



Illuminate! Junior Dance Company 2020/2021

“An avenue for our students to grow through the experience of performing while sharing a message of hope through dance to our local community.”

How Junior Company Will Look Different This Year

Hello, Junior Company Dancers and Families!

We are excited to offer Junior Company again here at Illuminate! With all of the uncertainty that surrounds us at this time we were unsure how to proceed with Junior Company for this upcoming season. However, we believe strongly in the sense of community that Junior Company provides for our dancers as well as the valuable training they receive through rehearsals which are different from regular weekly classwork.

Our dilemma had been in the uncertainty of community performance opportunities this season with so many events being canceled due to COVID-19. While we will continue to look for performance opportunities for our Junior Company dancers for the 2020/2021 season, we have a new and exciting plan for this season even if we do not have any live performances! During our time away from the studio the past several months, we have been stretched into new areas and are learning the process of producing dance films for Glory of Zion International Ministries. While it is possible, the companies may not have the opportunity to perform at any live events, we are really excited about the unique filming opportunities we have lined up for our dancers for this season!

If you have other questions that we haven't yet answered, please be sure to let us know.

We're looking forward to a great year with your student!

The Dance Department Staff

Why should you join the Junior Company at Illuminate! Creative Arts Studio?

While much of a dancer's training happens in the studio, there is an element that can only come from the invaluable time spent in rehearsals and performances. Our goal is to provide this opportunity for our dance students through the Junior Company. Beyond the technical improvement that comes through these times is a sense of being part of a team and working towards a common goal.

Audition/How to join Junior Company?

If you would like to join the Illuminate! Junior Dance Company for the 2020/2021 season, please begin the process by reading through this entire handbook. You and your student must commit to submitting your audition recording on time, watching the orientation video for new applicants, fulfill your students weekly class requirements, their weekly Junior Company rehearsal requirement, filming times, and any performance opportunities. On Monday, July 20th, we emailed videos of choreography that students must learn, film themselves performing and submit via DropBox along with their 60 second solo.

Why do I need to audition if all levels are accepted?

Some of our companies will be divided into two groups based on skill level. Our beginners will love feeling a part of the larger group, will learn quickly from their more advanced peers, and gain a lot of confidence in their first couple years of company although their choreography will be suitable for their abilities. Our dancers who are more advanced will be given longer parts, occasionally solos or duets, etc. After the deadline (July 30th) to submit your audition recording students will be notified within a few days as to which company (Level A or B) they will be offered a spot. Should your child be invited to the B Level group but not be able to commit to the weekly class schedule, they may opt for a spot in the Level A group.

What do I need to know for the audition?

All students who are auditioning will need to prepare and submit a one minute dance solo along with a recording of themselves performing the choreography provided by one of our staff members. Students auditioning for our Polynesian company will need to prepare a sixty second solo in any style of Polynesian dance or any combination of styles. Technique based company students can perform their audition piece in ballet, hip hop, modern, jazz, contemporary or any combination of those styles.

Choreography provided by staff to learn and return via video link.

[7-9 year old Technique Video Link](#)

[10+ Technique Video Link](#)

[7-9 year old Polynesian Video Link](#)

[10+ Polynesian Video Link](#)

DropBox Details for Video Submission:

Junior Company Auditions 2020

<https://www.dropbox.com/request/9vGWtgORHQMZbyVUmaJj>

You will be able to access this dropbox link from your phone or digital device. The program is free for you and will prompt you through uploading your child's video straight from your camera phone or device to our Junior Company Dropbox. Please email info@illuminatecreativearts.com with any questions.

Who is eligible to participate?

For the 2020/2021 Season please see the requirements below for each company:

Junior Dance Company Technique A, Ages 10-15

- We will accept all levels of students who are/will be enrolled in at least one of the following classes during the 2020/2021 season : Ballet, Jazz, Modern, Tumbling, Delivered Through Movement, or Hip Hop who have had at least one year of previous dance experience during the 2019/2020 season. *If your child has had previous experience in one of these techniques, but is not currently enrolled, we will take that into consideration on a case by case basis.
- Submit Audition Recordings by July 30th
- Attend weekly Junior Company Rehearsal class September-April 2020/2021

Junior Dance Company Technique A, Ages 7-9

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- Attend weekly Junior Company Rehearsal class September-April 2020/2021

Junior Dance Company Technique B, Ages 10-15

- Submit Audition Recordings by July 30th
- Attend weekly Junior Company Rehearsal class
- Attend All Junior Dance Company Technique B Classes which will include a company Tumbling class twice a week and company contemporary class once a week.
- Must be enrolled in Ballet and Jazz

