

THE TALENT FACTORY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY AUDITIONS

2020-21 Season

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We are excited to announce our upcoming Virtual Auditions for the 2020-2021 Season! Auditions will look a little different this year, but we are excited, none-the-less!! If you love to dance, sing, act and perform, we would love to see you at our auditions! Please read through the information in this packet carefully as it breaks down the entire virtual audition process, which is a bit different than in the past.

Current company students DO NOT have to submit an audition video, you only have to submit an online audition application and headshot (does not have to be professional). If current company members would like to audition for a different company than they are currently in, you will need to submit an audition video along with the audition application and headshot.

SPECIAL NOTE: Please know during this pandemic, we will continue to be as creative as possible to make it all work to the best of our abilities.

The Talent Factory Company requires talent, commitment, dedication, passion, hard work, an eagerness to learn, and a desire to perform and grow as a dancer, singer, actor, performer. And what your child will gain from the experience is priceless—as both a student and an individual. We have a very positive competitive philosophy and encourage you to [read it here!!](#)

The audition and selection process requires much planning and thought, and your child should be very confident about their desire to be a part of our Performing Arts Company. If your child decides to not participate after being selected for any of our Companies, it is unfair to all involved. That spot could have been given to another student. Please talk to your child about commitment and how important it is to follow through. We are looking for students who are talented, focused, driven, and excited to be a part of a well-respected and award-winning Performing Arts Company.

****AUDITION FEE**** There will be a \$30.00 Audition Fee for students who are *not* currently members of the Talent Factory Performing Arts Company. This fee is non-refundable. All fees can be paid [here](#). Again, the audition fee is waived for students who are currently enrolled in the 2019-2020 company season.

VIRTUAL COMPANY AUDITIONS

Students will review all material for their age group and submit a video audition based on the guidelines set forward by the Talent Factory Performing Arts Company. Once you have paid for the audition, submitted your application and headshot, you will be officially registered for auditions and will receive audition guidelines for your age group.

Please note: We take into consideration both skill level and age when selecting students to participate in the company.

AGES FOR DANCE COMPANY AUDITIONS ARE BASED ON JANUARY 1, 2021
All dancers must be entering Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 School year

We encourage you to read this packet thoroughly and contact us with any uncertainties, questions or concerns.

Questions: Should you have any questions after reading through all of our information, please contact us at: talentfactorycompany@gmail.com

VIRTUAL AUDITION PROCESS

1. AUDITION APPLICATIONS AND HEADSHOTS

Applications: [All students, new and current, must complete the online application. Our audition application is electronic and is located on our website here. *****Please complete and submit this application ASAP*****](#)

Headshots: All students, new and current, will need to upload a headshot through the online application no later than July 1st. This does not need to be professional. It can be a school pic, vacation shot, or one you snap quickly on your phone. When uploading your headshot on your application, please include your child's full name and "2021 Audition Headshot" in the file name. If you are having trouble uploading the file, you can email it to talentfactorycompany@gmail.com

2. AUDITION VIDEOS

Once you've submitted your audition application and headshot, you will receive an email from talentfactorycompany@gmail.com with all audition guidelines. Auditions will be video submissions through our website. Students will either learn combos we send OR be given the opportunity to create their own, based on a list of requirements. These vary by age and level.

WHAT TO WEAR

Dress the part!! A neat appearance is very important! If you look good and feel confident, this will definitely enhance your performance. Take a little extra time on your hair, and wear something that makes you feel good! If you are older, minimal make-up is preferred as this alone will instill best audition practices for your future. If you are younger, and also wish to "dress the part", blush/glitter and lip-gloss is great! We want to see you looking your best! Trust us – we WILL notice if you make an effort!

Students can wear what they want for their audition. No baggy t-shirts and/or tank tops for any dancers. We would prefer students to wear ballet shoes for ballet. Please be sure your hair is pulled away from your face.

AUDITION RESULTS

Audition Results will be emailed to the email on your application. Official invitations, acceptance letters and letters of commitment will be sent no later than July 8th. Should we not feel you're quite ready for our Performing Arts Company, you will also receive an email explaining areas we feel you can improve on before next year's auditions.

