



MelRoe's School of Dance
Competition Company
Information Packet 2011 - 2012



We are very excited about the upcoming competition season and look forward to working with your student as a Dynamite Dancer this year! This will be an experience that will help your dancer grow in their technique and hopefully, become better dancers and performers. They will also bond as a team and build friendships that will last forever! Our staff wants this season to be a very POSITIVE and REWARDING experience for each dancer!!!

Through participation in competitions, we hope to instill in each student a genuine respect and appreciation for dance as an art form. We hope to motivate students by exposing them to the highest caliber of talent and encourage each dancer to do their best every time they perform. For us, competition is an education!

We consider participation in competitions not simply part of our students' training as dancers; it's also an important part of how we influence them as people. With the right focus, the experience gained in competition can be an excellent source of self-confidence. If the dancers feel good about the performance and understand that they become better each time they go onstage, they are truly growing through the competition experience. Hitting that stage and doing the best they can is what it's all about. Whether they win (or which award they win) is secondary!

This packet contains information about our staff's expectations for each member in Company and the requirements to participate in competition. If your student makes the Company, you will receive more information and forms needed for the competition season.

In this packet you will find the following information:

- ✓ Company Levels
- ✓ Competition Routines
- ✓ Competition Costumes / Accessories
- ✓ Mandatory Classes
- ✓ Attendance Policy
- ✓ Dance Conventions
- ✓ Competition Dates / Fees

Dynamite Dancer Company Levels

This year, MelRoe's will have 4 levels in our Company:

Mini Company / Junior Company / Teen Company / Senior Company

Competition Routines

ALL Company dancers will be competing at two regional competitions with the following routines:

- **Jazz Routine**- Each group will prepare and compete with a jazz routine.
 - **Tap Routine**- Each group will prepare and compete with a tap routine.
 - **Modern & Lyrical Routine** – Teens and Seniors ONLY will prepare and compete with a modern / lyrical routine.
 - **Company Production Routine**- The entire Company will prepare and compete with a group Production Routine. ALL Company members are required to participate in the Company Production Routine. Information about this routine will be posted at a later date. There will be a Production Fee for the rehearsals of this routine.
 - **Specialty Routines (Optional)** - We would like to put together some Specialty Routines (solos / duets / trios.) These are routines that will require extra rehearsals that will be determined between the instructor and the dancer(s). Please see Mel or Roe if you are interested in a Specialty Routine.
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Company Costumes & Accessories

Each Company group will be required to purchase the following:

Competition Costume - Each group will require a costume for each routine. You will receive a *Costume Notice* in October with details of what will be needed for each costume. Each dancer will need to purchase the following:

- **Costume** (for EACH routine)
- **Costume Accessories** (gloves / hats / hair bows / etc depending on the routine)
- **Tights** (for EACH routine)
- **Shoes** (for EACH routine)
- **Rhinestones** (depending on the costume)
- **Rhinestone Jewelry** (earrings / hairpiece / choker)
- **Make-up Kit / False Eyelashes**
(Attached to the Costume Notice will also be order forms for your rhinestone jewelry and make-up kit)

Team Jacket and Pants Set- ALL Company dancers will be required to order a Company Team Jacket and Pants set to wear as a cover-up to competitions / award ceremonies. Please see the attached order form to order your set.

JUST FOR FUN!!!

We also plan some fun activities with the Company members to help bond them to their team!

Big Sis / Little Sis (or Bro!)

Night Out On The Town / Slumber Party

Mandatory Classes

Company dancers are required to be enrolled in the following competition / technique classes:

➤ **Combo Class** - (required for Minis / Juniors / Teens / Seniors)

ALL Company dancers are required to take this competition class each week. Each group will prepare and compete with a tap routine AND jazz routine which will be rehearsed during their combo class time. The following times are for combo class for each group:

Mini Company =	Thursday 6:00 – 7:00
Junior Company =	Thursday 8:00 – 9:00
Teen Company =	Monday 6:00 – 7:00
Senior Company =	Monday 8:00 – 9:00
Teen / Senior Tap =	Wednesday 7:00 – 7:30

➤ **Ballet Class** – (required for Minis / Juniors / Teens / Seniors)

ALL Company dancers are required to take *at least one* Ballet class for technique each week. The following times are the levels of Ballet available:

Pre- Ballet =	Monday 6:00 – 7:00
Level 1 Ballet =	Thursday 5:00 – 7:00 OR Saturday 9:00 – 10:00
Level 2 Ballet =	Thursday 6:00 – 7:00
Teen Ballet =	Thursday 7:00 – 8:00
Level 3 Ballet =	Monday 8:00 – 9:30
Level 4 & 5 Ballet=	Thursday 8:00 – 9:30

