

Movement LAB

2017-2018

Company Contract

Placement in The MovementLAB dance company is based on the following criteria: technique, potential, commitment, level, enthusiasm, attitude, and behavior in class, attendance and stage presence. We place company members together in groups based on their ability, style, level and who we feel will work best together in rehearsal and performance.

These are the following things we look for in our company dancers throughout the year:

- 1. positive attitude in class*
- 2. Respect and courtesy shown towards classmates and teachers*
- 3. Excellent class attendance*
- 4. The ability to pick up new material quickly and remember it week to week*
- 5. The ability to take corrections and constructive feedback*
- 6. Strong overall technique and lines*
- 7. Good posture and alignment*
- 8. Timing and musicality*
- 9. Power and strength*
- 10. Flexibility (we will work on this)*
- 11. Strong expression and presentation while performing in the studio and on stage*
- 12. For parents– All company dancers accounts must be up to date and all deadlines met*

Attendance & Time Commitment

A dance company is a team. Just as sports teams require all players at every practice and game, dance companies require attendance in every class and rehearsal. Absences will hold back not only the individual dancer, but the company as a whole. Each dancer is allowed up to 5 absences from company classes and rehearsal (5 total) from September-June. **Only 1 Absence is allowed the month of a performance. However, the teacher/choreographer may remove the dancer if they feel it is appropriate. Due to their absence.**

Dancers who miss more than 5 classes may be removed from the competition pieces or other pieces of choreography. All company dancers are expected to perform in EVERY studio performance (January & June) as well as all planned events with their company.

All company dancers are required to take their selected classes each week. Dancers who miss more than 5 meetings with their core classes will be removed from the company.

All company dancers must be present in ALL CORE CLASSES AND REHEARSALS THE WEEK PRIOR TO EVERY PERFORMANCE AND COMPETITION OR CONVENTION.

Dancers who attend class, but sit and observe will incur half an absence. While we encourage students observe class if they are not able to dance due to injury, observing is not actively participating in class or training, so we don't consider this 100% attendance.

Any dancer who misses more than 3 days or more of dance class due to injury or illness, must provide a doctor's note

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I agree to enroll in all required classes and attend all company classes, rehearsals, competitions and performances. I understand that excess absences may result in my not being able to participate in an event or even removal from the company. I do not anticipate scheduling conflicts with sports or other activities.

Parent & Student initial: _____

Courtesy & Respect

Being a member of a MovementLAB dance company is a privilege. All company members and their families will be held to the highest standards of conduct. Company members and their families must show courtesy and respect to teachers and other students at the studio at all times. Any student or parent who exhibits repeated disrespectful behavior to teachers, students or parents will be asked to leave The MovementLAB.

I Agree to treat ALL MovementLAB teachers, students and parents with courtesy and respect.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Dress Code & Class Preparedness

Dance Company members must wear appropriate dancewear to EVERY class. Forgetting dancewear, shoes, hair being down and or wearing inappropriate clothing will not be tolerated.

The dress code for company dancers is as follows:

Leggings or tight fitting pants (Jazz or modern)

NEW *Tights & Leotard for Ballet & Turns/Technique*

Tank tops or tighter fitting t-shirts

NO CROP TOPS OR SPORTS BRAS (No midriff exposed)

NO SHORT SHORTS (shorts shouldn't be worn as we will most likely be doing floor work in all classes)

Long mid-thigh or basketball shorts are acceptable (for Hip Hop Or Breaking only)

Appropriate shoes are to worn for each class

Hair must be up in a ponytail or bun **(NO HAIR DOWN)**

All company dancers should have a dance bag to keep all appropriate shoes and hair supplies

An extra dance outfit is a good idea in case you sweat through the first one or need a change of clothes

****Always keep a notebook and a pencil to write down corrections, choreography or homework**

I agree to be prepared for every class as this dress code states: hair back, appropriate dancewear, and shoes as well as a dance bag that holds my required items to every class and event.

