

Ace Performing Ensemble 2018-2019

The Ensemble Program is designed to give students additional performance opportunities throughout the year. Dancers cast into the ensemble are required to take multiple classes during the week to bring their dance training to the next level. Ensemble performers also represent Ace Dance Academy as positive role models throughout the community. Placement into the ensemble is by audition only and is at the discretion of the artistic directors.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be 7 years old by September 1, 2018 and have at least one year of dance training
- 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
- Please bring a headshot and resume if you have one

<p style="text-align: center;">AUDITIONS Friday, April 20 at Ace 4:00-5:30p Primary Level II, Level White, Red, Yellow, Teal 5:30-7:00p Level Navy, Magenta, Burgundy 7:00-7:15p Self-Choreographed Solos Auditions based on your highest level of Ballet, Jazz or Contemporary class during 17-18 school year</p>
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IMPORTANT DATES

April 28 Parents receive email with casting information

May 1 Ensemble Parent Meeting, 8:10-9:10p at Ace-Mandatory for New Ensemble Parents; highly recommended for returners

May 8 Ensemble Contracts due by 8:00p

SUMMER REQUIREMENT

Ensemble members are required to enroll in two dance classes and one 6-hour intensive or two 3-hour camps/intensives.

SCHOOL YEAR REQUIREMENTS

- **Ensemble Week: August 19 through August 24. Sun 1-7p and Mon-Fri 4-9p. Required for all Ensemble members** (rehearsals will be assigned accordingly; dancers will not be called the entire time)
- School year required classes will span **Monday through Saturday *School Year Session Start Date: Aug 27, 2018**
- Friday rehearsal (Lime & Emerald 5:30-7:00p; **NEW: Jade & Kelly 4:00-6:15p**)
- We highly recommend that ensemble dancers take technique classes beyond the minimum requirements

Classes according to assigned ensemble grouping:

Lime	Required classes per week: 4	<i>1 Ballet, 1 Tap, 1 Jazz, 1 Contemporary</i>
Emerald	Required classes per week: 5	<i>2 Ballet, 1 Tap, 1 Jazz, 1 Contemporary</i>
Jade*	Required classes per week: 6	<i>2 Ballet, 1 Tap, 1 Jazz, 1 Contemporary, 1 Hip Hop</i>
Kelly*	Required classes per week: 7	<i>3 Ballet, 1 Tap, 1 Jazz, 1 Contemporary, 1 Hip Hop</i>

*High School students who participate in their high school dance program may email to request adjusted class requirements

REQUIRED PERFORMANCES FOR ENSEMBLE

1. Walnut Festival Twilight Parade	September 2018
2. Ace Holiday Party	December 15, 2018
3. Community Outreach Performance	Winter 2019
4. Adjudication Day	Winter 2019
5. Dupree Convention/Competition	Feb 15-17, 2019
6. Competition #1 (Depends on assigned group)	Spring 2019
7. Competition #2 (Depends on assigned group)	Spring 2019
8. Ace End of Year Production	June 2019

Optional Performances: The Ensemble will be traveling to perform at Disneyland this year! This is an optional performance and takes place in April. There may be other optional performances throughout the year at an additional cost.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

Warm-Up Jacket & Joggers:

All new Ensemble members are required to purchase a warm-up jacket. Please note that we will utilize the same jacket for one to two more years. Jackets are \$125. All Ensemble members are required to purchase joggers. We will utilize the same joggers for three to four years. Joggers are \$110.

New this year – Rehearsal Uniform:

During all Friday rehearsals, Ensemble members are required to wear a rehearsal uniform. Dancers must purchase an ensemble halter top and provide their own capri-length black leggings. Please note that leggings must be solid black (no mesh/colored waist bands/etc). Parents may choose to purchase more than one uniform halter top if desired. The cost for a halter top is \$48.

Uniform Fees (May 9, 2018)	Lime	Emerald	Jade	Kelly
Jacket-new members only	\$125	\$125	\$125	\$125
Joggers	\$110	\$110	\$110	\$110
Rehearsal Halter Top	\$48	\$48	\$48	\$48

Ensemble Installment Fees cover the cost of: ensemble costumes, props, accessories, music editing, competition fees, convention fees, choreographer fees, and administrative fees.

Installment #1 (June 1, 2018)	\$550	\$550	\$550	\$550
Installment #2 (July 1, 2018)	\$450	\$450	\$550	\$550
Installment #3 (August 1, 2018)	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400
Installment #4 (January 7, 2019)	\$100	\$200	\$300	\$400
Installment #5 (April 30, 2019)	\$0-\$250	\$0-\$250	\$0-\$250	\$0-\$250

Additional Financial Requirements:

- Summer class/camp/intensive tuition; School year tuition
- Monthly Rehearsal fees: \$75 (Lime & Emerald) \$90 (Jade & Kelly) spans July 15-May 15
- June production costs
- Dancewear & shoes

SOLOS/DUOS/TRIOS Dancers who have been a member of the ensemble for at least one year have the opportunity to audition for a solo, duo or trio. If this is of interest, please pick up a Solo/Duo/Trio form for more details.

ENSEMBLE DANCE CAPTAIN PROGRAM Dancers in high school with at least one year of Ensemble experience will be eligible to apply for Ensemble Dance Captain. This is a great leadership opportunity for our experienced Ensemble dancers! If this is of interest, please pick up an Ensemble Dance Captain form for more details.