

Atlanta Jazz Theatre Company Requirements

The Atlanta Jazz Theatre (AJT) is the performing company that comes directly out of Dan & Company Studios. We have had 49 fantastic years that have sent many of our dancers onto Broadway, LA, Disney World, touring shows around the world, and college scholarships around the country. We bring in many dance industry professionals from around the country to work with these dancers and expose them to the best training they can get. You are obviously here because you have shown a major interest in dance and would like to take your training to a much higher level. Here we can explain a little more about what is expected of our company members and what our year is like.

Our company consists of Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Pre Pro companies. These placements are not necessarily determined by age, but ability level. Our panel of judges take many different things into consideration. They are professionals, and are not to have the final decisions questioned or challenged. Yes, we have to state this, for it happens every year. If your child was placed in a particular company, or not placed, it is for a reason and was a very well thought through decision by all judges unanimously. It was also based on an assessment of performance, and attendance and behavior throughout the year.

For all company members this year, these are our requirements for our companies:

- **Attending at least one full week of Summer Intensive. These dates are June 10-14 and June 17-21. All past company members know this already, so if you are brand new, we can discuss with you if there is a conflict.**
- **Attendance for "Company Week" in August - ALL COMPANIES**
- **We will be attending 2 conventions this year, along with competition, and it will be mandatory. We will be attending NYCDA, around late April , and an option of another during the year.**
- **Dancers will be expected to be at ALL REHEARSALS, especially prior to Spring Concert and competition.**
- **Must attend ALL company required classes and abide by the NO MORE THAN 3 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES RULE. After 3 absences, students will be required to make up classes privately, and may possibly be withdrawn from company pieces or performances.**
- **Classes expected on a weekly basis are as follows:**
- **Two hour and a half ballet classes at your placed level**

- Company specific hour and a half Jazz Technique class
- One hour Lyrical/Contemporary class
- Hip Hop for each level
- Junior company members will be required to take tap 1x per week

****Weekend rehearsals will be required, and more frequent before our Spring Concert time in March/April, and in September-October before Christmas festival times. Junior company rehearsals are less frequent.**

FEES:

All company members will have a tuition payment of approximately \$280/Month, \$300 if taking Tap or Junior Company. You may also take any extra jazz and ballet classes free of charge. Convention/Competition payments will be separate from tuition, and must be paid up by December. Each convention will be approximately \$300, unless you have extra solos, group numbers, or duets you choose to perform, along with choreography fees. Company dues, if you are accepted, are due by June 1st, in the amount of \$325 to cover costumes and choreographers and theatre expenses for Spring Concert. You will be responsible for recital costumes, which are separate, for any classes you are performing in. This is usually 4, and we will utilize one that you have already bought for competition so you do not have to buy a 5th costume.

Our Atlanta Jazz Theatre members will put their dance contract before all other extracurricular activities that conflict. Cheerleading, dance teams, and sports are generally in direct conflict and times need to be discussed with us before signing any contract. The company is for the most dedicated and talented dance students, and are held to a very high standard in attitude, manners and discipline. As you know, this takes commitment on the dancer's end as well as the parent. The dancers and parents need to understand these rules and make the decision together to determine if they can uphold the contract they sign. We hope to see you as a part of our AJT 2019-2020 Season this year!