

THE TALENT FACTORY PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY AUDITIONS

2023-24 Season

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We are excited to announce our upcoming Auditions for the 2023-2024 Season! If you love to dance, act and/or sing, we would love to see you at our auditions! Please read through the information in this packet carefully as it breaks down the entire audition process and potential season ahead.

All students wishing to audition for the 2023-24 season will need to submit an online audition application and headshot (does not have to be professional).

The Talent Factory Company requires commitment, dedication, hard work, an eagerness to learn, passion, potential and a desire to grow and perform as a dancer, singer, actor, performer. What your child will gain from the experience is priceless—as both a performing arts student and an individual. We have a very positive competitive philosophy and encourage you to [read it here!!](#)

The audition and selection process requires much planning and thought, and your child should be very confident about their desire to be a part of our Performing Arts Company. If your child decides to not participate after being selected for any of our Companies, it is unfair to all involved. That spot could have been given to another student. Please talk to your child about commitment and how important it is to follow through and bring enthusiastic, respectful energy. We are looking for trusting students who are focused, driven, and excited to be a part of a well-respected and award-winning Performing Arts Company.

****AUDITION FEE**** There will be a \$50.00 Audition Fee for students who are *not* currently members of the Talent Factory Performing Arts Company. This fee is non-refundable and is good for all auditions Monday June 12th and Tuesday June 13th. All fees can be paid [here](#).

VIRTUAL COMPANY AUDITIONS AVAILABLE

Students who can not make the in-person audition dates can submit a video audition. Once you have paid for the audition, submitted your application and headshot, you will be officially registered for auditions and will receive audition guidelines for your age group.

Please note: We take into consideration both skill level and age when selecting students to participate in the company.

AGES FOR COMPANY AUDITIONS ARE BASED ON JANUARY 1, 2024

We encourage you to read this packet thoroughly and contact us with any uncertainties, questions or concerns. We are always accessible and want to hear from you!

Questions: Should you have any questions after reading through all of our information, please contact us at: talentfactorycompany@gmail.com

AUDITION PROCESS

1. AUDITION APPLICATIONS AND HEADSHOTS

Applications:

All students, new and current, must complete the online application

[CLICK HERE FOR AUDITION APPLICATION](#)

*******Please complete and submit this application ASAP*******

Headshots:

All students, new and current, will need to upload a headshot through the online application no later than June 9th. This does not need to be professional. It can be a school pic, vacation shot, or one you snap quickly on your phone. When uploading your headshot on your application, please include your child's full name and "2023 Audition Headshot" in the file name. If you are having trouble uploading the file, you can email it to talentfactorycompany@gmail.com

2. AUDITION VIDEOS (if not auditioning in-person)

Once you've submitted your audition application and headshot, you will receive an email from talentfactorycompany@gmail.com with all audition guidelines. Auditions will be video submissions through our website. Students will either learn combos we send OR be given the opportunity to create their own, based on a list of guidelines. These vary by age and level.

WHAT TO WEAR

Dress the part!! A neat appearance is very important! If you look good and feel confident, this will definitely enhance your performance. If you are older, minimal make-up is preferred as this alone will instill best audition practices for your future. If you are younger, and also wish to "dress the part", blush/glitter and lip-gloss are great!

Students can wear what they want for their audition. We recommend no baggy t-shirts and/or tank tops for any dancers during ballet, jazz, contemporary auditions. We would prefer students to wear ballet shoes for ballet. Please be sure your hair is pulled away from your face and tightly secured.

AUDITION RESULTS

Audition Results will be emailed to the email on your application. Official invitations, acceptance letters and letters of commitment will be sent no later than June 23rd. Should we not feel you're quite ready for our Performing Arts Company, you will also receive an email explaining areas we feel you can improve on before next year's auditions.

2023 SUMMER REGISTRATION

Our 2023 Summer Session will begin Monday July 10th, and commence with our annual Summer Intensive scheduled for August 7-10.

SUMMER INTENSIVE & CAMP INFO: If you are chosen as a member of one of our 2023-2024 performing arts companies, you will be required to attend summer classes and intensives. These are mandatory for all students. Any concerns need to be addressed by email immediately. Our seasoned, more advanced dancers must receive approval to attend any other training opportunities that you wish to attend.

PERFORMING ARTS COMPANY COMMITMENT & EXPECTATIONS

If you are invited to become a member of the company, both parent and student will be required to sign a letter of commitment as well as register for the 2023 Summer Session by July 1st. After this date, if we have not received your registration for the 2023 Summer Session and signed letter of commitment, your invitation to the company will be revoked, and we may offer your spot to another qualified student, if applicable.

TEAM WEAR

If you are invited to become a member of the Company, you will need to purchase team wear to show your TF pride!

You will receive a separate email on Team Wear if you are invited to be a member of the Company.

WITHDRAWAL POLICY & PENALTY

If your child has to withdraw from The Talent Factory Performing Arts Company after the first day of intensive for any reason at all (no desire to continue, financial obligations, injury, too much school work, etc.) a \$250.00 penalty will be applied to your account.

This penalty will apply effective on the date you withdraw. In addition to this penalty, any competition / convention / costume payments made prior to your withdrawal, will be forfeited / non-refundable.

2023-24 SEASON REGISTRATION

Our goal is to begin registration for the 2023-24 Season in August for both current and new students!