Jr. Dance Company Technique B, Ages 7-9

- Submit Audition Recordings by July 30th
- Attend weekly Junior Company Rehearsal class
- Attend All Junior Dance Company Technique B Classes which will include a company Tumbling class twice a week and company contemporary class once a week.
- Must be enrolled in Ballet and Jazz

Junior Polynesian Dance Company, Ages 10-15

- We will accept all levels of students who will be enrolled in Polynesian classes during the 2020/2021 season at Illuminate! **and** who have also had a year of Polynesian experience in the 2019/2020 season.
- Submit Audition Recordings by July 30th
- Attend weekly Polynesian Junior Company Rehearsal class September-April 2020/2021

Junior Polynesian Dance Company A, Ages 7-9

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- Submit Audition Recordings by July 30th
- Attend weekly Polynesian Junior Company Rehearsal class

Junior Polynesian Dance Company B, Ages 7-9

- Submit Audition Recordings by July 30th
- Attend weekly Junior Company Rehearsal class
- Must be enrolled in a Polynesian class for the 2020/2021 Season

What is the Cost?

--Normal monthly tuition for required classes.

--Polynesian Costume Fees: \$125

--Technique Costume Fees: \$55

--Company Jacket Fees: \$50

*If your child was previously in Junior Company, they are welcome to wear their same jacket for this upcoming season. We will be purchasing a similar style for all new members.

Where and when are the performances?

At this time we do not know if Illuminate! Junior Dance Company will have any live performances in the community due to Covid-19; however, all Jr. Company dancers will be a part of creating a dance film during the 2019/2020 Season. When we perform in the community, we are working with external events we do not always know when we will receive confirmation of events and/or dates and times. Events we have participated in the past include: Corinth Pumpkin Palooza, GSC Fall Festival, Nelson Elementary Fall Festival, Denton's Holiday Lighting Festival on the Square, Corinth Rehabilitation Center, Glory of Zion International Ministries Sunday Service, etc. We do not, at this time, anticipate most of these events being a performance option this year.

What is the time commitment for a dance film?

The dance film project for our Junior Company Dancers will require some weekends for filming. Depending on costuming, hair, and makeup and filming location will determine the amount of time the students will be required to be onsite for filming. Details for each film project will be released at a later date.

What is the Junior Company Weekly Rehearsal Class?

This block of time is set aside to rehearse performance pieces as well as a unique technique class designed specifically for the company kids. What is taught in this class time will be different week to week and is determined by what the instructor sees is needed for that specific group of dancers (i.e. stretching/flexibility, leaps and jumps, musicality, etc.). This is possibly one of the most valuable aspects of Junior Company. These students get a weekly class that is tailored to them specifically as a whole dancer and not just to one style or technique.

**Please note that due to possible class size restrictions, there is a chance that Junior Company Rehearsal week for Level A students will occur every other week.

How are the additional required classes for the "B" companies different from the regular dance classes my student is already taking?

This season, our "B" level classes will be adding specific Junior Company tumbling and contemporary classes. These classes are only open to that specific B level company group for the purpose of developing them as a team and as dancers.



Illuminate! Junior Dance Company
Company Member Contract

__ I understand the weekly class and rehearsal requirements of my company as outlined in the Junior Company Handbook.

__ Polynesian Movement Company requires me to take Polynesian Movement class.

__ I understand that being a part of a company I am representing Illuminate! Creative Arts Studio at every performance and will do so with the utmost respect and good behavior.

__ I understand I have to uphold the dress codes and studio policies as stated in the Studio Handbook

__ As a member of the Junior Company I understand that I am committing to filming sessions and required classes throughout the year.

__ Written notice must be turned in 2 weeks in advance if a filming session is going to be missed so choreography can be adjusted. Unless otherwise approved by the director.

__ I understand that being a part of a company also comes with a job. Each month I will fulfill the job assigned to me with a standard of excellence representing the studio and my work well. I.e. sound person, steaming costumes, hair person, prop person, etc.

__ I understand that if guidelines are not met a parent, director, and student meeting may be called to further discuss the issues and how they will be handled.

__ I understand that our stretch charts and any assignment assigned to us to complete at home is for our growth. I agree to complete them and turn them in on time to the teacher with my best work ethic.

__ I understand that as a part of a company we as a group have to work together. If any issues arise in the group they are immediately to be taken to the director.

Student Signature

Parent Signature

Date