2020 SUMMER REGISTRATION

Our 2020 Summer Session will begin July 13th and run for 4 weeks. As always, we will consider any and all social distancing guidelines when creating the schedule for this summer and next year. We will continue to make changes as necessary to allow our students to be safe. More information to come as it is available.

SUMMER INTENSIVE & CAMP INFO: If you are chosen as a member of one of our 2020-2021 performing arts companies, you will be required to attend the following summer intensives. These are mandatory for all students and no other options are available. Any concerns need to be addressed to Dana and Tara immediately.

Intermediate Summer Dance Intensive:
August 10-13, 2020 (daily starting after 3pm)
\$395 (\$345 company rate if paid by July 27)

Advanced Summer Dance Intensive:
August 10-13, 2020 (daily starting after 3pm)
\$445 (\$395 company rate if paid by July 27)

Mini Summer Intensive:
August 10-13, 2020 (daily starting after 3pm)
\$245 (\$200 company rate if paid by July 27)

PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY COMMITMENT & EXPECTATIONS

If you are invited to become a member of the company, both parent and student will be required to sign a letter of commitment as well as register for the 2020 Summer Session by July 12th. After this date, if we have not received your registration for the 2020 Summer Session, signed letter of commitment, your invitation to company will be revoked, and we may offer your spot to another qualified student, if applicable.

TEAM WEAR

If you are invited to become a member of the Company, you will need to purchase team wear to show your TF pride!

You will receive a separate email on Team Wear if you are invited to be a member of the Company. Costs vary by team.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY & PENALTY

If your child has to withdraw from The Talent Factory Performing Arts Company after the first day of intensive for any reason at all (no desire to continue, financial obligations, injury, too much school work, etc.) the following penalty will be applied to your account.

Nuggets	\$175
Dance Co / CREW	\$200
Elite Dance Co	\$300

This penalty will apply effective on the date you withdraw. In addition to this penalty, any competition / convention / costume payments made prior to your withdrawal, will be forfeited / non-refundable.

2020-21 SEASON REGISTRATION

Our goal is to begin registration for the 2020-21 Season in August for both current and new students! As always, we will consider any and all social distancing guidelines when creating the schedule for next year. We will continue to make changes as necessary to allow our students to be safe. More information to come as it is available.

IMPORTANT SCHEDULING NOTE

The Talent Factory is CLOSED the following breaks...

October 12: Columbus Day

October 31: Halloween

November 24 - 28: Thanksgiving Break

December 22 - January 1: Holiday Break

February 15 - 20: Winter Break

April 19 - 24: Spring Break

May 31: Memorial Day

The Talent Factory is OPEN the following breaks...

January 15 - 18: Martin Luther King Day/Weekend

The height of our rehearsal, competition, and choreography time varies depending on each company. If your child misses class, it may affect their placement in company and/or within their pieces. This is a very important factor in understanding our expectation for attendance. We are not saying you cannot miss a single day during the season. However, planning a significant family trip or weekend during our season will impact the Company. If you already have a conflict, you must note this in the appropriate space on your Audition Application. Please talk to us about any concerns you may have prior to auditioning. Communication is key!

Below is a breakdown of each of our Performing Arts Companies:

ELITE DANCE COMPANY INFORMATION

Our Elite Dance Company is The Talent Factory's highest level performing company made up of distinguished dancers with outstanding technique, performance quality and style. Elite represents TF at local and national competitions, conventions, and performances. These dancers have a focus and desire to fully commit themselves to the demands of Elite. We take great pride in our Elite Performing Arts Company and have high expectations of all members. We pride ourselves on training well-rounded, diverse dancers and provide our Elite members with opportunities not found at any other studio in RI. We feel the relationships developed with faculty and peers through dance are unmatched by most sports and disciplines.

