



VDC COMPANY 2017-2018

Welcome to VISIONS DANCE COMPANY!

VDC is a small competitive dance studio with big talent and bigger heart. Its teaching philosophy is rooted first and foremost in properly executed technique, along with innovative choreography and fearless dancing. Our talented group of dancers are encouraged by personalized instruction to push beyond their limits and challenge themselves in a variety of genres. With the personal attention they receive from our instructors as well as the benefits of smaller class sizes, our dancers grow by leaps and bounds not only technically but also in self-confidence. The atmosphere at Visions is family oriented, warm, and uplifting.

Why Choose VDC?

1. Technique, Technique, Technique!! Proper technique is taught, emphasized and corrected in each and every class, regardless of level and /or style.
2. Smaller class size allows for:
 - ✓ more personal attention between teacher and student allowing one on one corrections
 - ✓ less idle time and more dancing
 - ✓ teacher develops relationship with each student and can customize corrections
 - ✓ more attention in classes help dancers feel special and important and that they are not just a number
 - ✓ faster progression/improvement in skills and technique
3. Three dance rooms with handmade custom spring dance floors, constructed from Russian Birch, adjustable barres to have the perfect height for the age and level of class.
4. Passionate, motivated teachers who truly care about each and every student.
5. PARENTS- online payment and enrollment, refrigerator for students to put snacks, meals and/or drinks, free Wi-Fi for parents to do work and kids to do homework with, homework room for students to concentrate on their studies while waiting for class or in between classes, viewing windows into dance rooms.
6. Teachers /Choreographers dance WITH the students and actively participate in each and every class...very "hands on" approach to teaching and correcting students.
7. Warm, friendly and uplifting environment for parents to feel safe leaving their children and for dancers to feel safe as well.
8. VDC uses current technology in its approach to teaching. I pads are used to record dancers and have them watch the playback for corrections.
9. VDC offers a multitude of styles of dance.
10. Strong emphasis on ballet - the core of all dance.
11. VDC and its teachers encourage and help enrich the students' love and passion for dance. Self-confidence and a sense of pride is communicated to each and every student regardless of level of dance.



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What is VDC Company?

The purpose of the VDC Company is to provide an enrichment program for those selected students who excel in dance and have demonstrated a sincere desire to commit themselves to furthering their level of achievement in dance. These selected individuals will represent VDC at dance competitions. Competition requires special teachers, special students and special parents. It requires time, talent, dedication and regard for each other as team members. VDC Company Group dances will be formed from these dancers only.

- Modern and fresh choreography, ideas, music and costumes for each group each year. No reproduction or re-use of previous dances and/or music.
- Instructors ensure that dancers are well prepared for each and every competition.
- 4 companies formed so each dancer is with dancers of like age, level, and skill. Placement based on skill level, maturity, experience, age and other factors.
- Additional Small Groups will be formed within each level depending on number of company members and interests.

How to Join VDC Company?

- Have a positive attitude and passion for dance
- Fill out attached form and return to front desk on or before June 16th, 2017
- Attend Placement Auditions Sunday August 13th, 2017 (time tbd)
- Attend VDC Summer Program August 7-11th, 2017 (Monday- Friday)

COMPANY

VDC will hold auditions where selected dancers will be placed into one of four companies (mini, junior, teen and senior) based upon their age and skill level. Each company will have an assigned company dance that the dancer must participate in. Additional large and small groups will be formed and dancers will be selected individually to participate in these groups based upon their preference of styles. If chosen, you may decide to accept or decline participation in that group.

Company classes meet once a week to learn and practice choreography, and is mandatory you attend these classes. If attendance becomes a problem, the teacher may have to replace you. If this happens, or if you choose to drop out of a dance, you will not be refunded any of the costs associated with that dance.

There is an annual VDC Company fee to pay for music, choreography, administrative tasks, extra rehearsals, etc., and is due at placement auditions. If you do not place in one of the companies the fee will be refunded.

CLASS REQUIREMENTS

Dancing with VDC Company is a big commitment and requires a lot of time and dedication. We ask that you do not compete with another other studio if you are going to compete with VDC. It is important you understand this, and are willing to adhere to attending the required weekly classes.

