

2024-2025 Performance Co.



Who We Are:

Empire Dance Co. (Ages 9+) is an innovative dance training program designed to help direct students toward being better dancers, artists, and individuals. We provide practical experience by being the city's only pre-professional dance company to offer professional performance opportunities. Dancers train for all aspects of the industry from commercial to concert dance and members are encouraged to create and collaborate by inspiring one another to become stronger artists. Company members receive weekly advanced level classes and unique training opportunities like on camera work, acting, voice, careers in dance, audition prep, resumes, headshots, demo reels and more.

Highlights:

- Train with Kanas City's Top Choreographers
- Get Real Experience Through Professional Performance Opportunities
- Create in a Supportive Environment
- Receive Personal Guidance from Experienced Artists
- Discover Your Individual Artistry

- Take Advanced Level Classes at Empire Dance Academy
- Weekly Company Rehearsals/Training Sessions
- Assisting Opportunities
- Conventions/Competitions (Radix, Tremaine or similar)
- Professional Photo Shoots
- On Camera Work and Dance Footage
- Resume Building and More

Auditions:

Auditions will be held August 3rd, 2024

Who We Have Performed For:

We believe in providing real life experience and opportunities for pre-professional dancers. We are able to do this in conjunction with our professional event entertainment company, That's Entertainment KC.

In the past we have performed for The Kansas City Museum, Kemper Museum, Kansas City Art Institute, Music Theater Heritage, Tech N9ne, Krizz Kalico, The Black Box Theater, Zava, Kansas City Pride Festival, Save Inc, Starlight Theater, Big Brother Big Sisters, Open Stage, The National World War Museum, The Joslyn Art Museum, Studio Dan Meiners and more.

Commitment:

Class Requirements

We encourage company members to take as many classes at Empire Dance Academy as their schedule allows. 6 classes plus rehearsal time is required. Company training sessions consist of technique and stretching, combination routines with industry choreographers, rehearsal time, personal brand building and other unique classes.

Required classes include Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Hip Hop, Musical Theater, and Technique. Stretch and Flex is optional but preferred.



Season

Our season runs September through May.

Performances

All event performances are required unless prior permission is granted. Please notify us of all conflicts ASAP. Most events occur on weekends. We will provide as much notice as possible.

Absences

Each company member is allowed 3 unexcused absence for both classes and rehearsals.

Tuition/Company Fees

Company members pay \$350 per month which covers unlimited classes at Empire Dance Academy (including all required classes), company training sessions, additional instructors, event performances, general company outings and any video/photo shoots we do throughout the year.

Convention/Competition Fees

We believe that students learn a lot from attending conventions. Each company member is required to attend two local competitions, 1 local competition/convention and 1 regional competition/convention with Empire Dance Academy. Convention and competition fees vary depending on the event and the number of dancers in the routine.

Choreography Fees

Choreography fees vary based on the choreographer and the number of dancers in the routine (2-3 routines). Solos, Duos, Trios optional.

Costumes

Each dance will have its own costume. We aim to keep costs between \$50-\$80 per dance (2-3 routines). One time company uniform fee is \$100.

Questions:

Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions by emailing Empire Director, Kenny Personett, at empiredancekc@gmail.com

Thank you for your interest in the Empire Dance Company.

Sincerely,

Kenny Personett