



Northernplainsdance

Student Company Program Details

Age: 11 (by Dance+ Audition Date) through 19 Level: Ballet 2 or Higher Pointe: Enrolled in Pre-Pointe or Higher Modern: Enrolled in Modern 2 or higher

Requirements for Continuation:

- Demonstrate a history of hard work, commitment, and dedication while attending technique classes and rehearsals with a positive attitude.
- Complete the previous year of Company membership in good standing; attend required technique classes and rehearsals with a positive attitude.
- Continue dance studies over the summer months; at 1 session of NPDE, in a minimum of 50% of the offered Drop-In classes, or at an approved summer intensive.
- Show the ability and desire to act as a role model and mentor to younger students throughout all levels of NPD.

Enrollment Requirements:

- A minimum of three (Soloist) or two (Corps) ballet technique* classes per week at NPD
- One modern technique class per week at NPD
- One pointe technique* class per week at NPD if female or one additional technique class if male
- Additional Saturday warm-up** classes and theater warm-up classes

*Rehearsals are not considered technique classes.

**Saturday warm-up refers to the AM Saturday class prior to rehearsal, which is required for all Company members when NPD is in production. Company members may NOT use warm-up to substitute a required technique class or use warm-up as a makeup class. Warm-up is not limited to Company members.

Company Dues:

Soloist dues of \$1600 will be split into 8 equal payments of \$200 and Corps dues of \$1280 will be split into 8 equal payments of \$160 and will be charged to your card on file on September 22, October 20, November 17, December 15, January 26, February 23, March 22, and April 19.

Included in your dues:

- Advanced Role Fees
- Workshop Fees
- Production Fees
- Volunteer Fees
- Guest Choreographer Fees
- Summer Youth Ensemble Fees

Offsetting Dues by Fundraising

To make the Company financially possible for all NPD students, Company students and families have the option to fundraise throughout the year. You may offset your Company dues by participating in any or all of the options below. Any funds raised through these methods will be taken off the following month(s) dues. Any other donations of money, goods or services outside of the options listed below will not count towards fundraising totals.

Fundraisers:

- \$10,000x200 will be figured at 75%. Example: If a check is received in your honor for \$100, you will be given credit for \$75.



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- Giving Hearts Day will be figured at 75% according to the name in the dedication box. Example: If a donation is made in your name for \$100, you will be given credit for \$75. ****if your name is not prominent in the donation we will not count this as fundraising on your behalf.****
- Bacon for Ballet will be figured \$3.75 per bag. Example: If you sell 100 items, you will be given credit for \$375.

Alternative method:

- For Students- If a student is over the age of 14, they may be asked to lead birthday parties or help teach camps throughout the year. If a student is asked to participate in one of these activities, they will have the option to be paid outright or to have their earnings credited towards their company dues; this decision must be made when signing Company paperwork and cannot be changed throughout the year. Any credits earned in the current school year will be applied to the current year's dues. Any credits earned between the last day of Academy classes and the start of the following school year will be applied to the following year's dues.

Mentorship Requirements:

One purpose of the Student Company is to provide positive leadership within NPD. To do so, Soloist members may be asked to do the following:

- Assist in rehearsals for either *The Nutcracker* or *Beauty and the Beast* as needed. For example, if you are assigned to be the Cherubs' assistant you will attend all possible rehearsals for that role, keeping in mind that your own casting takes priority but consistency for the young ones is of the utmost importance. As a positive role model to these young dancers, you will be a shining example to parents of what NPD has to offer.
- Respecting the space. Company members are expected to do their part in keeping the facility presentable. This includes taking out the trash when it is full, replacing empty toilet paper, picking up food waste, etc. This is designed to show the younger students and parents that you take pride in NPD, and you are willing to help keep the building looking good.
- Treat the Director, teachers, choreographers, and fellow company members in a respectful manner.

Volunteer Requirements:

Parents of Company members are expected to complete the required Performance Volunteer Hours to receive credit for Volunteer Fees.

Company members are required to:

- Sew closures and nametags on their own costumes for each production and have it checked by a staff member within one week of fitting.
- Participate in outreach efforts and additional performances throughout the year as they arise.
- Assist with one Special Event as assigned. Assignments will be made following auditions. All activities must be completed at the designated time, substitution is not allowed. Assistance by students at the following events will not count towards volunteer hours required for other activities (performance, Honor Society, etc.):
 - Zoo Boo (a Saturday in October during rehearsal)
 - Move-In for *The Nutcracker* (Sunday prior to Production Week)
 - Giving Hearts Day thank you letters (picked up the day after GHD and returned the following Monday)
 - Move-In for *Dance+* (Sunday prior to Production Week)
 - Butterfly Ball (Early April)
 - Move-In for *Beauty and the Beast* (Sunday prior to Production Week)

Summer Performance Requirements:

Throughout the summer, NPD is asked to perform *Stories In Motion* at a series of outdoor events, typically Summer Stage, Family River Day, Urban Harvest, and BisMarket. Company members are strongly encouraged to participate in the Summer Youth Ensemble. NPD reserves the right to cast each performance as necessary to ensure that each Company member gets a chance to perform. Company members are expected to perform in the Rooftop event if available.

Additional Requirements:



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- Follow all rules set forth in the handbook including, but not limited to, dress codes.
- Participation in *The Nutcracker*, *Dance+*, and *Snow White* as set forth in the casting agreements for each production, abiding by all rules.
- Attendance at rehearsals outside of the regular Thursday/Saturday schedule due to guest choreographers, musicians, or teachers.
- Attending an end-of-the-year conference with the faculty over the summer.
- One absence per class per quarter is allowed.
- Any violation of the above voids the tuition discount (see below).

Tuition Discount

- At the end of each dancer's selected tuition billing period, the faculty will assess whether the student is meeting the requirements of their agreement. If the student has satisfactorily met the requirements, they will receive a tuition discount of 10% for all non-required classes (i.e. contemporary, cross, training, etc) for the following billing cycle. If you are currently receiving another discount, i.e. sibling discount, the greater of the two will be applied not both discounts.
- Discounts will be applied to student's account and used towards the next scheduled tuition payment.
- Discounts from the last billing cycles will be applied to summer semester classes or drop-in classes, but not toward NPDE tuition.
- Credits remaining at the end of the summer will be voided and cannot be applied to the 2024-25 school year.

Audition Video Discount

- Members of the Student Company will receive a \$50 discount on audition video sessions.

NPDE Discount

- Members of the Student Company will receive a \$100 discount if you sign up for both full sessions. If early bird registration discount is used, you will receive the greater of the two discounts not both. Not eligible for drop-in classes.

Withdrawal from Student Company

If circumstances arise that make it so the dancer cannot fulfill their commitment, the following Withdrawal Fees will apply:

- Tuition Discount: Any tuition discount that has been used as of the date of withdrawal needs to be paid back.
- Advanced Role Fee: One of the perks of participating in Student Company is having the Advanced Role Fee waived for rehearsal and performance warm-up classes. This will be charged at the rate listed in the handbook and will be prorated for any classes taken if the withdrawal date is mid-production. (Minus any dues paid)
- Guest Choreographers: One of the perks of participating in Student Company is having the fees associated with Guest Choreographers waived. This will be charged at the rate listed in the handbook. (Minus any dues paid).
- Photography Fee: An additional \$75 will be charged to cover the cost of the Student Company photos published in all performance programs.