



## **MDSA Performance Company Rules, Guidelines and Costs**

The MDSA Performance Company is made up of dedicated students ranging in age from four to sixteen years old. Performing is the emphasis of this company.

We take training very seriously and believe teamwork and camaraderie are skills needed not only in dance class, but also school, future careers, and family life. Preparing for a performance also is a way for dancers to work on retention/memorization skills, rhythm, technique, and much more.

Athletes have tournaments and games, and dancers have performances! The months spent preparing for a performance teaches students how to work towards a goal!

Our performers are committed to being a part of the team. This includes coming to class on time, ready for hard work. Dancers build trust and communicate with each other. They have an unspoken agreement to learn and perfect their choreography, and put in 100% effort into every class and performance.

Most of all, being on MDSA Performance Company provides lifelong memories.

## **MDSA Performance Team**

Ages Groups 4 and up

### **About:**

MDSA Performance Team believes dance is a performing art and is meant to be shared with other people. The Performance Team is an ensemble traveling throughout the community to share their talent and hard work in places such as retirement centers, festivals, and other community events. We also do an annual summer tour where our students can experience the culture and history of different parts of America and perform for new audiences.

### **Requirements:** All Ages Groups

3 Technique Classes (minimum)

- 1hr ballet or tap
- 1hr optional technique\*
- 1hr performance company class

• 1 Week Choreography Camp

- August 3rd - 5th times TBD

- 4 Community Performances (As Covid Permits)
  - MDSA Music Festival
  - Art festival
  - Service project (retirement community, homeless shelter, etc performance)
  - Summer Tour

**If you have questions about anything or need additional information please send Ms. Moriah and Ms. Bekki an email at [perform.at.mdsa@gmail.com](mailto:perform.at.mdsa@gmail.com) .**

### **\*Technique Classes Include**

Ballet, Tap, Clogging, Jazz  
Contemporary, Acro

# Musical Theater Team

Ages Groups 5 and up

## About:

MDSA Musical Theater Team is about developing confidence in a nurturing and fun, all inclusive atmosphere. Our focus will be on character development, dance performance, dictation and projection, and of course, creating memories! This team will have an emphasis in musical theater. Team members will spend part of the time in group vocal training and the other half in group choreography. Music will be chosen from Broadway and current hits.

## Requirements: All Age Groups

3.5 Technique Classes (minimum)

- 1hr Tap, Clogging or Ballroom
- 1hr Jazz, Ballet or Hip Hop
- 1.5hr Musical Theater class
  
- 1 Week Choreography Camp
- August 3rd-5th 5:30 - 7:30

• 4 Community Performances (As Covid Permits)

- MDSA Music Festival
- Art festival
- Service project (retirement community, homeless shelter, etc performance)
- Summer Tour

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## \*Technique Classes Include

Ballet, Tap, Clogging, Jazz  
Contemporary, Acro

**MDSA Performance Company directors reserve the right to determine placement of performers within teams if multiple teams are required.**

# MDSA Competition Team

## About:

The Moriah Davis School of The Arts is home to the award winning MDSA Competition Team. MDSA Competition Team members stand out in their classes with their drive for learning and their ability to take on new challenges. Our competition team teaches dancers the value of hard work and being responsible to a team. We teach our dancers that working hard towards a common goal is not only rewarding but valuable in all areas of life. To be a member of our team you need to have a drive for dance and also helping your team grow. We are a family that holds the BE Dance motto in our highest regard. If this sounds like your student please see Ms. Holly for more information.

We will have different groups based on age and skill level. While there is not a skill level required to be on a team with us, there is a commitment level requirement. Dancers need to have a drive to improve and work hard to be a member of the MDSA Competition Team.

## Age Levels and Requirements:

Skill level and age will be taken into account when placing dancers on a team.

Mini: 6-8

Junior: 9-11

4 Technique Classes (minimum)

- 1-2 hrs ballet
- 2 hrs additional technique classes\*
- 1hr competition class

Teen:12-14

Senior: 15-19

6 Technique Classes (minimum)

- 2-3 hrs ballet
- 1hr jazz
- 2 hrs additional technique classes
- 1hr competition class

## All Age Levels:

- 1 Week Choreography Camp
  - August 3rd - 5th times TBD
- 4 Competitions
- 3 regional competition-dates TBD (Feb, March, Apr)
- 1 national competition-dates TBD (June)
  - 1 optional competition for solo, duet, trio-date TBD (May)

Solo, duets, and trios are optional for 2nd year team members. They will need to be decided by September. Choreography and cleaning will be worked on in private lessons. No solo numbers will be run in company class with the exception the week of a competition all dances will be run in class for a final look.

