

AMERICAN **Ballet** SCHOOL M I D W E S T

AMB Junior Company Dancer Guidelines

AMB Junior Company is a prestigious pre-professional program for advanced ballet dancers ages 14 through 22. These highly motivated students gain exposure to professional ballet company life, with opportunities to study with artistic staff, learn company repertoire, shadow professional dancers, and improve technique and artistry.

Members are selected through auditions conducted by AMB artistic staff each year. To remain in the program, students must be positive role models and ambassadors for AMB by having a strong work ethic and by being courteous and respectful to others. Bullying or gossiping behaviors are cause for immediate dismissal from the program.

Members will perform in Junior Company productions during the year, in addition to performing in AMB productions, and will have the opportunity to take class with AMB company dancers. They also will be eligible to take part in our mentorship program, where they will be paired with one of our professional dancers and will have the opportunity to discuss one-on-one what it really takes to make dance a career.

Requirements

- Enrollment in Level 5 or 6 of the Academy Division of AMB School, ages 14-22
- Participation in company classes in the studio and on the stage during production weeks (advance scheduling notice will be given)
- Participation in the entire class/rehearsal to the best of their abilities
- Availability for rehearsal times (typically Fridays between 4:30-7:00)
- Adherence to attendance policies: 1) No unexcused absences and no more than one excused absence per semester (Aug-Dec and Jan-Jun); 2) No absences during production weeks; and 3) Email absence requests to the Ballet Master at least 2 weeks in advance (or as soon as possible in the event of an emergency)
- Annual tuition of \$1,200 paid in 9 monthly installments (Sept - May)

Schedule

- AMB Jr Company Dancers follow the season schedule of the company artists meeting for 20 sessions on Fridays. 10 per semester (Aug-Dec and Jan-Jun).
- Sessions begin with ballet class 4:30-6pm for Jr Company Dancers & Company Trainees.
- Rehearsals immediately follow class 6-7pm.
- Jr Company dancers will join company artists for warm-up on stage prior to our mainstage productions of *The Nutcracker* and *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.
- The fall semester schedule will be released in July. The spring semester schedule will be released in January.
- Schedules will be posted on the AMB website and available upon request.

For questions, email Erin Alarcón, Ballet Master, at erin@amballet.org.

Thank you, we look forward to a great season!