

## 2017-2018 DANCE COMPETITION TEAMS



Our philosophy on competition...

*It is wonderful to belong to a group where every individual brings something special and important to the dance floor! We use the competition format to teach our students how to be a positive team member by instilling the values of responsibility, commitment, hard work, and kindness to others. It's not about winning the awards, it's about setting a goal and working hard TOGETHER to achieve it. It's about learning through the process, the successes, and the failures!*

The Competition Teams offers the serious dancer more intense training and performance opportunities. Members of the Teen and Junior Competition Teams take class 2 days a week and are encouraged to train in ballet, tap, jazz & musical theater.

The Competition Teams will participate in 2-3 dance/talent competitions in the spring in addition to local parades, the Holiday Showcase and the annual June recital. Competition Team dancers also have opportunities to perform in the community, take class from master teachers, & travel to dance conventions throughout the year.

- Mini Tap/Jazz Pre-Competition Team: Ages 6-7 | Thurs. 5-6p | Sarah Jane Blackburn, Instructor
  - Required to take 1 additional class of either ballet, Twinkle Stars, or acting class.
  - This team will not compete but will attend a local competition to support their fellow dance team members and observe the competition arena. Members of this group will be featured on the spring recital & any additional public performances throughout the year.
  
- Petite Tap-Jazz Team: Ages 8-9 | Thurs. 4-5p | Sarah Jane Blackburn, Instructor
  - Required to take 1 additional ballet or acting class.
  - This team will compete in one or two local competitions during the year. This group will be featured on the spring recital & any additional public performances throughout the year.
  
- Junior Tap/Jazz Team: Ages 10-12 | Wed. 4-5p | Melanie Batchelor, Instructor
  - Required to take 1 additional ballet class.
  - This team will compete in one or two local competitions during the year. This group will be featured on the spring recital & any additional public performances throughout the year.
  
- Senior Tap: Ages 14-18 | Tues. 6:55-7:40p | Lynne Meyer, Instructor
  - Required to take 1 additional jazz or ballet class.
  - This team will compete in two or three local competitions during the year. This group will be featured on the spring recital & any additional public performances throughout the year.
  
- Senior Lyrical Teams: Ages 14-18 | Wed 6-7p | Sarah Jane Blackburn, Instructor
  - Members of Senior Lyrical are required to take 1 additional ballet class.
  - This team will compete in two or three local competitions during the year. This group will be featured on the spring recital & any additional public performances throughout the year.

### Team Placement

All prospective dancers must pass a private audition or be recommended by the team by a MusicWorks faculty member. To audition for the Competition Teams, dancers must meet the minimum age requirement. Private auditions can be scheduled for late spring or early fall. If you feel you may not be ready for the competition team, we encourage you to speak with the studio director about designing a personal accelerated program to help prepare you for the Competition Team.

### Competition Solos, Duets, or Trios

Members of the competition teams may be invited to compete with solos, duets, or trios in two or more local competitions. Invited students will be assigned a competition “genre” based on his/her strengths as determined by their team instructor and the director. Students and their parents must be willing to allow the **instructor** to create and costume the solo based on their knowledge of the student’s abilities and overall emotion or story of the piece. Fees for solo rehearsal, choreography, costuming, and entry fees to the competitions are all the responsibility of the dancer and/or the dancer’s family.

Choreography/Staging & Music Editing Fee: \$150.00 | Paid in-full before solo instruction is given.

Private Dance Instruction: \$45/hour \$35/ 45 mins. \$25/half-hour | Paid prior to the private lesson.

### Competitions under consideration for 2017-2018.

*Please note, many competitions and conventions do not finalize and publish their events until mid-September. This list may be updated as more information becomes available.*

- ★ Feb 16-18      Beyond the Stars Talent Competition in Sevierville, TN
- ★ April 6-8      Artist Simply Human Convention in Greenville, SC
- ★ April 27-29    Believe Dance Competition in Spartanburg, SC, **or**
  - Epic Dance Competition in Asheville
- ★ March 9-10    Encore Dance Competition in Greenville, SC
- ★ May 4-6      Encore Dance Competition in Asheville
- ★ May 11-13    Encore Dance Competition in Gatlinburg, TN