- MINI Company (ages 5-10) - minimum of 5 classes* each week
- JUNIOR Company (ages 9-12) - minimum of 12 classes* each week
- TEEN Company (ages 11-15) - minimum of 12 classes* each week
- SENIOR Company (ages 13+) - minimum of 12 classes* each week

*The minimum number includes one Company number and technique classes combined. A detailed breakdown of required classes will be provided after auditions. VDC company dancers MUST participate in their assigned Company dance.



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SOLOS/DUETS/TRIOS

Performing in a solo, duet or trio (aka “privates”) is an excellent way to improve your performance and stage presence. As long as you participate in one company dance you are eligible for a private. If you have a particular teacher you would like to work with you may let them know. VDC will do their best to accommodate your request based upon time, availability, etc., but ultimately the privates will be selected by the teachers. Scheduling time to work on your private dances are coordinated with you and your teacher and take place when the rooms are not being used for studio classes earlier afternoons, later evenings, and weekends usually.

All costs associated with privates (costume and instruction) will be handled between the dancer, parent, and teacher. Payment for private instruction will be made directly to the teacher at the time of services.

COMPETITIONS

VDC will compete in 5 competitions total, 4 regionals and 1 national, throughout the season which runs roughly March - July. Exact dates of each competition will be provided by October 1, and participation in these competitions are mandatory for all company dancers. Regional competitions take place on weekends, Friday - Sunday, and the National competition starts midweek and goes through Sunday.

VDC does their best to work with all schedules, but once the dates have been selected it is required you make yourself available for each competition.

There will be opportunities to perform privates at optional conventions and/or competitions, as long as the optional competition doesn't fall on a weekend before a mandatory competition. Further information will be provided during the season.

Group dance entry fees for all mandatory competitions are due October 31 and are non-refundable. The exact amount will be provided once we know what competitions we will compete in. An admin fee is added to each dancer's entry fee to cover transportation of the props to competitions, credit card fees, insurance, costs for teachers to be at competitions, etc.

GROUP COSTUMES/PROPS

The cost of group costumes will not exceed \$200 per person per group. Costumes will require alterations, embellishments, and rhinestones, and all parents are required to help with this task beginning sometime in January. VDC tries to use minimal props in order to keep the costs down. If a prop is used in a group dance, the cost will be split between the studio and each member of the group.

A costume deposit fee of \$175 for each group dance will be due September 1 and is non-refundable.



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Classes at Visions:

- Instructors- Miss Laura, Miss Christie, Miss Danielle, Miss Tara, Miss Meg, Miss Ella, and Mr. Jason will be continuing to teach next year. We are in the process of finalizing other instructors as well. Miss Laura will be teaching 10 hours a week plus privates
- A few times a week there will be mandatory block company schedule of Ballet, Turns, S/C, Company Tech and Company Choreography class for Company members only. These classes will be held per company level.
- Additional classes open to Company members and drop ins will be in Beg/Int and Int/Adv levels (to keep appropriate class sizes). Teachers will be catering instruction towards each level. These classes are in Ballet, Turns and Teach, Jazz, Contemporary, Musical Theater, Hip Hop, Acro, Tap and Lyrical. Heels and Ballroom will be offered at Int/Adv level only.

VDC Summer Program:

- August 7-11th (Monday-Friday) \$185 per dancer Ages 10-17
- Summer program to prepare for VDC Placement Auditions
- Jazz, hip hop, tap, contemporary, lyrical, heels, jumps, turns and technique by guest instructors
- 2 levels Beg/Int & Int/Adv, 4pm – 8:30pm

Mini Summer Camp

- June 20th-22nd - \$75 per dancer Ages 5-10
- Jazz, hip hop, tap, lyrical, leaps and turns, technique, and Showcase by VDC Staff
- 10am-12pm



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VDC Company Fees and Dues Dates