**Any solo, duet, trio fees will need to be worked out with instructor. You are free to use any choreographer you choose. If you would like to use Ms. Moriah or Ms. Holly as your choreographer, fees will be \$450. With that fee you will receive a 1.5 hour choreography lesson where you will learn the dance. Then a 30 minute private lesson each week, September through December (15 - thirty min. lessons in the fall). January through the beginning of April it will move to 30 minute private lessons every other week (7 - thirty minute lessons in the spring). Other MDSA teacher are available for choreography (fees may vary). Outside choreographers must be approved by Ms. Holly.**

If you have questions about anything or need additional information please send Ms. Holly an email at [compete.at.mdsa@gmail.com](mailto:compete.at.mdsa@gmail.com) with COMP TEAM in the subject line.

## **\*Technique Classes Include**

Ballet, Tap, Clogging, Jazz  
Contemporary, Acro

# Performance Company Dues

**Payments will be due July 1st. If you do not turn your money in on time you will accrue a late fee of \$25. We are putting in the order on July 1st for their warm-ups and if paid late your child will receive them late.**

## Performance \$200

- Jacket
- Pants
- Shirt (3)
  - Company tee, Team tee, Long sleeve tee
- Leotard
- 1 week choreography camp
  - Private lessons extra as needed

## Musical Theater \$200

- Jacket
- Pants
- Shirt (3)
  - Company tee, Team tee, Long sleeve tee
- Leotard
- 1 week choreography camp
  - Private lessons extra as needed

## Competitive \$200

- Jacket
- Pants
- Shirt (3)
  - Company tee, Team tee, Long sleeve tee
- Leotard
- 1 week choreography camp
  - Private lessons extra as needed

**If dancers are participating on more than one team \$100 will be required for each additional team.**

## **Student and Parent Expectations**

### **Rules:**

Respect: All dancers must show respect to all coaches, team members, administration, faculty, and other teams. Always respect the school facilities and property. A dancer not displaying all levels of respect will be asked to leave practice and the absence will count as unexcused.

### **Dedication:**

It is expected that when a dancer is in practice that he/she is giving 100% of their effort at all times. Furthermore he/she must be at all practices and events fully prepared, and ready to go on time.

### **Attendance:**

You are allowed two unexcused absences a semester. A charge of \$40 will be added to your account for every unexcused absence beyond your allotted two per semester. With Covid 19 around this year, we recognize the importance of be overly cautious with illnesses. Please stay home from all classes if you feel under the weather. With that being said, please make every effort to be in classes in every other instance. Communication is key. Send an email with why your child will not be in attendance to mdsaoffice@gmail.com.

### **Excused Absences:**

1. Personal illness or accident
2. Funeral or death in the family.
3. Religious holidays.
4. Special school activity with permission of the directors at least one week in advance.

If your dancer makes the decision to quit mid season, therefore no longer being a part of the team, he/she will not be allowed to try out for the team again the following year.

### **Parent Duties:**

Support and encourage your child's involvement with MDSA Performance Company.  
Respect authority and decisions made by directors.  
Serve as role models for positive attitude, dedication and great sportsmanship.

### **Social Media:**

The MDSA Performance Company has a zero tolerance policy for any negative comments, actions, imagery, etc. posted to ANY social media site in regard to any dancer, directors, teachers, facility, or parent of MDSA.

This policy applies to dancers and parents. Consequences may include being removed from the dance, event, or team. All consequences are at the directors discretion. The goal is to promote a positive program.

### **Lockers:**

The Moriah Davis School of the Arts is not responsible for any lost, stolen, or damaged personal property.

Lockers are not mandatory but are available for \$8/mo or \$40/a year. You provide your own combination lock and must provide the studio with the combination number.

**Fundraisers:**

Each dancer is expected to take an active role in all fundraisers.

Potential fundraisers we may take part part in:

Corporate Sponsorship, car wash, bake sale, Concessions at NRG or another stadium (parents only), selling water at car shows, garage sale.

Opting out of fundraisers will result in performer covering the full cost of company activities.

**We look forward to another amazing season!**

I have read, understand, and agree to the MDSA Performance Company Expectations.

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Student Signature

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Date

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Parent Signature

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Date