Elite Dance Company Involves:

- Choosing dance as a priority over all other extracurricular activities
- Attendance to conventions/competitions and summer Nationals
- Weekend rehearsals and weekday classes/rehearsals
- Opportunity to audition for solos, extra groups, and guest choreographers
- Classes & workshops with guest teachers/choreographers at TF
- Attendance at all master classes during our Fall Master Class series
- Attendance to our Summer Intensive
- Attendance to all National Rehearsals the week prior to Nationals
- Participation in Nutcracker, Company Concerts, and Year-End Shows

SUMMER 2021 - Elite will be attending summer nationals! It will likely be NYCDA Nationals. Location NYC. More info visit nycdance.com

Elite Dance Company Minimum Class & Performance Requirements:

(Average Age 7-10)

- Will perform a minimum of 2 group numbers at competitions and conventions
- Required to be at the studio a minimum of three days per week taking classes in jazz, ballet, tap, contemporary and more. A third weekday is required for competition and convention weeks and heavy rehearsal times.
- Weekend rehearsals (when scheduled) are mandatory.

(Average Age 11-12)

- Will perform a minimum of 3 group numbers at competitions and conventions

- Required to be at the studio a minimum of four days per week taking classes in jazz, ballet, tap, contemporary and more
- Weekend rehearsals (when scheduled) are mandatory

(Average Age 13-18)

- Will perform a minimum of 4 group numbers at competitions and conventions
- Required to be at the studio a minimum of four days per week taking classes in jazz, ballet, pointe, contemporary and more
- Weekend rehearsals (when scheduled) are mandatory

Elite Dance Company Financial Commitments:

EXPLANATION OF FEE	FEE AMOUNT
Monthly Tuition (10 months Sept-June)	\$300-\$375 (estimate)
Required Conventions, Competitions & Costumes	\$3400 (annual estimate)
Guest Artist Classes (3-4 per season)	\$35 each (estimate)
Team Wear lululemon or Ivviva jacket (purchased by family) Embroidery \$25 estimate TF Backpack \$40 plus embroidery	\$TBD
Nationals 2021 (Convention fee and competition fees for required pieces only)	\$500-\$600 (estimate)
National Rehearsal Fees (week before Nationals)	\$15 per group piece
Summer Intensive (Discount for early payment and registration)	\$345-\$445
Miscellaneous Costs (Music editing, headshots, etc)	\$50-\$75 (estimate)
Recital Costume (depends on additional classes you may take)	\$90 each (estimate)
OPPORTUNITIES (Selected through audition) Extra Group (Guest choreographer) Solos (Varies depending on choreographer)	\$250-\$400 (estimate) \$450-\$1200 (estimate)

DANCE COMPANY INFORMATION

Dance Company is an advanced-level Performing Arts Company made up of talented, well-rounded dancers who represent TF at competitions, conventions and local performances. This company is made up of dancers chosen through auditions. A high level of commitment is expected of these dancers. Dance will need to be your first priority in order to maintain the level and expectations of our Dance Company.

Dance Company Involves:

- Choosing dance as a priority over other extracurricular activities
- Attendance to 2 competitions and 2 conventions
- Classes with guest teachers at TF
- Opportunity to audition for extra groups
- Attendance to our Summer Intensive
- Participation in Year-End Shows

Dance Co Class & Performance Requirements:

- Dance Co will compete in two group numbers and will have the opportunity to audition for one small group.
- Ages 8 and up - Required to be at the studio three days per week taking classes in jazz, ballet, contemporary and more
- Weekend rehearsals (when scheduled) are mandatory

Dance Co Financial Commitments:

EXPLANATION OF FEE	FEE AMOUNT
Monthly Tuition (10 months Sept-June)	\$225-\$295
Required Conventions, Competitions & Costumes	\$2000 (estimate)
Guest Artist Classes (3-4 classes per year)	\$35 each (estimate)
Team Wear (Company Jacket, Backpack, Bag Tag - will keep for at least 2 years)	\$220
Summer Intensive (Discount for early payment and registration)	\$345-\$445

Recital Costumes (if you add any recital classes)	\$90 each (estimate)
OPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (These are not required and selected through application)	
Extra Group (In-house choreographer)	\$200/student
Solos (In-house choreographer)	\$450-\$600/student
Duo/Trio (In-house choreographer)	\$200-\$225/student

CREW INFORMATION

CREW is a select group of talented dancers chosen through audition to represent The Talent Factory at competitions, conventions, and community performances. This talented group of dancers consistently wow audiences with their energetic and stylish routines. A high level of commitment is expected of these dancers to maintain the excellence of CREW. We feel the relationships developed with faculty and peers through dance are unmatched by most sports and disciplines.