MANDATORY FEES	AMOUNT	DUE DATE	
Company Fee	\$150	August 13, 2017	non-refundable 10% sibling discount
Costume Deposit	\$175 Deposit per group (\$200 max cost per group)	September 1, 2017	non-refundable
Company Warm-ups	\$175 - \$250	October 1, 2017	for new members only price varies by size
Group Entry Fees for 4 Regional comps	\$60 x 4 competitions = \$240 per group	October 31, 2017	non-refundable
Group Entry Fees for 1 National comp	\$80 per group	October 31, 2017	non-refundable
Solo Entry Fees for 4 Regional comps	\$130 x 4 competitions=\$520 per solo	October 31, 2017	non-refundable
Solo Entry Fees for 1 National comp	\$145 per solo	October 31, 2017	non-refundable
Duet Entry Fees for 4 Regional comps	\$70 x 4 competitions = \$280 per duet	October 31, 2017	non-refundable
Duet Entry Fees for 1 National comp	1 National comp \$80 per duet	October 31, 2017	non-refundable
Trio Entry Fees for 4 Regional comps	\$65 x 4 competitions = \$260 per trio	October 31, 2017	non-refundable
Trio Entry Fees for 1 National comp	1 National comp \$80 per trio	October 31, 2017	non-refundable
Monthly Tuition	See Tuition Table	Monthly on the 1st	10% sibling discount for company members



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Fee Sheet

Monthly Tuition Rates

Junior/Teen/ Senior Company

Classes	Monthly	Classes	Monthly
1	\$55	7	\$225
2	\$95	8	\$245
3	\$135	9	\$265
4	\$165	10	\$285
5	\$185	11	\$305
6	\$205	12+	\$325
		Plus	\$10/group

Junior, Teen, Senior VDC Company Members will pay a minimum of **\$325/month** tuition which includes Unlimited Technique classes and One Company Group number. Additional Company Group numbers are \$10 per month per group.

Monthly Tuition Rates

Mini Company

Classes	Monthly
1	\$55
2	\$95
3	\$135
4	\$165
5+	\$185
Plus	\$10/group

Mini Company members will pay a minimum of **\$185/month** tuition which includes Unlimited Technique classes and One Company Group number. Additional Company Group numbers are \$10 per month per group

All VDC Company members will be on Auto-Payment for tuition and will be charged on the 1st of each month. A valid credit card must be on file.

10% sibling discount will be applied to the total tuition amount for Company Members only.

15% sibling discount applied to the equal or lesser subsequent tuition amount(s) for non-Company Members.

Late Fees – Other Charges

- All tuition is due by the first of the month and is consider late if not received by the 8th of each month.
- A late fee of \$15 will be applied on any **overdue balance** on the 10th and an additional \$15 for every 10 days until the balance is paid in **FULL**.
- This includes Costume deposits and final invoices, competition costs, etc.
- If your automatic tuition credit card payment is denied you will be subject to a \$25 reprocessing fee.
- \$25 returned check fee

VDC Company Registration Fee

\$150 flat one time registration fee which helps to cover administration, music, extra rehearsals, and all of the countless hours putting the program together.

10% sibling discount applied to total cost of Registration



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Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Regular Schedule
2	3 Regular Schedule	4 Regular Schedule	5 Regular Schedule	6 Regular Schedule	7 Regular Schedule	8 Regular Schedule
9	10 Regular Schedule	11 Regular Schedule	12 Regular Schedule	13 Regular Schedule	14 Regular Schedule	15 Regular Schedule
16	17 Regular Schedule	18 Regular Schedule	19 NATIONALS	20 NATIONALS	21 NATIONALS	22 NATIONALS
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6 STUDIO CLOSED	7 VDC INTENSIVE	8 VDC INTENSIVE	9 VDC INTENSIVE	10 VDC INTENSIVE	11 VDC INTENSIVE	12 STUDIO CLOSED
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20 STUDIO CLOSED	21 2017-18 Schedule Begins!!	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

WE ARE DANCERS.

train.
inspire.
create.
learn.
grow.
sweat.
love.
dance.





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VDC Company Student Information Sheet

Due Date = June 16th, 2017

Dancer Name: _____

Dancer email: _____

Ph #: _____ Date of Birth: _____

Parent Name: _____

Parent email: _____ Ph #: _____

Interested in Privates: Y N If so: solo duo/trio

Teacher Preference- _____.

Known Vacation or absence dates: _____

Number of Groups:(not incl. company number) Minimum: _____ Maximum: _____

Preferred Styles: Jazz Musical Theater Jazz/Funk

 Lyrical Contemporary Ballet

Parent Signature: _____

Student Signature: _____