

Ace Ensemble 2021-2022 Info

The Ensemble Program is designed to give students additional dance training and performance opportunities throughout the year. We are a loving and supportive community of dancers, parents, and Ace faculty. Dancers cast into the Ensemble are required to take multiple classes during the week and attend weekly rehearsal to bring their dance training to the next level. Ensemble performers also represent Ace Dance Academy as positive role models throughout the community. Placement and casting into the Ensemble is by audition only and at the discretion of the directors.

The Ace Ensemble also includes a Pre-Professional Program for dancers who would like additional dances/performance/event opportunities/assistance with college applications/auditions and focus their training toward a specific goal of professional dance training.

INFORMATIONAL MEETING

Friday, April 23rd, 7:00-8:00p at Ace

- Learn more about our supportive, community-oriented Ensemble Program
- Learn more about the Pre-Professional Program

AUDITIONS

Friday, May 21st at Ace

4:00-5:20p Ensemble Audition: Levels White, Red, Yellow, Teal

5:30-7:00p Ensemble Audition: Levels Navy, Magenta, Burgundy

7:15-7:45p Pre-Professional Audition

7:55-8:10p Self-Choreographed Solo, Duo, or Trio Audition

Audition based on your highest level of ballet, contemporary, or jazz class during the 20-21 school year.

Please note times listed above are subject to change based on the number of dancers who sign up to audition.

Requirements to Audition for Ensemble:

- 7 years old by September 1, 2021
- At least 1 year of dance training

Requirements to Audition for the Pre-Professional Program:

- 10 years old by September 1, 2021
- At least 1 year on Ensemble
- Attendance at all mandatory performances in previous year

Requirements to Audition for a Self-Choreographed Solo, Duo, Trio:

- 13 years old by September 1, 2021
- At least 1 year in Solo, Duo, Trio Program
- Enrollment in Technique & Choreography Intensive Summer 2021

To Audition:

- Wear a leotard and tights or close fitting dance top and pants, bring all dance shoes
- Wear hair secured back neatly, have a professional appearance
- Select dancers in the 4:00p Audition may be asked to stay for the 5:30p Audition
- Dancers who wish to attend the Pre-Professional or Self-Choreographed Solo, Duo, Trio Auditions must attend either the 4:00p or 5:30p Audition

To Register for the Audition:

Login to your customer portal and enroll in the appropriate audition(s) by **Thursday, May 13th**:

1. 21-22 Ensemble Audition A (Levels White, Red, Yellow, Teal)
2. 21-22 Ensemble Audition B (Levels Navy, Magenta, Burgundy)
3. 21-22 Pre-Professional Program Audition
4. 21-22 Self-Choreographed Solo, Duo, Trio Audition

Important Dates:

May 27th Casting Emailed

June 4th Ensemble Meeting, 7:00-8:00p at Ace-Mandatory for new Ensemble dancers and parents; highly recommended for returners

June 11th Ensemble Contracts due by 7:00p

Summer Requirements:

Ensemble:

- 30 hours of dance. May consist of a combination of camps and intensives.

Pre-Professional:

- 45 hours of dance. May consist of a combination of camps and intensives.

Summer conflicts will not be discussed prior to audition. Families unable to meet the summer requirements may submit an amendment outlining their plan to meet summer requirements. Summer Amendment forms are available upon request.

School Year Requirements:

- Ensemble Camp Week: Mon-Fri Aug 2-6 (9:30a-4:30p) Required for all Ensemble members. Rehearsals will be assigned accordingly; dancers will not be called the entire time. Cost is \$325

Note that our School Year Session begins on **Monday, August 16, 2021**

- Friday Rehearsal spans from 3:30-7:15p, depending upon pieces in which dancer is cast
- Monday Rehearsal is 7-8p or 8-9p (Pre-Professional dancers only)
- Classes span Monday through Saturday
- Ensemble members required to take 3-6 classes per week, depending upon dances
- Pre-Professional dancers required to take 7-9 classes per week, depending upon dances

Disneyland!

We plan to attend an optional Disney performance opportunity during the 21-22 Session. With the roll out of the COVID-19 vaccine, we are hopeful that Disney theme parks will once again be able to provide these experiences for our families!

Please note that the cost to attend Disneyland Dance the Magic is not included in the Financial Requirements listed.