IMPORTANT SCHEDULING NOTE

The Talent Factory follows the RI Dept of Education state-wide calendar for all school breaks and major holidays. Calendar for the season, including all competitions and conventions will be sent home in August and must be added to your calendar as soon as it is received. Students will be required to attend all mandatory events.

The height of our rehearsal, competition, and choreography time varies depending on the final company calendar. If your child misses class, it may affect their placement in company and/or within their pieces. This is a very important factor in understanding our expectation for attendance. We are not saying you cannot miss a single day during the season. However, planning a significant family trip or weekend during our season will impact the Company. If you already have a conflict, you must note this in the appropriate space on your Audition Application. Please talk to us about any concerns you may have prior to auditioning. Communication is key!

***Below is a breakdown of expectations for our
Performing Arts Company:***

COMPANY INFORMATION

Our Performing Arts Company is a high level performing arts company made up of distinguished dancers, actors and singers with outstanding technique, performance quality and style. They represent TF at local and national competitions, conventions, and performances. These students have a focus and desire to fully commit themselves to becoming better with each class, with many having the goal of performing professionally! We take great pride in what our program and connections can offer such aspiring artists after 20 years in business, and we have high expectations of the growth that all of our company members are capable of within this

program. This company trains well-rounded, diverse performers and provides each member with a personalized program which best suits their dreams and aspirations.

Extra-curricular activities - approvals will be needed to make sure the company member can still uphold the expectations, training, and commitment that goes into being a part of a team. Approval will not be granted if the company member cannot provide a schedule of when they will be present.

Company Requirements Involve:

- Choosing this program as a priority, and scheduling other personal interests and commitments around it
- Attendance to a minimum of 2 conventions per season (dance)
- Attendance to a minimum of 3 competitions per season (dance)
- Attendance to a minimum of 2 competitions per season (theatre)
- These are added opportunities to learn and grow from industry professionals, and teach real world perseverance and grace in a competitive, yet hopefully inspiring, environment
- Many times conventions are a part of the competitions we attend, so do not think that the above means a total of 5 separate weekends. Although, these are the minimum to uphold our company requirements and more are certainly available to be considered and approved by the company director
- Opportunity to audition for additional pieces with guest choreographers - more details to come
- Classes & workshops with all guest teachers at TF - calendar for all classes will be sent in August 2023 for planning purposes
- Attendance at all master classes during our Fall Master Class series - calendar for all classes will be sent in August 2023 for planning purposes
- Attendance to our Annual Summer Intensive August 7-10, 2023
- Participation in Company Shows June 2023
- Participation in 3 shows per season (theatre) - all show titles and dates for the 2023-24 season will be announced this summer
- Optional Broadway Student Summit in NY (date coming soon) - available for all company members
- Optional Nutcracker Performance opportunity - audition and rehearsal / show info will be announced this summer

Financial Commitments:

Below is an estimate based on last season. Many fees associated with our performing arts company change each season and are not always made available prior to auditions for the season. If you have any specific questions please email talentfactorycompany@gmail.com for more details.

EXPLANATION OF FEE	FEE AMOUNT
Monthly Tuition (10 months Sept-June)	TBD based on # of hours
Company Dues (10 months Sept-June)	\$30/month
Required Conventions, Competitions Groups roughly \$65/student Solos roughly \$150-\$175/ student Conventions roughly \$250 for weekend	TBD based on fees for event
Guest Artist Classes (3 per season)	\$40 each (estimate)
Team Wear / Company Jackets or Vests \$80 estimate Embroidery \$25 estimate TF Backpack \$40 plus embroidery	TBD after audition date
Optional Nationals 2024	Fees based on event
Costumes depend on the group / style	Fees based on costume
Summer Intensive (Discount for early payment and registration once open)	\$400-\$550
OPPORTUNITIES (Selected through audition) Extra Groups (Guest choreographer) Solos (Varies depending on choreographer)	\$250-\$400 (estimate) \$450-\$1200 (estimate)

Company Minimum Class & Performance Requirements:

*subject to change / dependent on enrollment

- All company students compete in a minimum of two group numbers and will have the opportunity to apply for other solo/duo/trio/small group opportunities
- Our performing arts company auditions are for students ages 7-18:
 - Our youngest company students are required to train a minimum of 5-7 hours per week / two-three days per week depending on scheduling, taking classes in ballet, jazz, tap, technique and more! The more advanced our students become in the program, the more hours and days they will train. The number of hours and days per week will be based on what a student decides to take weekly on top of their required classes. Number of group pieces will also add to the hours. The more group pieces, the more hours per week.

We do want to remind you that many assessments are taken into consideration each and every year, such as effort from the previous season (if applicable), attitude, learning ability, skill/technical level, potential and age. We always have the best interest of not only the student, but the whole team, in mind. Each journey is unique, and we foster this with honesty, love and guidance. We also want to stress that it is imperative that each parent and performing artist continue to worry about him or herself and never compare themselves to any others within our program. This is not a healthy mindset or avenue to grow to your fullest potential. We celebrate and support each young artist, and we expect all members to do the same along with us. We are beyond proud of our kids and our program, and we are excited to continue to inspire and grow together as artists and people!

THANK YOU

Thank you for your interest in The Talent Factory's Performing Arts Company! We are entering our 20th season, and we LOVE our Performing Arts Company, the opportunities we are able to provide for the students, and, most importantly, the opportunity to build relationships with so many amazing kids!