



# SunSet Dancers Dance Company *Agreement* 2011-2012

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### The Aim of the SunSet Dancers Dance Company is to:

- Provide our students with a unique opportunity to experience various disciplines of Dance.
- Provide students with an exceptionally high standard of teaching in all aspects of Dance.
- Encourage and reward effort and achievements.
- Provide all our students with the opportunity to perform regularly at a variety of events.
- Most importantly... Provide students with a warm, friendly and family environment, at the same time learning a variety of professional discipline art forms. The training that our students receive within the company will provide them with confidence and communication skills that will be valuable in later life.

## NEW Company Parent and Dancer Meeting at the Park District Friday August 12th 4:00-4:30PM

### Fee Requirements:

All fees must be paid by check or cash.

Please make all checks payable to The Geneva Park District.

Only enrollment for classes may be paid for by credit card.

- There is a *non negotiable* annual Dance Company Fee of **\$85.00 per dancer**. This fee will need to be registered by before November 1st. This fee helps compensate the instructors for their time spent at Conventions, Competitions and Performances.
- Competition fees range from \$35 - \$85 per dancer and dance.
- Costumes fees are \$55/per dance and **are NOT already** included in the price of the Fall Company class.
- Company Tights, shoes and **will NOT be ordered** as a group this year, each dancer is required to have the company shoes by the first competition in 2012.
- Uniforms for Company Members: Will not be purchased this year. You must be in company a FULL year before you are eligible to have the company Jacket. NEXT YEAR ALL Company Members will be getting NEW UNIFORMS! All Dancers are required to purchase Sunset Dance Company dance bag. These are the same as last year so if you already have them you do not need to purchase them again. Company Bags cost \$35-\$45

### Company Class requirements for 2011-2012

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| <p><b>COMPANY (1)</b><br/>Going into Company 0-2 years of company experience<br/><b>(MISS RYANN)</b><br/>* Take 2 Technique classes a week (ballet, jazz)<br/>* Take company class will have 2 dances (1.5 hour class)<br/>Class will meet on Wednesday from 4:15pm-5:45pm in room GCC-105.<br/>TOTAL HOURS A WEEK = APROX 3.5</p>           | <p><b>COMPANY (2)</b><br/>Going into Company 3-4 years of company experience<br/><b>(MISS KATIE AND MISS HEIDI)</b><br/>* Take 3 Technique classes a week (ballet, jazz, lyrical)<br/>* Take company class will have 3 dances (2 hour class)<br/>Class will meet from 5:15-7:15pm on Tuesday in room GCC-106<br/>TOTAL HOURS A WEEK = APROX 5</p> |
| <p><b>COMPANY (3)</b><br/>Going into Company 5+ years of company experience<br/><b>(MISS KATIE AND MISS HEIDI)</b><br/>* Take 4 classes a week (ballet, jazz, lyrical, Tap)<br/>* Take company class will have 4 dances (2 hour class)<br/>Class will meet from 6:00-8:00pm on Thursday in room GCC-106<br/>TOTAL HOURS A WEEK = APROX 6</p> | <p><b>Hip Hop Company 1+ years of company experience</b><br/><b>(MISS BRANDIE)</b><br/>*MUST be in one of the companies above to qualify<br/>*Take a hip hop class<br/>*Take Hip Hop Company class will have 1 hip hop dance (1 hour class)<br/>class will meet on Friday from 6:15-7:15pm<br/>TOTAL HOURS A WEEK = BETWEEN 5-7</p>               |

## What to expect the Days of the Auditions ON AUGUST 13<sup>th</sup> 2011

**Audition attire: Dancers need to wear a solid color leotard, tights or tight fitting jazz pants, hair in a bun and/or completely swept out of face (no pony tails) dancers need to bring all shoes, (ballet, jazz and tap).**

- ❖ You must be **registered in order to audition**. You may register at the main office.

| Company (1)                          | Company (2)                              | Company (3)                         | Nutcracker lead roles                          |
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| Years of company Going into year 0-2 | Years of Company Going into Year 3 and 4 | Years of Company Going into Year 5+ | Must be doing company for the 2011-2012 season |
| Audition Time                        | Audition Time                            | Audition Time                       | Audition Time                                  |
| 10:00AM- NOON                        | 1:00PM-3:00PM                            | 4:00PM-6:00pm                       | <b>3:00PM- 3:45PM</b>                          |
| Code # 75761                         | Code # 75762                             | Code # 75763                        | No code to register for                        |
| Fee \$45/ \$65                       | Fee \$45/ \$65                           | Fee \$45/ \$65                      |  |

- ❖ There is no audition for Hip Hop Company you must only agree to the following:

