



Thoughtful artists are on a constant journey of growth, seeking to expand their creativity, improve their quality and to push their ability. elite Dance & Theatre is a company full of artists on that journey together.

We offer a unique program for apprentices, where they are given the opportunity to train and perform alongside our professional artists. This program offers our apprentices a greatly reduced price for class tuition (40% discount) in exchange for their seasonal commitment to participate in

elite Company & Youth Program Performances, Events and Activities.

elite Company Apprenticeship Requirements and Standards

- Company Apprenticeship is by audition or invitation only.
- Company Apprenticeship will be considered for those artists 14 years or older (9th grade and up), dancing at Adult Intermediate level or higher and who have the ability and maturity to work alongside the professional company.
- Company Apprenticeship is for one season at a time. Members that remove themselves or are dismissed from the program must wait until the new season to request Apprenticeship.
- Company Apprentices will attend classes and rehearsals on assigned levels.
- Class Requirements are (2) Ballet classes, (2) Jazz classes, and (1) Tap class each week. Additional Ballet classes, Aerial and Swing are recommended but not mandatory. Mandatory classes are on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. Acting rehearsals are on Fridays. Dance rehearsals depend on casting and are scheduled on Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Saturdays.
- Participation in all seasonal performances, activities and events is mandatory in order to maintain apprenticeship with the company.
- Apprentices are expected to show respect for their art form, their instructors, elite office workers, production crew, and their company.
- Apprentices are expected to behave with the highest professionalism: work hard, be on time, be responsible, be respectful, be dependable. Professionalism will be displayed in the studio, in the theatre and on social media.
- elite Dance & Theatre will not allow disruptive attitudes or behavior from company members, apprentices or their families.

Company Expenses and Discounts

- Monthly tuition.
- Company Apprentices receive a 40% discount off of the full price for their mandatory class schedule: (2) Ballet, (2) Jazz, (1) Tap **Guys may substitute Swing for Ballet, girls may take swing a part of their schedule*
- Tuition is paid from June through May.
- Aerial must be paid for separately and at full price.
- Class/Rehearsal/Performance supplies: (please see dress codes for Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Swing, Aerial) Performance supplies: Gals: black camisole leotard, black dance shorts, body tights (black, nude), some shows require additional footwear. Guys: black stretchy dress pants, black body armor t-shirt and shorts, some shows require additional footwear.

Company Performance, Events and Activities

*please refer to website calendar for specific dates

- Kids Theatre Project Perform/Crew/Staff: **Apprentices** have the opportunity to play lead roles for KTP or must work part time as crew/staff for the KTP workshop. Jobs (days/times) will be coordinated by the KTP director.
- Company Shows (Fall Show in September, Holiday Show in December, Spring show in March/April)

Company Performance Participation Requirements

- Casting for elite Company Shows will be by audition/invitation. All elite Company members will be required to submit an Audition Worksheet before casting deadlines for each show. Company members are expected to attend classes and rehearsals. Members are responsible for being caught up when returning from an excused absence.
- An unexcused absence may result in removal from the cast.
- Consideration for casting will be based on availability for SETS, Rehearsals and Performance dates as well as weekly work ethic while training.