in the following classes, IN ADDITION to their rehearsal class. You do not need to register for the rehearsal class until AFTER auditions. We will provide you with which rehearsal class to register for.

- Mini - any 2 classes. *Additional classes encouraged*
- Junior - must be enrolled in a Jazz class and a Ballet class (combo classes count). *Additional classes encouraged*
- Teen - must be enrolled in a Jazz class, Ballet class, and a Lyrical/Contemporary or Hip Hop class. *Additional classes encouraged*

Flex & Stretch does not count towards the two additional classes.



How are teams split? What style dance routines will each team have?

Dancers are placed where they best fit, which is why you see some ages overlap between two teams - dancers will be placed where they will best excel and feel most confident. Each team within troupe will learn two group dances, and the choreographer will decide which two styles after auditions. At that time, they will choose dance styles based on what will make that particular group shine in their best light! Jazz, Lyrical, Contemporary, Musical Theatre or Hip Hop.

There are no longer solos, duos, and trios within Troupe.

Attire/Costume requirements for performances

We are going BACK to the simplicity of how we started this team originally; we've realized that has gotten a little lost along the way. The purpose of this team is low cost, low commitment, laid back, non-competitive, confidence building performance opportunities within our community and beyond. We will not be doing full on costumes; instead we will go back to the simple, clean, sleek look of black leggings and fitted black troupe tank. *Boys attire details will be given to any boys on the team.*

The DDA Performance Troupe tank will be between \$15-30. Black leggings are purchased on your own and any brand is fine. They must go to the ankle and be brand new, only worn to performances, with NO writing or logos.

We will be purchasing new jackets this year; the price is TBD. We aim to keep all things performance troupe affordable. All dancers must purchase the required shoes (tan jazz shoes) through the studio. **No other brands are acceptable.**

Performance season: Where do we perform?

Our performance season runs November – May. A performance schedule will be provided in Sept. once the session gets started. Examples of performances are: Assisted Living facilities, NIU or Aurora University Basketball game, Windy City Bulls, and other local events. There will be about 4-5 performances. THEY ARE NOT OPTIONAL!! Last season, we saw a huge decline in commitment and constantly had dancers not show up to performances, often not even notifying us. This affects the dancers and choreographers work and time TREMENDOUSLY. It affects the quality of the performance that we spend so much time perfecting.

Please note that Assisted Living facility performances do NOT allow for a crowd - we are going into their homes. This is where they live; this is not a performance venue. If you do not wish to comply with each dancer only being allowed ONE attendee when we are at an Assisted Living or Nursing Home, you should reconsider if this is a good fit for you. Last season this was often ignored and it is NOT ok. That reflects poorly on our studio name to these facilities. We do try to livestream when possible!

Auditions: Saturday, August 24th

- Ages 5-8 (must be 5 by Sept. 1) * Saturday, Aug 24th, 2:00-2:45pm
- Ages 9-11 (must be 9 by Sept. 1) * Saturday, August 24th, 2:45-3:30pm
- Ages 12 & up (must be 12 by Sept. 1) * Saturday, August 24th, 3:30-4:15pm

Please register for auditions in our registration portal beginning August 3rd. This is a “no-cut” team but we still need to have auditions to see everyone’s abilities and know where to best place them.

