

Ace Ensemble 2019-2020

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 and casting in the Ensemble is by audition only and at the discretion of the directors.

AUDITION REQUIREMENTS

- Must be 7 years old by September 1, 2019 and have at least two years 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 them

<p style="text-align: center;">AUDITIONS Friday, April 12th at Ace 4:00-5:30p Levels White, Red, Yellow, Teal 5:30-7:00p Levels Navy, Magenta, Burgundy 7:00-7:15p Self-Choreographed Solos Audition based on your highest level of Ballet, Jazz, or Contemporary class during 18-19 school year</p>

TO AUDITION:

- Login to your customer portal and enroll in the appropriate audition by Thursday, April 11th:
 1. 19-20 Ensemble Audition A (Levels White, Red, Yellow, Teal)
 2. 19-20 Ensemble Audition B (Levels Navy, Magenta, Burgundy)
- Dancers can also enroll by going to acedanceacademy.com – Programs – Ensemble Page, click the “Register” button to enroll.

IMPORTANT DATES

April 29 Casting emailed

May 3 Ensemble Meeting, 6:00-7:00p at Ace-Mandatory for New Ensemble Dancers & Parents; highly recommended for returners

May 10 Ensemble Contracts due by 5:30p

SUMMER REQUIREMENTS

- Weekly Class Requirement: 2 classes per week
- Camp/Intensive Requirement: 1 six-hour OR 2 three-hour
- Additional summer classes, camps, and intensives highly encouraged

~ **NEW This Year** ~ Summer conflicts will not be discussed prior to audition. Families unable to meet the summer requirements must turn in a contract amendment outlining their plan to meet the required 40 hours needed for Summer. Amendments must be approved before contracts are turned in and are due May 6th. They will be approved or counter offered by May 8th.

SCHOOL YEAR REQUIREMENTS

- **Ensemble Week: August 17-21. Sat & Sun 12-8p and Mon-Wed 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 26, 2019**

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- Friday rehearsal (start as early as 4:00p and go no later than 7:00p)
- We highly recommend that Ensemble dancers take technique classes beyond the minimum requirements
- Required classes per week, depending on group, will range from 4-9 classes per week; styles include Ballet, Contemporary, Jazz, Hip Hop, and Tap

REQUIRED PERFORMANCES FOR ENSEMBLE

1. Walnut Festival Twilight Parade	September 14, 2019
2. Ace Holiday Party	December 14, 2019
3. Community Outreach Performance	Winter 2020
4. Adjudication Day	Winter 2020
5. Dupree Convention/Competition	Feb 14-16, 2020
6. Competition #1 (Depends on assigned group)	Spring 2020
7. Competition #2 (Depends on assigned group)	Spring 2020
8. Ace End of Year Production	June 2020

Optional Performances: There may be other optional performances throughout the year at an additional cost.

FINANCIAL REQUIREMENTS

Warm-Up Jacket & Joggers:

All Ensemble members are required to purchase a warm-up jacket. Please note that we will utilize the same jacket for two to three years. All new Ensemble members are required to purchase joggers. We will utilize the same joggers for two to three years.

Rehearsal Uniform:

During all 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. Please note that leggings must be solid black (no colored waist bands/etc). Parents may choose to purchase more than one uniform top if desired.

Uniform Fees (May 10, 2019)

Jacket- All	\$120-\$160
Joggers- new members only	\$110-\$130
Rehearsal Top- All	\$45-\$60

Ensemble Installment Fees cover the cost of: Ensemble costumes, props, accessories, music editing, competition fees, convention fees, choreographer fees, and administrative fees. Cost depends upon the group in which dancers are cast.

Installment #1 (June 1, 2019)	\$550
Installment #2 (July 1, 2019)	\$450-\$550
Installment #3 (August 1, 2019)	\$100-\$400
Installment #4 (January 13, 2020)	\$100-\$400
Installment #5 (April 30, 2020)	\$0-\$250

Additional Financial Requirements:

- Summer class/camp/intensive tuition; School year tuition
- Monthly rehearsal fees: \$90 July 15-May 15
- June production costs (Nov 11th & Dec 11th, 2019)
- Dancewear & shoes