

First Act Dance Company

2021-2022 Auditions



What?

- ❖ First Act Dance Company will be a selected group of dancers who will represent First Act Theatre Arts Dance Studio out in the community and at specialized dance performances.

Who will head up the company?

- ❖ Teachers: April Okken, Amy Carson, Hope Williams
- ❖ Director: Liz Watkins

Possible styles included in the company, but not limited to:

- ❖ Mix of Jazz, Modern, Swing, & Tap

When are auditions?

- ❖ Saturday, October 2 from 12:00-3:00 at the First Act Theatre Arts Dance Studio

Where are auditions and rehearsals?

- ❖ First Act Theatre Arts Dance Studio (6800A W 153rd St, Overland Park, KS 66223)

Who can audition?

- ❖ Any level of dancer!
- ❖ Must be taking dance classes exclusively at First Act
- ❖ Must be enrolled in a Fall 2021 (if you are not yet enrolled, contact Liz Watkins to discuss your options) and Spring 2022 dance class
- ❖ Must be ages 12-18 (must turn 12 by January 1, 2022)

How do I sign up to audition?

- ❖ Sign ups for auditions are available at this [link](#):

What do I wear at auditions?

- ❖ You may come in whatever outfit you choose for your solo piece audition
- ❖ After that, black leotard and black leggings are required for the remainder of the audition
- ❖ Jazz shoes
- ❖ Tap shoes (optional)
- ❖ Hair must be tied up in a bun

Audition process:

- ❖ Everyone is required to learn one Contemporary/Modern/Lyrical dance (length: 1 min) ahead of time and bring it to auditions to perform. The video will be sent out on Friday, September 17th to those who have signed up.
- ❖ Everyone is required to create one solo piece (length: 1 min) in any style and bring it to auditions to perform. Please bring the music on your phone to play.
- ❖ Everyone is required to learn a short Jazz combination at auditions.
- ❖ If you feel comfortable with Tap, a short combination will also be taught at auditions. This is the only optional piece.

Expectations at auditions?

- ❖ Arrive 15 minutes early, we will start at exactly 12:00
- ❖ Stretch ahead of time, there will not be a time for stretching once we begin
- ❖ Bring a water bottle
- ❖ No jewelry or gum

If I make it, what will be my commitment?

Rehearsals are required:

- ❖ Nov 2021-Jan 2022 rehearsals (see separate document for dates)
- ❖ Not everyone will be at every rehearsal. It will depend on the pieces they are chosen to be in.

Potential Opportunities (not everyone will be in everything):

- ❖ Project Dance if it happens
- ❖ Dance the Magic event in New York or Florida in 2022
- ❖ Church or school shows
- ❖ Theater in the Park pre-show/ Crown Center

Dance Convention (optional):

- ❖ January - approx cost \$300 for the whole weekend

The 2021-2022 season will run from September 2021-August 2022

What is the attendance policy?

- ❖ Excused absences: 2 excused absences will be allowed. These must be put on your conflict form that you bring to auditions.
- ❖ Unexcused absences: first unexcused absence will result in a warning, second unexcused absence will result in a meeting with students and parents, third unexcused absence will result in removal from applicable dance piece(s)
- ❖ Unforeseen absences due to family emergencies will be considered after discussions.

What is the estimated cost?

- ❖ Members will pay a flat fee of \$275 to cover all rehearsals. This fee will be due by their first rehearsal on November 29, 2021.
- ❖ Fundraising will be used for other opportunities.
- ❖ Please recognize this is a financial investment and other costs will incur (costumes, tights, shoes, pictures, etc).

Other questions or concerns? Contact Liz Watkins at dancedirector@firstactkc.org