



STAGE STARZ

COMPETITION AUDITIONS

FOR SEASON 2024-25

AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD AT THE STUDIO ON SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH 2024.

AUDITIONS ARE REQUIRED TO COMPETE WITH STAGE STARZ ACADEMY OF DANCE.

STUDENTS ASPIRING TO COMPETE A SOLO, DUO, OR TRIO—OR MUSICAL THEATER, JAZZ, TAP, HIP HOP, LYRICAL, OR CONTEMPORARY GROUP/S MUST AUDITION.

STUDENTS MUST REGISTER FOR COMP AUDITIONS IN ADVANCE. PLEASE REGISTER ONLINE ON OR BEFORE FRIDAY JUNE 7TH 2024. A \$65 YEARLY COMP PARTICIPATION FEE WILL BE DUE WITH YOUR COMP AUDITION ONLINE REGISTRATION.

NOTE: STUDENTS MUST ALSO PRE-REGISTER FOR CLASSES FOR THE 2024-25 DANCE SEASON PRIOR TO THE AUDITION. This is a requirement for all dancers auditioning for the 2024-25 dance season. Returning and aspiring competitors must be pre-registered for classes they hope to compete routines in PRIOR to competition auditions to be held June 8th 2024. This pre-registration of 2024-25 classes requires only the \$20 yearly family registration fee to process. (see complete details below)

ABOUT THE COMPETITION CLASSES PRE-REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS FOR 2024-25:

So that we have a clear understanding of students' aspirations and how to evaluate returning competitors and new competition hopefuls during auditions, as well as have a framework for team placement considerations during Jump-Start Intensives, **students are required to pre-register for the 2024-25 dance season classes BEFORE competition auditions. This pre-registration can be completed online with just the \$20 yearly non-refundable family registration fee and should include all classes that the student is interested in competing for the 2024-25 dance season.** (Exception: solos - which require registration and payment in full upon solo enrollment.) Students will not be able to audition without completing this easy online preregistration of classes process.

Steps To Auditioning for the 2024-25 Dance Season - Including New Considerations:

1. Pre-register for desired 2024-25 classes online on the studio website - stagestarzdance.net - under the "Comp Classes Registration" dropdown menu and then by clicking "Register Here for 2024-25 Comp Classes". Add all desired classes to your registration by clicking to register, including the click to add the \$20.00 yearly family registration fee. To eliminate confusion prior to team placements, you will just click the desired routines you will want your dancer to participate in. For example, if you want the dancer to compete in comp team lyrical and comp team jazz, you will register for these generic class titles which (during pre-registration) will not carry team titles or reflect combos. Simply choose the dance routines you'd like your dancer to compete in and register them in those classes. More specific placements will be made after auditions. You can still access descriptions of each team and the prices for classes for our comp levels when online by clicking on the corresponding tabs for - Mini, Petite, Junior, Teen, and Senior – or in the List of Classes and Prices included in our downloadable files on our website.

Pay only the \$20 yearly reg fee to complete the pre-registration process for comp classes (exception: solos are prepay for the dance year). Your first month's tuition payment will be due by August 1st to confirm your registrations and finalize your enrollment.
2. Register online for our Competition Auditions which will include a competition participation fee for the 2024-25 dance season of \$65 due along with the student's comp audition registration. Deadline to register is June 7th, 2024. Register online at stagestarzdance.net under the "Comp Classes Registration" dropdown menu and then by clicking into "Register Here for 2024-25 Comp Auditions". The \$65 Stage Starz yearly participation fee for competition is set in place to help offset costs of running the competition program such as Mason facilities rental, music, additional rehearsals, choreography planning, props, information printouts - and much more. To ensure students take the audition process seriously, the \$65 yearly participation fee will be due with the audition registration. Students who do not place for Stage Starz competition participation will be refunded the \$65 fee. Students who are accepted for participation, but later choose to resign their spot, will not receive a refund.
3. **NEW CONSIDERATIONS FOR COMP PARTICIPATION APPROVAL:** Acceptance into our competition company and placement on teams or with comp duo or trio partners will be based on such physical considerations as skill level, potential, and age. We also will be considering more intentionally than in prior years such factors as **attitude, respect, cooperation, participation, commitment, history of frivolous absences, motivation, and dedication** demonstrated by the dancer - and in some instances by that of the

parent or guardian where it affects the students participation, or the attitude reflected back from the parent by the child.

4. Participation in our 6-day (2-day for 2024-25 new-to-comp Minis) Jump-Start Summer Intensives is required for all competition students. (See additional info about the Jump-Start Intensives below.) An additional 45-minute weekly ballet class will be required from September up to Christmas break for students who fail to meet this Intensives requirement and therefore must make up for the training hours missed. Deadline for registration and payment for this required event is July 1st 2024.

AUDITIONS WILL BE HELD SATURDAY, JUNE 8TH

Audition Times:

12:00 to 12:20 (ages 5-7) This audition time is for new-to-comp Primary level students with limited dance experience and no prior comp experience. This audition time will include any hopefuls for all new 2024-25 Minis Comp Dancers at Primary levels.

12:30-12:50 (ages 6-8) This audition time is for Primary 2 level students with prior dance experience and 0-2 years comp experience. This audition time will include this year's Minis Comp Dancers and any new hopefuls at Primary 2/Elem levels.

