

# **Dance Theatre Fairbanks**

## **Senior and Apprentice Company Rules and Requirements**

August 28<sup>th</sup> 2010-June 30<sup>th</sup> 2011

Company Contract for Senior and Apprentice Company Dancers

\*Must be signed and turned in no later than Friday September 10<sup>th</sup> 2010\*

Company member's name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

### **General**

Placement in the company is by audition only. Senior Company members must be at least 13 years of age and Apprentice Company members must be at least 12 years of age.

Dancers in the company will be held to the same curriculum guidelines outlined for all students in the senior division ballet levels and must attend a minimum of three ballet classes, two pointe classes (if performing or planning to perform en pointe), and three other dance classes per week for the duration of the Dance Theatre Fairbanks regularly scheduled semesters. Absences from these classes should be prearranged with the instructor and must be made up in another class. No more than three unmade up absences will be permitted per class per semester. Special arrangements to meet the class requirements may be made with the company director if necessary. At the beginning of each semester, the company member must submit to Ms. Aminta a list of classes they wish to have considered for company requirements.

Ballet classes are any class that is listed as a ballet class or the men's class. Other classes are any movement class such as jazz, contemporary, hip-hop, choreography, partnering, yoga etc. Pointe classes are listed as pre-pointe or pointe. Students assigned to assistant teach a class that is one level below their own are often used as a demonstrator and may consider assistant teaching as one of their "other" required classes.

Senior and Apprentice company members must present a mature approach to classes, performances and rehearsals as well as a dedication to dance. This includes appropriately managing their time to ensure that all company, family and school commitments are met.

Senior company members will be approaching a professional level of dance technique and artistry and must be able to perform accordingly. Apprentice company members will be approaching a pre-professional level of dance technique and artistry and must be able to perform accordingly. All company members must demonstrate a clear understanding of dance vocabulary and theater etiquette and skill in teaching and fostering younger or less experienced dancers.

Dancers will be expected to arrive on time and be prepared for all classes, rehearsals, and performances and are expected to follow all studio rules and dress codes. Dancers should bring all shoes and required items with them to all rehearsals and performances.

Failure to meet any requirements outlined in the company contract may result in loss of company privileges, removal from performing opportunities or dismissal from the company for breach of contract.

If a dancer chooses to leave company mid semester for any reason other than medical or family emergencies he or she must inform the company directors personally and appear at the next company rehearsal along with a parent. The student must address the company and explain the reasons he or she is leaving company. A parent or teacher may not do this for the student. The dancer must take on this responsibility personally.

## Performance and Rehearsal

Casting for all performances and placement will be decided by the company director along with other Dance Theatre Fairbanks faculty members. Periodic auditions will be held for casting purposes. All company members will be expected to attend these auditions.

Company rehearsals are held on Fridays from 4:30 to 8:00pm and Saturday from 12:15 to 2pm. Additional rehearsal times may be posted and required of company members. Students missing more than three rehearsals may be pulled from pieces and not permitted to perform and may be dismissed from the company if attendance does not improve.

Absences from mandatory rehearsals will not be tolerated. All mandatory rehearsals will be posted in writing at least two weeks prior to rehearsal date. It is the company member's responsibility to know when and where these rehearsals take place and arrange appropriate transportation.

## Uniform Requirements

Each female dancer in the company must have her own pink split-sole ballet slippers, pointe shoes (if applicable), Capezio style 1816 convertible tights in ballet pink, black and suntan (or light suntan) without holes or runs, a clear strapped flesh colored leotard, a Capezio style CC100 camisole leotard in black and a Eurotard 14" black wrap skirt style 10362. (This will be the company uniform leotard and skirt used for lecture demonstrations, photos, and some performances.) It is recommended that ladies in the company also have a pair of flesh colored high legged briefs and a flesh colored clear backed clear strapped bra to wear under costumes.

Male company members company uniform consists of a white t-shirt suitable for class as well as a pair of black men's tights. Gentlemen should also have a pair of black split-sole ballet shoes.

All dancers are expected to be dressed appropriately with appropriate hair styles and their own shoes for any class or rehearsal in which they are involved. Therefore, it is recommended that each dancer have tap shoes, character shoes, sneakers and jazz shoes on hand in addition to their required company shoes. Dancers should also have a dance bag and water bottle with their name clearly marked.

## Other Obligations

Company members in a high school or university level of education must maintain a GPA of 2.5 or higher. Student report cards will be submitted to the assistant to the directors (Ms. Aminta) twice a year. Dancers that do not meet this requirement may be asked to take a leave from the company or be asked to submit grade reports once a month until the student's grades improve.

As the Dance Theatre Fairbanks operates with the assistance of many volunteers, company members are required to perform non-dancing volunteer work each semester.

I (Company member's name) \_\_\_\_\_ agree to abide by all the regulations and obligations cited above.

Company member's signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent or Guardian's signature (required for company members under the age of 18)

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_