Performances & Events:

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| 1. Twilight Parade (Sept 18, 2021) | All |
| 2. Willows Outreach (Nov 2021) | Solo, Duo, Trio Dances |
| 3. Holiday Party & Fundraiser (Dec 11, 2021) | All |
| 4. Diamond Terrace Outreach (Jan 2022) | All |
| 5. Adjudication Performance (Jan 2022) | All |
| 6. Dupree Convention & Competition (Spring 2022) | All |
| 7. Competition 1 (Spring 2022) | Select Dances; Pre-Pro (req) |
| 8. Competition 2 (Spring 2022) | Select Dances; Pre-Pro (req) |
| 9. Disneyland (Spring or Summer 2022) | All (opt) & Pre-Pro (req) |
| 10. Ace Production (June 2022) | All |

Financial Requirements:

Warm-up Jacket and Joggers:

All new Ensemble members are required to purchase a warm-up jacket. Please note that we will utilize this jacket for 1 more year. All new Ensemble members are required to purchase joggers. We will utilize the same joggers for 1 more year.

Rehearsal Uniform and Backpack:

During all Monday and Friday rehearsals Ensemble members are required to wear a rehearsal uniform. Dancers must purchase an Ensemble top and provide their own capri length black leggings (females) or black shorts/pants (males). Please note that bottoms must be solid black (no patterned leggings etc). Parents may purchase more than 1 uniform top if desired.

****NEW:** All Ensemble members are required to purchase team backpacks, to be utilized at all Ensemble performances/events, can also be used as their studio bag and utilized for 2-3 years.

Ensemble Jacket, Jogger, Uniform, Backpack Fees (June 16th, 2021):

Jackets - New Members Only:	\$130-\$160
Joggers - New Members Only:	\$110-\$130
Rehearsal Top - ALL:	\$50-\$60
Personalized Backpacks - ALL:	\$85-\$95

Ensemble Installment Fees cover the cost of: Ensemble costumes, props, accessories, music editing, competition fees, convention fees, and administrative fees. Cost depends upon the dances in which Ensemble members are cast. Installments below indicate cost range for Ensemble as well as the Pre-Professional Team.

Installment #1 (July 1, 2021)	\$550
Installment #2 (August 1, 2021)	\$300-\$550
Installment #3 (September 1, 2021)	\$100-\$450
Installment #4 (January 10, 2022)	\$100-\$350
Installment #5 (May 2, 2022)	\$0-\$350

Additional Financial Requirements:

- Summer camp/intensive tuition
- School year tuition (July 15th-May 15th)
- Monthly rehearsal fees: \$85-\$100 Ensemble and \$100-\$115 Pre-Pro (August 15th -May 15th)
- June production costume costs (Nov 11th and Dec 11th, 2021)
- Dancewear and shoes

Pre-Professional Program

- Mentorship Program: Each dancer and parent will meet with a professional dance mentor 3 times throughout the year. (Summer, Winter, Spring) for an hour-long session to go into detail about that individual dancer's goals for the year and beyond.
- San Francisco Bay Area Events: Two chaperoned events (may consist of class, performance, or audition) in the San Francisco Bay Area that introduce dancers into the professional dance world (pricing is separate).
- Pre-Pro dances will be submitted to perform at the Disney showcase.
- Guaranteed placement into the Solo, Duo, Trio Program (pricing is separate).
- Placement is by audition only; casting is based on technique, commitment level, work ethic, and drive.

Should I Audition for the Pre-Professional Program?

Q: What if I want to be able to participate in theater productions/soccer team/girl scouts/etc and dance at Ace?

A: The Ensemble sounds like a better fit for you! With the lower time commitment, you will be able to participate in both the Ensemble and other commitments.

Q: What if I love performing and would like to dance professionally with Disney, on Broadway, or audition for a college dance program?

A: The Pre-Professional Program would be a great fit for you! It offers strategic dance training and extra performance opportunities in the Bay Area, Disneyland, nationally, and (one day) internationally!

Q: I love dancing and performing, but I want to be able to attend my school dances and go up to Tahoe on the weekends.

A: Dancing is wonderful and we want to support our dancers' desire for strong social lives at school and with family! The Ensemble is a great way to perform more throughout the year and still attend school/family functions. Pre-Professional dancers may need to miss school dances and family functions in order to commit fully to the program.

Solo, Duo, Trio Program

Dancers who have been Ensemble members for at least 1 year have the option to apply for our Solo, Duo, Trio Program. More details to come!

Dance Captain

High School dancers with at least 2 years of Ensemble experience have the option to apply for Ensemble Dance Captain. More details to come!