Parent Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

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Financial

There is a discount that only applies toward the selected company classes and is not open to non-company dancers. MOB & Momentum Dancers will receive a special tuition rate of \$160 per month & TMC will receive a special tuition of \$180 per Month for all required classes. Rehearsals are also included in this rate. This does not include additional (non-required) classes. Monthly tuition is due by the 1st of each month and is considered late by the 10th. If tuition becomes more than two months unpaid, the dancer will not be able to continue. A late fee of \$15 will be added to all accounts paid after the 10th of the month.

All convention/completion and costume fees must be paid by the deadline specific to your company. If you do not pay by the specific date, your child will not receive a costume nor will they be able to attend the convention. We have to follow the deadlines given to us by those specific companies. Unfortunately, there are no exceptions.

Performances & Convention

Dance company members will perform in more pieces than other dancers during our studio performances and are featured throughout. In order for us to create such a high caliber of dance and performance, we need your help. Each company dancer needs to have a parent (preferable a mom for dressing room purposes) volunteer backstage in at least one rehearsal and or performance. Our hope is that by helping your dancer and their dance company, the show will run smooth and your child will perform at a much higher level of confidence.

ALL company members MUST have at least one parent or guardian attend this year's dance convention for the entire length of the event. EVEN if the dancer is 18yrs or older, they must be accompanied by a guardian.

Communication

Please contact the studio directly at 707-206-7444 or admin@dancersmovement.com

All studio related communication should go directly through Bernadette or Suzanne. Please refrain from contacting our staff via texts, facebook, or emails as they are not expected to deal with, nor are they paid to take care of parent correspondence on their off time. Please respect their privacy outside of the studio. All communication needs to go through our office and from there the message will be delivered to the appropriate parties.

I understand the financial obligations, performance & event commitment and communication requirements expected of dance company parents.

Parent Signature _____ Date: _____

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The MovementLAB Company Code of Conduct

*Membership in a MovementLAB Dance Company is a privilege, not a right. Bernadette, the studio director, will have final say in any and all matters regarding the dance companies.

*We will be committed to the dance company thru June 2017 and will always put forth our best effort to meet demands, requirements and goals of the dance company. Should I choose to leave the company mid-season, I am responsible for all entry fees that the MovementLAB paid on my behalf and all costumes and accessories purchased for my classes.

*It is my responsibility as a parent to check my email, The MovementLAB website, facebook and company bulletin board in the lobby regularly to make sure I am informed.

*Dance Company dancers are expected to set a positive example in class and while on studio grounds. Dancers are also expected to act appropriately and respectfully at ALL TIMES. There is no "hanging" out in dressing rooms. All dancers must use positive talk and encouraging words while in the studio and at all events.

*Dance company dancers will not post anything inappropriate, provocative or demeaning online or on ANY social media.

*Bullying is NOT tolerated. Any dancer who is caught bullying ANYONE will be dismissed from the company.

*All choreography is sole property of The MovementLAB. Dance company members and or former members may not perform routines or choreography outside of the MovementLAB without written permission from the director.

*Dance Company dancers must maintain excellent grades as determined by their parents. The MovementLAB also operates on a ZERO TOLERANCE policy in regards to drug and alcohol use.

*Dance Company members must behave appropriately and conduct themselves in a professional manner at all times.

Inappropriate behavior will result in removal from the company and possibly the studio. Dance Company members, their friends and relatives are never to degrade or put down any other dancer's ability, performance, appearance or personality. Talking about others is not appropriate and will not be tolerated. Accomplishment and achievement can never come at the expense of another person.

*Dance Company dancers are required to follow all rules and regulations set forth by The MovementLAB. Failure to comply with these guidelines will result in a warning, penalties or dismissal from The MovementLAB. The studio director, Bernadette has the final say in ALL dance company matters

Acknowledgment Statement

Both dancer and parent have read and understand all that is expected as a dance company member of The MovementLAB. We understand that the rules are created to ensure the absolute best training and positive experience for all. Both dancer and parent understand that failure to meet the conditions set forth in this contract could result in the dancer's dismissal from The MovementLAB.

Student Printed Name: _____

Student Signature: _____ **Date:** _____

Parent Printed Name: _____

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Parent Signature: _____ Date: _____