**Hip Hop Company 1+ years of company experience  
(MISS BRANDIE)**

\*MUST be in one of the companies above to qualify

\*Take a hip hop class

\*Take Hip Hop Company class will have 1 hip hop dance (1 hour class)

class will meet on Friday from 6:15-7:15pm \*\*\*\*\*TOTAL HOURS A WEEK = BETWEEN 5-7

- ❖ Audition times will start sharply each day. Once auditions have begun dancers may not enter the rooms.
- ❖ Dancers should arrive at least 15 minutes *prior* to audition time to sign in and warm up.
- ❖ Teachers are looking for ability to pick up on choreography quickly, performance ability, and over all attitudes in the classroom environment. **We are a NO CUT dance company. We hold auditions so we can see the group before we have them together for the first time and so we can make TECHNIQUE class level recommendations.**

**ALL AUDITION RESULTS ARE FINAL.**

**Nutcracker List will be posted on the Sunset Dancer Dance Board on August 16<sup>th</sup> .**

**Production dance is open to all Company members.** This year it will be a Musical theater/Tap piece. All dancers that wish to participate in this dance must be registered for it by September 15<sup>th</sup>. The dance will begin practices starting in October this session and will be competed at our LAST dance competition.

This year we have a choreography week. The schedule below shows the days and times each company will rehearse to **START** setting the dance pieces they will be dancing for the year. These classes are included in the price of the audition and **ARE Mandatory**.

| Monday August 15 <sup>th</sup> 2011   | Tuesday August 16 <sup>th</sup> 2011  | Wednesday August 17 <sup>th</sup> 2011   |
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| Company (1) 12:00-1:30pm GCC-room 106 | Company (1) 2:30-4:00pm GCC-room 106  | Company (1) 12:15-1:15pm GCC-room 106    |
| Company (2) 12:00-2:00pm GCC-room 105 | Company (2) 12:00-1:00pm GCC-room 105 | Company (2) 12:30-1:30pm GCC-room 105    |
| Company (3) 2:00-4:00pm GCC-room 105  | Company (3) 1:00-2:00pm GCC-room 105  | Company (3) 1:30-2:30pm GCC-room 105     |
|                                       |                                       | HIP HOP COMPANY 3:00-5:00pm GCC-room 105 |

### Company Class/ Rehearsal Dress Code

*(Dancers that do not show up to class in the proper attire may not be permitted to dance, **HAIR MUST ALWAYS BE SECURE AND OUT OF FACE, No pony tails, no bangs**)*

All Dancers are required to have the Proper Dress and Correct Dance Shoes for Each Class.

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| <p><b>JAZZ/ HIP•HOP/Musical theater</b><br/>Solid color leotard Black, Tan or Pink Tights<br/>Black or Tan Jazz Shoes Tight Fitting caprice Jazz pants</p> | <p><b>TAP</b><br/>Solid color leotard<br/>Black, Tan or Pink Tights<br/>Black SLIP ON Tap Shoes<br/>Tight Fitting caprice Jazz pants</p> | <p><b>LYRICAL / BALLET</b><br/>Solid color leotard<br/>No SHORTS in Ballet Class<br/>Ballet Skirt OK<br/>Black, Tan or Pink Tights<br/>Ballet shoes for ballet and Jazz shoes for Lyrical.</p> |
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- Black or Solid Color Leotard for All Classes- No dance tops!
- Absolutely **NO** Baggie Dance Clothes Absolutely **NO** Street Clothes (tank tops, shorts, sweatshirts)
- **NO** Loose Jewelry
- **NO** Eating or Chewing Gum in Class- Water May be brought to class
- **NO** Cell Phones in Class...If you need to reach you child call the office and get a message sent down to them.

### Company performances and shows:

The 2011-2012 Company will perform at the following events and venues:

- ❖ Autumn Fest At Peck Farm> Fall Event- We will bring dances from LAST YEAR!
- ❖ The Nutcracker > December 2011
- ❖ Spring recital > May 2012
- ❖ Swedish days > Summer event June 2012
- ❖ Swedish days Parade > Summer event
- ❖ 3-4 Private party Competitions > January through May
- ❖ Concert in the park/ Movie in the Park > Summer event
- ❖ Senior Group at the Geneva Park District> Summer event
- ❖ Kane County Cougars Night > Summer event

