

# CAROUSEL

## DANCE COMPANY

2020/2021 INFORMATION PACKAGE



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Dance Company is an exciting opportunity for Carousel students. The company experience allows students to further develop their dance technique as well as performance quality and artistry. In addition, the students develop friendships, leadership skills and enjoy the opportunity to be a part of a group working together to create, perform and express themselves through dance. The 2020/2021 company season is an exciting one with many performance opportunities to be enjoyed. This information package is designed to provide more information about dance company, the commitment required and the different levels of company that are offered.

# DANCE COMPANY A

## COMMITMENT REQUIRED

- Sunday Afternoon Rehearsals – rehearsals will be scheduled on Sunday afternoons – 1-2 hours per week
- Rehearsal schedules will be posted at the beginning of each term
- Parent volunteer commitment of 8 hours annually

## ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE

COMPANY A JUNIOR Levels 3 or 4	COMPANY A INTERMEDIATE Levels 5A & 5B	COMPANY A SENIOR Levels 6A+
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enrolled in Junior 3 or 4</li> <li>• enrolled in 3 hours of dance classes per week including both ballet and modern dance</li> <li>• fulfill one of the following spring/summer requirements               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Participate in TWO or more classes during 6 week Spring Session <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ Participate in a MINIMUM of 10 drop in dance classes during July &amp; August <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ Participate in ONE class during 6 week Spring Session and 4 drop in dance classes during July &amp; August <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ Participate in ONE of the two “DANCE COMPANY PLUS” weeks during the summer <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ Participate in ONE of the Focus on Technique programs during the summer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enrolled in Level 5A or 5B</li> <li>• enrolled in 4 hours of dance classes per week including both ballet and modern dance</li> <li>• fulfill one of the following summer requirements:               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Participate in TWO or more classes during 6 week Spring Session <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ Participate in a MINIMUM of 10 drop in dance classes during July &amp; August <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ Participate in ONE of the two “DANCE COMPANY PLUS” weeks during the summer <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ Participate in ONE of the Focus on Technique programs during the summer</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• enrolled in Level 6A or above</li> <li>• enrolled in minimum of 6 hours of dance classes per week including a minimum of 2 ballet classes and 2 modern classes</li> <li>• fulfill one of the following summer requirements               <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ Participate in THREE or more weekly classes during 6 week Spring Session <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ Participate in a MINIMUM of 15 drop in dance classes during July &amp; August <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ Participate in a combination of Spring and Summer drop in classes adding up to a minimum of 15 classes <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ Participate in ONE of the two “DANCE COMPANY PLUS” weeks during the summer <b>OR</b></li> <li>○ Fulfill an L.I.T. position at ONE DANCE COMPANY PLUS camp week. <i>Students must be a minimum level of 6B (during 2019/2020 school year) and be a current company A member to apply for an L.I.T. position.</i></li> </ul> </li> </ul>

ALL COMPANY SUMMER REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR THE 2020/2021 DANCE SEASON

## PERFORMANCES & WORKSHOPS

- Company A dancers will have the opportunity to participate in four performances throughout the year and will learn a minimum of four pieces of choreography and participate in two dance workshops

## REGISTRATION PROCESS

- students who fulfill the commitments listed above are eligible to enrol in Company A

## FEES

- \$500 + HST per year – fees due August 31<sup>st</sup> (payment plan can be arranged upon request)
- \*\*All company fees are non-refundable.**

## **DANCE COMPANY B**

Dance Company B is for students who are interested in participating in Dance Company but who prefer a lesser commitment. Company B is an excellent option for students who are new to dance company.

### **COMMITMENT REQUIRED**

- Sunday Afternoon Rehearsals
- Parent volunteer commitment of 4 hours annually

### **ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE**

- enrolled in Level 2 or above
- enrolled in both ballet and modern dance
- no spring/summer requirements for Company B students

### **PERFORMANCES**

- Company B dancers will learn a minimum of two pieces of choreography and will have the opportunity to participate in two dance performances during the year and one dance workshop.

### **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

- All students who fulfill the commitments listed above are eligible to enrol in Company B
- Students must register on-line prior to August 31, 2020

### **FEES**

- \$250 + HST per year – fees due August 31st (payment plan can be arranged upon request)  
**\*\*All company fees are non-refundable.**

## **YOUNG PERFORMERS**

“Young performers” is a program designed for students in Primary 3 and Junior 1. The “Young Performer Group” will meet on Sunday afternoons.

