



# BREAKTHROUGH INTEGRATED DANCE COMPANY

## 2023-2024 Company Contract

Breakthrough Integrated Dance Company's goal is to educate and train dancers of all abilities to create the beauty of dance. We strive to create a fully inclusive and unified dance company by removing barriers and showcasing the beauty of difference. Breakthrough Dance Company works towards this vision through **Artistry, Advocacy and Love.**

### Commitment

All dancers commit to Breakthrough Dance Company for the entire dance year August 2023-June 2024. Expression Dance Company members are not allowed to compete for any other dance studio or company. Furthermore, company members are not allowed to dance under the independent title at any competitive events. Dancers may perform at any school functions.

### Company Dates

**Tuesday, September 5** – Fall Classes begin

**\*Saturday, September 9th, Sunday September 10th, Saturday, September 16th, Sunday September 17th** - EDS Company Photo Shoot - All Company (Sign Up Genius will be sent for you to pick a time slot)

**Friday, October 20** - Studio Halloween Party, 6:30-8:30 PM

**Tuesday, October 31** - Halloween (NO CLASS)

**Monday, November 20 – Sunday November 26** - Thanksgiving Break (No class)

**\*Sunday, December 3** - Holiday Ballet Showcase

**\*Thursday, December 7** - Mayslake performance 6:30-7:30 PM

**Saturday, December 16th** - Company Holiday Party

**Thursday, December 21 - Wednesday January 3** - Winter Break (No class)



**\*Tuesday,, February 13** - In Class Dress Rehearsal

**\*Sunday, February 18** - Company Pep Rally, approx. 12-5 PM

**\*Friday, March 15 - Sunday, March 17** - Starbound competition (Hemmens Cultural Center, Elgin)

**Sunday, March 24 - Sunday, March 31** - Spring Break (No Class)

**\*Friday, April 12 - Sunday, April 14** - Energy (Venue TBD)

**\*Friday, April 26 - Sunday, April 28** - Rainbow Competition (Governor's State University)

**Sunday, June 2** - Student Choreography Showcase - Westmont Park District

**Saturday, June 8** - Company Sleepover: Optional

**June 12 - 15** - Company auditions for 2024-2025 (specific times TBD)

**Monday, June 17** - Company Banquet

**\*Tuesday, June 18** - Company Dress Rehearsal/pictures

**\*Wednesday, June 19** - Company Showcase, 6:30 PM

**\*Thursday, June 20** - Company Showcase, 6:30 PM

**Friday, June 21** - Recreational Dress Rehearsal, 9 AM - 4 PM

**\* Friday, June 21** - Company Showcase, 6:30 PM

**\*Saturday, June 22** - Recreational recital (shows at 9:30, 11:30, 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30) - Company members will be performing, more details will be given in the spring

### **BreakthroughDance Company Outline**

**Age 8+**

**Commitment:** 1 day a week

**Classes:** 1 Ballet, 1 Choreography

4:45-5:30 pm: Ballet Class for Age 8-12

5:30-6:00 pm: Choreography Class Age 8-12



7:00-8:00pm: Ballet Class for Age 13+

8:00-8:30: Choreography Class Age 13+

**Routines:** They will have one Jazz or Lyrical Piece

### **Absences**

Dancers must call in (630-968-5678) or email all absences to [info@expressiondancestudio.com](mailto:info@expressiondancestudio.com).

Dancers are allowed 2 missed classes per month; anything over 2 absences will have to be made up.

**\*Making classes up will require a make-up form they will get at the front desk.** It will be filled out by the dancer and signed by the teacher during the make-up class. The form will then be turned in to the front desk to be recorded.

**\*\*Lastly, dancers should always be in attendance the week of a competition/performance weekend.** Please do your best to make those weeks priorities for the benefits of your dancer's company.

### **Tuition & Fees**

**Annual Registration Fee:** \$15 per dancer or \$20 per family

**Monthly Tuition:** \$164

All members will be required to have a credit card or debit card on file. Automatic monthly tuition withdrawal will occur on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. You will be invoiced on 15<sup>th</sup> of the previous month. If you would like to pay with a different payment option you must inform the office before the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month

**Late Fees:** A \$15 late fee will be applied after the 5<sup>th</sup> of every month

**Costume Fee:** \$75 per costume, per routine

**Warm-Up Uniform:** \$75

**End of Year Recital T-Shirt:** \$20

**Photo Shoot:** \$85 per dancer

**Competition Fee:** \$50 (estimated) per dancer per routine per competition

**Travel Fee:** \$15 per competition/convention per dancer. This fee will be used for the faculty's travel expenses, time and lodging at competitions/conventions.

**Company Showcase Tickets:** \$16 per person

**Behavior Expectations**



Expression Dance Company directors have expectations of how the company members conduct themselves both in and outside of the dance studio. We have the same expectations of the parents, to support the company at all times. Parent attitude and behaviors directly affect others, especially your own children. A child may not be consciously aware of all situations, but absorb powerful messages about his or her parent's desires. Therefore, it is important that parents remain enthusiastic and supportive of the dancers, instructors, directors, and respect other dancers and parents at all times. One of our main goals is to teach dancers to respect themselves and others, so this behavior must be modeled by the parents both in and out of the dance studio. Disappointments will inevitably occur as a part of every team member's experience. If a parent has a strong reaction in these situations, so will your child. It is up to you to teach your child how to experience and overcome disappointment. This will prepare them to be a strong, self-confident adults. If you have concerns, please save them for a respectful discussion with the team director, not in front of others.

### **Communication**

Communication is one of the most important aspects of team. There is continual need for communication both ways. We communicate with you by e-mail so it is important to check daily. Important email addresses: [info@expressiondancestudio.com](mailto:info@expressiondancestudio.com) and [expressiondancestudio@gmail.com](mailto:expressiondancestudio@gmail.com). Jana Fix is our Communications Coordinator and my Office Manager. She will be sending many of the emails. The two of us should be the only company contacts through the EDS faculty.

Please DO NOT contact any other faculty member through email or cell phone. You may contact me first with any questions you may have for a faculty member and I will have them contact you. It is very important to me to respect my faculty's privacy. This also goes along with my personal cell phone. Please only use this number in case of an EMERGENCY. I will not respond to text messages or phone calls made on my personal line.



# 2023-2024 Expression Dance Company Agreement

\*Please complete 1 form per Company dancer\*

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

Dancer's Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/Guardian Full Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Both the dancer and parent listed above have read and understand all of the 2023-2024 Expression Dance Company rules and regulations. In the event that the dancer above does not maintain Company status, no refunds will be issued for any fees (classes, costumes, competitions, conventions, etc.) in which the dancer's account has already been charged. We [dancer and parent] understand and agree to comply with all of the above rules and regulations.

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Dancer's signature

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Date

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Parent's signature

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Date