CREW Involves:

- Choosing dance as a priority over other extracurricular activities
 - Attendance to 2 competitions and 2 conventions
 - Classes with guest teachers (1-2) at The Talent Factory
 - Attendance to all Hip Hop, Jazz Funk, Commercial / Street Jazz classes @ TF
- Summer Intensive: Aug 10-13, 2020
- Participation in Year-End Shows

CREW Minimum Class & Performance Requirements:

- CREW will perform a minimum of 2 group numbers
- CREW is required to be at the studio two days per week taking classes in Hip Hop, Jazz Funk, Technique and more
- Weekend rehearsals (when scheduled) are mandatory

CREW Financial Commitments:

EXPLANATION OF FEE	FEE AMOUNT
Monthly Tuition (10 months Sept-June)	\$200 (estimate)
Required Conventions, Competitions & Costumes	\$1250 (estimate)
Guest Artist Piece	\$200/student (estimate)

Team Wear (Company Jacket & Company Backpack)	\$100 (estimate)
TF Summer Intensive (Discount for early payment and registration)	\$160-350 (estimate)
Recital Costumes (optional classes you take)	\$70-\$90 each (estimate)
OPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES <i>(These are not required and selected through application/audition)</i> Extra Group (In-house choreographer) Duo/Trio (Varies depending on the choreographer) Solos (Varies depending on choreographer)	 \$200/student (estimate) \$450-\$600/student (est) \$200-\$225/student (est)

NUGGET INFORMATION

TF Nugget Company is our youngest Performing Company composed of talented dancers ranging in age from 5 - 7 years old. These dancers represent The Talent Factory at competitions, conventions, and community performances. Focus and an eagerness to learn past the recreational level is expected of these dancers to maintain the excellence of TF Nuggets. This super talented group of dancers light up the stage with their never-ending energy and continually inspire the audience with their contagious enthusiasm!

Nugget Company Involves:

- Choosing dance as a priority over other extracurricular activities
- Attendance to 3 competitions and/or conventions
- Optional classes with guest teachers at The Talent Factory
- Mini Summer Intensive - Aug 10-13, 2020 (few hours per day after 3pm)
- Participation in Nutcracker, and Year-End Shows

Nugget Minimum Requirements:

- Perform at least two group pieces at competitions
- Required to be at the studio two days per week taking classes in jazz, ballet, tap, hip hop and more
- Weekend rehearsals (when scheduled) are mandatory

Nugget Financial Commitments:

EXPLANATION OF FEE	FEE AMOUNT
Monthly Tuition (10 months Sept-June)	\$225 (required classes)
Required Conventions, Competitions & Costumes	\$1000 (estimate)
Required In-House Workshops (1-2 per year)	\$50 each (estimate)
Guest Artist Classes (1-2 classes per year)	\$25-\$35 each (estimate)
Team Wear Package Company Jacket & Company Backpack	\$115
Mini Summer Intensive <i>(Discount for early payment and registration)</i>	\$200-\$240 (estimate)
Recital Costumes (any optional classes you take)	\$70-\$80 each (estimate)
OPTIONAL OPPORTUNITIES (These are not required and selected through application) Solo Choreo Fee (Varies depending on choreographer) Solo Competition fees (vary by competition) Private lesson fees (vary depending on staff)	\$450 solo choreo fee (estimate)

THANK YOU

Thank you for your interest in The Talent Factory's Performing Arts Company! We are entering our 17th season, and we LOVE our Performing Arts Company, the opportunities we are able to provide for the students, and, most importantly, the opportunity to build relationships with so many amazing kids!

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