### **COMMITMENT REQUIRED**

- Attendance at Sunday rehearsals
- Parent volunteer commitment of 2 hours annually

### **ELIGIBILITY TO PARTICIPATE**

- enrolled in Primary 3 or Junior 1
- enrolled in both ballet and modern dance
- no summer requirements for Young Performers

### **PERFORMANCES**

- Dancers in Young Performers will participate learn two pieces of choreography during the year and will participate in one performance in the fall and one performance in the winter.

### **REGISTRATION PROCESS**

- All students who fulfill the requirements listed above are eligible to enrol in Young Performers
- register on-line prior to August 31, 2020

### **FEES**

- \$200 + HST per year – fees due August 31<sup>st</sup> (payment plan can be arranged upon request)  
**\*\*All company fees are non-refundable.**

# **DANCE COMPANY 2020/2021 PERFORMANCES**

*This year, dance company will look a little bit different due to the restrictions that COVID has placed on being able to perform for a live audience. But with these restrictions comes the opportunity to try new things and to focus on the creative process, dance artistry and the sense of accomplishment that comes with working with choreographers and learning new pieces of dance choreography. This year we will focus on pushing boundaries and re-imagining dance performance as we explore physically distanced choreography and alternative ways to share dance with audience members.*

## **2020-2021 DANCE COMPANY ANNUAL CALENDAR**

*Our Dance Company season will be divided into four terms. All planned performances will be held in accordance with group gathering limitations that are in place at the times of performances.*

### **TERM 1 - SEPTEMBER/OCTOBER – SITE SPECIFIC WORKS**

#### **DANCE COMPANY A**

Dance Company A members will work with faculty choreographers during the months of September and October to create site specific works which will be performed for a moving group of spectators who will join the performers in small groups to watch their live performances. Various sites within walking distance from the studio will be used and rehearsals will take place both in the studio and at the assigned sites. Our site specific performance will conclude with the dancers coming together (while at least two meters apart) to present a group choreography “parade style”. The choreography for our group piece will take place on Zoom and will be rehearsed in small groups in the studio. Our site specific performance will take place on **Sunday, October 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:30pm** (rain date October 25<sup>th</sup>).

### **TERM 2 – NOVEMBER/DECEMBER – CHRISTMAS BY REQUEST**

#### **DANCE COMPANY A & B, YOUNG PERFORMERS**

All members of dance company along with their family members & friends will be invited to partake in the shaping of this performance. “Christmas by Request” is a brand-new seasonal performance that will include works based on requests from you! Requests can be based on songs, ideas, themes, a favourite piece from the past or a fun dance challenge! Each family will receive a link to submit their requests during the month of September and our staff choreographers will be choosing their favourites from the list. Each student will learn at least one piece of choreography for the performance which will take place virtually. All pieces will be recorded either in studio or in the theatre and shared either via a pre-recorded video or a live stream. The Registry Theatre has been tentatively booked on December 19<sup>th</sup> for filming of “Christmas by Request”.

### **TERM 3 – JANUARY/FEBRUARY – VIDEO DANCE STORIES**

#### **DANCE COMPANY A**

Members of Dance Company A along with staff choreographers will embark on the challenge of creating dance pieces specifically designed for video. Through dance, video and voice we will create videos of popular children’s stories adapted for dance. Once finished, the videos will be available to share with family members. The videos will also be made available for school teachers to share with their classes as we work to continue to bring dance education and audience appreciation to school children.

### **TERM 4 – MARCH/APRIL – CAROUSEL LIVE!!**

#### **DANCE COMPANY A & B, YOUNG PERFORMERS**

The dancers will create pieces for a live outdoor performance. The tentative location is the New Dundee Bandshell which has a covered stage area as well as a large field for audience members where physically distancing will be easy to achieve. Following the performance, all dancers and audience members will be invited to join in a large group piece “Flash Mob” style to celebrate being together for a live performance. The final performance will take place on Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup> (rain date Sunday, April 25<sup>th</sup>).

***We are also working on coordinating guest workshops for the students which will be held on Sunday afternoons throughout the year. Dates, times, and guests will be announced soon!***