➤ **Leaps & Turns / Strengthening & Conditioning** –
(required for Minis / Juniors / Teens / Seniors)

ALL Company dancers are required to take this technique class each week. We have THREE levels available for this class:

Beginner =	Thursday 7:00 – 8:00
Intermediate =	Wednesday 7:30 – 8:30
Advanced =	Monday 7:00 – 8:00

➤ **Ballet Technique Class** – (required for Juniors / Teens / Seniors)

Juniors / Teens / Seniors are required to take Ballet Technique each week (although not required for the Mini Company, we highly encourage this class!) We have the following times available for Ballet Technique:

Ballet Tech. (Level 1 – 3) =	Wednesday 6:00 – 7:00
Ballet Tech. (Level 4 – 5) =	Wednesday 8:30 – 9:30
Ballet Tech. (Level 3 – 5) =	Saturday 10:00 – 11:00

➤ **Modern & Lyrical Class**– (required for Juniors / Teens / Seniors)

Juniors / Teens / Seniors are required to take Modern & Lyrical class each week (although not required for the Mini Company, we highly encourage this class!) We have the following times available for Modern & Lyrical class:

Modern & Lyrical (Level 1 – 3) =	Wednesday 5:00 – 6:00
Modern & Lyrical (Level 4 – 5) =	Wednesday 7:30 – 8:30

***Extra rehearsals may be scheduled as the competition dates get closer ***

Attendance Policy

Competition is a lot of fun and rewarding, however, it is also a commitment. Attendance EACH WEEK in class is expected and VERY important for each dancer to learn the technique, the choreography, and the group formations. Each dancer is a crucial part to the routine and the TEAM!!!

All rehearsals are dedicated to learning or "cleaning" the choreography. A dancer who misses or is late to a rehearsal holds back the progress of the entire group. Repeating the choreography from a previous session for those who were absent takes up valuable rehearsal time, which could result in a performance that is not up to par. When we clean choreography, we may also change it. Dancers who miss a cleaning session may not be properly prepared for the upcoming performance and could be letting themselves or their team down.

Performances and competitions are your opportunity to show the world the results of your dedication and hard work.

Class attendance for ALL Company members is expected. If you miss class / rehearsal, you are expected to come to the next class / rehearsal prepared with the material that you missed. We ask that you communicate to the instructor reasons for missed classes. Any member with poor attendance may be dismissed from the Company.

Dance Conventions

ALL Company dancers are required to attend AT LEAST ONE dance convention this season.

We would like the entire MelRoe's Company to attend this convention as a group along with our staff. We have attended many conventions and JUMP is one of our favs!!! We feel that this convention offers an amazing staff of teachers and choreographers (Mandy Moore, Doug Caldwell, Misha Gabriel, Mike Minery, Nick Lazzarini – just to name a few) that our students will learn and get the best convention experience. This convention also offers classes to every age level to give each member of our Company an opportunity to take class with their teammates! We can guarantee that our students will LOVE this convention! We even hear that Melanie Moore from SYTYCD will also be on staff this year!!!

January 6-8, 2012

“JUMP Dance Convention” Overland Park Convention Center

Jump Start (age 5-7)	\$95 (One Day)
Mini (age 7-10)	\$195
Juniors (age 11-12)	\$195
Teens (age 13-15)	\$220
Seniors (age 16 +)	\$220
Observers	\$35

***Convention Fees due by: Dec 3, 2011
Booster Club Deadline: Nov 29, 2011***

MORE Dance Conventions

We highly encourage ALL Company members to attend as many dance conventions as you would like (we only require one convention.)

There are several AWESOME conventions to choose from.

The following conventions are also great conventions that we recommend:

Oct 22-23, 2011

“Artist Simply Human (ASH)” Kansas City Convention Center

Int / Adv (must be 10+ yrs)	\$195 (Two Day)
Observers	\$35

***Convention Fees due by: Sept 1, 2011
Booster Club Deadline: Aug 25, 2011***

Nov 5-6, 2011

**"New York City Dance Alliance (NYCDA)"
Kansas City Convention Center**

Ready, Set Dance (age 5-7)	\$85 (One Day)
Mini (age 7-10)	\$195
Juniors (age 11-12)	\$195
Teens (age 13-15)	\$220
Seniors (age 16 +)	\$220
Observers	\$35

*Convention Fees due by: Sept 28, 2011
Booster Club Deadline: Sept 21, 2011*

Nov 13, 2011

**"Ovation"
Holiday Inn Kansas City Airport**

Silver Room (ages 8 – 12)	\$90 (One Day)
Gold Room (ages 12-18)	\$100 (One Day)
Observers	\$20