## **Dancer and Parent Attendance/ Class Behavior expectations**

- ❑ The SunSet Dancers Dance Company **is a FULL year Commitment and will perform year round, so year round enrollment in all required company and technique classes is required. (INCLUDING SUMMER)**
- ❑ *All dancers will treat each other and their teachers with kindness and respect. Dancers will not critique each other or give corrections; this is the teacher's job. Any dancer that creates drama in the classroom could be subject to dismissal from the company.*
- ❑ **All Company Rehearsals and Performances are required.**
- ❑ **Until the choreography is complete, dancers that miss class may be choreographed out of the section that they have missed. It is the dancer's responsibility to learn any missed choreography outside of class. Attendance is most important during the time the choreography is being set on the dancers.**
- ❑ Two *Unexcused* absences, Dancer *MAY* be pulled from next performance depending on date.
- ❑ **All Dancers are required to attend ALL REHEARSALS AND TECHNIQUE CLASSES the Week of a Performance or Competition or Dancer may not be able to PERFORM.**
- ❑ Parents YOUR Dancer ***MUST*** be enrolled in their required Technical and Company Classes before each session starts. **For fall they must be registered by Friday August 19th. SPACE in technique classes is limited. SIGN UP EARLY.**
- ❑ ***Teachers will be giving technique level assignments after auditions. Students will stay in this level until the teacher gives them the approval to move up. Teachers are the only ones who can move a child up.***
- ❑ Please allow yourself plenty of time to arrive to class *on time* as classes will start *sharply*, if you have a time conflict with your child's company class please notify the teacher and make arrangements.
- ❑ **Parents please make sure that you pick up your child promptly after class; our teachers must wait to leave until all students are picked up and we worry when you arrive 5 or more minutes late. If you know you will be running late please call the office and get a message to the teacher so that we do not worry.  
630-232-4542 after 5PM call 630-232-7867**
- ❑ During Company Rehearsals and technique classes All Dancers will be **expected** to treat each class as an audition... **Behave, Rehearse, and Perform with their BEST EFFORT AT ALL TIMES.** If dancer acts inappropriate during class he/she WILL be asked to sit out.
- ❑ Dancers/Parents are to check e-mail EACH WEEK for upcoming information on Events, Rehearsal Schedules, Performances or Newsletters.

## **Fundraising-**

**Parents and Dancers will be expected to host and perform all fundraising efforts this year. If you have idea's that you would like to be in charge of simply get a group together create an outline/ plan for approval and e-mail it to Katie Behrens.**

**ALL Dancers and Parents are expected to participate in our Fundraising efforts. The proceeds from these events benefit all of us. (Zainie's night, clothing sale, bake sale at Nutcracker and Spring recital, Flower sales at Nutcracker and Spring recital).**

**I would LOVE to see a MAJOR fundraiser to help pay for company COSTUMES this year!!!!!! This Fundraiser would need to be completed by October 1<sup>st</sup> 2011.**

# SunSet Dancers/Parents

## Competition & Performance Expectations

- ❑ Company Members/Parents are responsible for:
  - 1) Purchase of the appropriate uniform for dance events
  - 2) Purchase under garments, costumes, shoes and make-up. (List of appropriate needed supplies will be provided in dance packet after auditions).
  
- ❑ Each Dancer is responsible for their own Costume, Make-Up and Dance Items when at Competitions. It is the Dancers Responsibility to have all items of their completed costumes for a competition or show. If there are any missing pieces of costume or wrong shoes, no make-up, no jewelry... dancer will NOT perform. **Competition fees will NOT be reimbursed.**
  
- ❑ Convention/Competition Fees MUST be paid by the instructed date in order to participate in the Convention/Competition. Fees turned in after the instructed date may have a late fee or may not be accepted. **Please keep in mind that Convention/Competition Fees are NON Refundable. (This is the normal policy of all dance Convention/Competitions)**
  
- ❑ Dancers MUST arrive to Conventions, Competitions and Performances at instructed times.
  
- ❑ Dancers MUST always show respect to other dancers and stay until Company Performance is over or Competition Ceremony is over.
  
- ❑ Parents: Please remember that at competitions it is your job to be supportive and cheer on your dancers. It is the teachers' job to be critical of a performance. Parents are expected to show good sportsman ship at all events. Inappropriate behavior towards others or your child at an event may cause you to be asked to leave.
  
- ❑ During Company Events All Dancers will be **expected** to... **Behave, Rehearse, and Perform with their BEST EFFORT AT ALL TIMES.** If dancer acts inappropriate he/she WILL be asked to Leave.



## SUNSET DANCERS AGREEMENT

I have read the SunSet Dancers Dance Company Agreement. I understand the Company Dress Code and Company Class Requirements. I understand the Convention/Competition and Performance Dress Code and Expectations and Agree to abide by these Rules.

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Dancer Signature and Date

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Parent Signature and Date



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**(PLEASE fill out below agreement and information form and have dancer bring to class at their time of Audition on August 13<sup>th</sup>)**

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Dancer Signature and Date

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Parent Signature and Date

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| Child's Name   |  |
| Parent's Names   |  |
| Child's Birth Date   | Month-                      day-                      year -                      age as of September 1, 2011- |
| Home Address<br><br>And<br><br>E-Mail Address for Company Info |  |
| Home Phone-<br>Emergency -<br>Phone<br>Cell Phone/s-           |  |