1:00 -1:20 (ages 8-12) This audition time is for Elementary/Intermediate level students with moderate to advancing dance experience. Dancers may have comp experience, though it is not required to audition. This audition time will include this year's Juniors comp dancers and any new hopefuls at Intermediate levels.

1:30-1:50 (ages 12 & up) This audition time is for dancers at the Int 2/Advanced -Teen/Sr levels and will include this year's Teens and Seniors comp dancers and any new hopefuls at Int2/Advanced – Teen/Sr levels. Dancers may have competition experience, but it is not required to audition.

***AUDITION ATTIRE:** Students should wear black or solid capris, leggings or dance shorts (tights REQUIRED IF WEARING DANCE SHORTS) and a leo or fitted activewear tank or short-sleeved fitted activewear top. No overly baggie shirts, tanks, or t-shirts. We have no color or design preferences for the tops, but please no tops with pictures on them for auditions. Logo designs are acceptable. Hair must be in a bun. No jewelry except for earrings needed for newly pierced ears. Dancers can be barefoot or wear half-soles, ballet slippers or jazz shoes.

***Auditions are closed auditions.** There will be no lobby observation during auditions.

***You will be contacted via email with audition results within 48 hours after the audition.**

Please note that all 2024-25 Comp Members will be required to attend our Jump-Start Intensives. This year, our Petite's (Primary-2) Jump-Start Intensives Double Workshop, our

Juniors (Intermediate) Jump-Start Intensives Double Workshop, and our Teens/Senior (Int2/Advanced) Jump-Start Intensives Double Workshop will include: our six-day (50 minutes each evening) Monday-Saturday Jump-Start Stretching, Flexibility, and Extensions Workshop stacked on our (50 minutes each evening) Monday-Saturday Jump-Start Turns, Leaps, and Across the Floor Workshop. The fee is \$195. The Jump-Start Intensives Double Workshop for all new for 2024 Minis (Primary) will include our two-day (50-minutes each afternoon) Saturday & Sunday Jump-Start Stretching, Flexibility and Extensions Workshop stacked on our 50-minute each afternoon) Saturday & Sunday Jump-Start Turns, Leaps, and Across the Floor Workshop. The fee is \$95. More detailed information concerning workshop dates and times will be available in the Jump-Start Intensives registration page on the website. * An additional weekly 45-minute ballet class will be required from September up to Christmas break for students who fail to meet this Intensives requirement and therefore must make up the training hours missed.

Additional requirements for Competition Dancers: Stronger technical training. To quote one professional echoing multitudes more, "Becoming a competitive dancer is like building a house from the ground up. You can't start by adding the roof and interior decorations. Rather, you must start by creating a solid foundation to support the structure and make it last. Similarly, a dancer should establish a foundation in technique before adding all the tricks and performance quality. And that foundation according to dance teachers and professionals in the field, is ballet." Ballet – the foundation of all dance. Ballet is the ABC's of dance. Ballet is like eating your vegetables. Everyone would love to just eat candy. But everyone must have their veggies for a proper diet. A proper dance "diet" should include ballet. Most dance schools recommend ballet technique for their dancers, and almost all dance schools require ballet technique training for their competition dancers. Articulation of the feet and legs, strong and graceful arms and placement of the hips and alignment of the spine are all things that ballet focuses heavily on and carries through to other dance styles, particularly jazz, lyrical, and contemporary. Most professionals recommend that ballet is the single-most important key to a strong foundation in dance. It contributes to focus, musicality, alignment, artistry, musicality, grace, core strength, posture, poise, balance, flexibility, agility, diminished injury, clean lines, strong arms, proper arm placement, straight legs, pointed toes and a clean, polished, technically correct performance for all of your dance styles.

Our competition students are required to take comp ballet technique. Minis, Petites, and Juniors will have ballet tech built into their competition class combo. Teens and Sr dancers will have a ballet-dedicated weekly 45-minute required Ballet Tech class separate from their comp Jazz/Lyrical Comp Combo Group Classes and should include this class Ballet Tech class when registering for comp classes. There will be no ballet routine, performance, or costume fee for any ballet tech.

We additionally offer Flexibility & Conditioning and Turns, Leaps, & Jumps classes this season. These technique enhancing classes are not mandatory for competitors, but are highly

recommended for dancers seeking a higher level of clean lines, increased extension, and greater agility and control for a polished, next-level performance.

COMPETITION SOLOS: If you are interested in doing either a standard or competitive solo for the 2024-25 dance year, please note the following information. We are only able to offer 14 solo slots for the 2024-25 dance year. Solos are pre-pay for the dance season with a tuition of \$475. Solo refund info: In the event, that a student registers for a solo with the intention to compete the solo and auditions for a competition solo and is not selected for competition for the solo during auditions, the student can opt to use their solo slot for a standard solo or resign their solo registration and be refunded. This opt-out solo refund specific only to reasons of failure to place for solo competition participation will only be given upon request within two weeks of the emailed audition results. No other refunds shall apply. Due to the popularity of solos and the limited number of solo slots, we must adhere to a strict no refund policy so that students do not hold slots with the intention of making a more sincere commitment at a later date - thus taking advantage of the next student's opportunity.

If you have any questions concerning competition auditions or our competition program, feel free to ask and we will be happy to advise or assist you!

Thank you!

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