*Convention Fees due by: Oct 6, 2011
Booster Club Deadline: Sept 29, 2011*

Dec 3-4, 2011

**"The Pulse On Tour"
Hyatt Regency McCormick Placet (CHICAGO!!!)**

Intermediate (age 11 – 14)	\$240
Advanced (ages 14 – 17)	\$240
Observers	\$40

*Convention Fees due by: Sept 29, 2011
Booster Club Deadline: Sept 22, 2011*

Jan 7-8, 2012

**"Tremaine Dance Convention"
Hyatt Regency Crown Center**

Juniors (age 6-10)	\$185
Teens (age 11 – 13)	\$185
Seniors (age 14+)	\$195
Observers	\$40

*Convention Fees due by: Dec 5, 2011
Booster Club Deadline: Nov 28, 2011*

Jan 7-8, 2012

**"The Pulse On Tour"
Hyatt Regency St Louis at the Arch (ST. LOUIS!!!)**

Intermediate (age 11 - 14)	\$240
Advanced (ages 14 - 17)	\$240
Observers	\$40

*Convention Fees due by: Nov 1, 2011
Booster Club Deadline: Oct 26, 2011*

COMING SOON!!!

"NUVO"

Feb 25-26, 2012

**"Tremaine Dance Convention"
Hyatt Regency St Louis at the Arch (ST. LOUIS!!!)**

Juniors (age 6-10)	\$185
Teens (age 11 - 13)	\$185
Seniors (age 14+)	\$195
Observers	\$40

*Convention Fees due by: Jan 26, 2012
Booster Club Deadline: Jan 19, 2012*

March 30 - Apr 1, 2012

**"CoDance"
Location TBA (ST. LOUIS!!!)**

Petite (age 5-7)	\$90
Juniors (age 8-10)	\$190
Teens (age 11-13)	\$205
Seniors (age 14 +)	\$205
Observers	\$35

*Convention Fees due by: Feb 27, 2012
Booster Club Deadline: Sept 20, 2012*

April 27-29, 2012

**"Adrenaline"
Kansas City Convention Center**

Mini (age 5-8)	\$75 (One Day) / \$95 (Two Day)
Juniors (age 9-12)	\$125 (One Day) / \$165 (Two Day)
Teens (age 13-15)	\$125 (One Day) / \$185 (Two Day)
Seniors (age 16 +)	\$125 (One Day) / \$185 (Two Day)
Observers	\$25

*Convention Fees due by: March 21, 2012
Booster Club Deadline: March 14, 2012*

Competition Information

We would like to attend two regional competitions this season:

"Masquerade"

April 13 – 15, 2012

Location TBA



Competition Fees:

Solo: \$80

Duet / Trio: \$85

Photogenic: \$25

Small Group (4-9 dancers): \$30 per dancer

Large Group (10-19 dancers): \$30 per dancer

Line (20+ dancers): \$30 per dancer

Competition Fees due by: March 5, 2012

Booster Club Deadline: Feb 27, 2012

"Stage One"

April 27 – 29, 2012

Overland Park Convention Center

Competition Fees:

Solo: \$88

Duet / Trio: \$98

Photogenic: \$30

Small Group (4-9 dancers): \$35 per dancer

Large Group (10-18 dancers): \$35 per dancer

Line (19 dancers): \$35 per dancer

Competition Fees due by: March 19, 2012

Booster Club Deadline: March 12, 2012

Coaches Fee- There is also a "Coaches Fee" of \$10.00 per dancer for each competition.

Entry Form- You will receive an Entry Form to complete for each competition once the date gets closer. We will also need a copy of each dancer's birth certificate for both competitions.

Competition Info - We encourage you to get on the websites and look over the Rules & Regulations of these two competitions (masqueradedance.com / stageonedance.com)

Solos / Duets / Trios - These two competitions will be the competition dates that are staff will be attending this year, however, there are MANY competitions that are also available this season in the KC area. If you are competing this year with a solo / duet / trio and would like more information on more competition opportunities, please see Mel or Roe.

Summer Intensive July 2012!!!

YES...we are going to attend a Summer Dance Intensive through JUMP this next summer to LA or New York!!! You will receive more information on dates and costs as soon as JUMP finalizes all the details.

We would LOVE to have our entire Company take advantage of this experience, however it is NOT MANDATORY. We are offering this trip at the request of many students and parents and we know the kids would LOVE to take trip of a lifetime!!! So stay tuned...more details to come...