



2023-2024 Audition Packet

Thank you for your interest in M3 Dance Company! We are so excited to be expanding our already amazing dance family. Please read through this packet carefully to better understand who we are and how things work. Please direct any and all M3 questions to info@m3dance.com

Who we are:

M3 Dance Company (M3) is a 501c3 non-for-profit competitive performance team focused on bettering our team, our studio, our community, and ourselves through dance. Our mission is to *Make Movement Matter* by participating in conventions, competitions, benefit performances, and other community events with an educational or philanthropic focus. All M3 Dancers train at Synergy Dance Academy.

M3 Staff:

- *Director/Coach/Choreographer:* Lauren Blane
- *Coach/Choreographers:* Brandon DiCriscio & Megan Wolter
- *Company Manager:* Jamie Delle Grazie

Audition Date: Saturday, May 20th

Audition Times:

**Select dancers attending the 7-9 audition OR the 10-13 audition MAY be asked to stay for the next session for further assessment. No additional payment is required.

- Ages 7-9
 - 2:00-3:00pm
- Ages 10-13 AND returning Junior Company Dancers
 - 3:00-4:30pm
- Ages 14 & Up AND returning Main Company Dancers
 - 4:30-6:00pm

Audition Registration: Please visit www.m3dance.com to fill out the registration form and pay the audition fee prior to the audition date.

Makeup Audition:

**Please email info@m3dance.com by May 25th to RSVP for the makeup audition

- Friday, May 26th from 4:30-5:30pm for all ages/experience levels

Results

- Results will be sent via email to all dancers and their families one week after the audition.
- A Welcome Meeting and Casting Announcement will happen shortly after
- Choreography will begin as early as June.

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Our Teams:

- Dancers earning a position on our team will be placed in a company based on experience, technical proficiency, maturity, attitude, work ethic, implementation of corrections, and confidence.
- A professional panel will be placing the dancers where they will thrive best

Expectations:

- Class Requirements - All dancers must be active students enrolled in all required classes
- Required Classes:
 - *All Dancers* - 2 ballet classes, 1 contemp/modern, 1 jazz, **1 Just Technique (NEW)**
 - *Soloists & Duo/Trios* - Strongly recommended to take an additional ballet class
- Attendance in classes AND rehearsals - Class/Rehearsal attendance is monitored throughout the year and must remain in good standing. Dancers may be removed from classes, or the company in extreme cases of absence at the Director's discretion.
- Summer Classes - All M3DC dancers **must** be enrolled in summer dance classes/experiences at a **minimum of 10 hours total** for the summer (more is strongly encouraged). *It is crucial that M3 dancers maintain the technique and stamina they've worked so hard on over the school year by enrolling in summer dance classes/experiences.*
- Parent Volunteers - All M3 Families are expected to volunteer in some capacity throughout the season by donating their time, talents or treasures.

Events:

- Mandatory - 2-4 conventions/competitions(Jan-April), Nutcracker, Showcase (April/May)
- Showcase - usually in Spring, featuring all our M3 dances from the season
- Extra Performances - strongly encouraged and happen periodically throughout the year
- Community Events/Team Bonding - strongly encouraged and happen periodically

Year at a Glance:

June-July	Summer Classes Begin, Rehearsals Begin
August	Nutcracker Auditions, Fall Classes Begin
Sept-Nov	Weekly M3 Rehearsals, Nutcracker Rehearsals
December	Nutcracker Performances, M3 Rehearsals
January	M3 Dress Rehearsal, Competition Season Begins
Feb-April	Competition Season
April/May	M3 Showcase

Fee Requirements:

- Fees for each dancer are established based on company placement
- Annual M3 Dues are non-negotiable
 - A majority of M3 expenses are fronted by the company, and are paid ahead of collection from our families. Your prompt payments are greatly appreciated.

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Fundraising:

*Multiple fundraising opportunities available to apply towards M3DC fees both group and individual.

*All SDA class tuition, merchandise, and food orders cannot be paid for with raised funds.

- Individual and Group Fundraising Opportunities.
 - Individual - funds raised goes directly toward your balance
 - Group - funds raised goes towards M3

Cost Estimates:

*Costs listed below are **estimates** and will adjust based on the 23/24 competition costs & fees

*M3 Dues are split into 10 equal payments with the 1st payment due at the time of acceptance and the 9 remaining payments due on the 15th of each month (Aug-April).

- Synergy Class Tuition - Synergy Tuition is based on the number of class hours per week.
 - *Cannot be paid for with individual M3 fundraising proceeds. Payments begin in Aug.*
- M3 Main Company Dues - Approx \$2,850 for the year
 - *Includes: 2 Full Conventions, *2 Competitions, All Ensemble Competition Fees, Nutcracker Fees, M3 Concert, All Ensemble Rehearsals, All Weekly Rehearsals, Administrative Fees, Studio Rental Fees, and up to *4 group dances*
- M3 Junior Company Dues - Approx \$1,850 for the year
 - *Includes: 1 Full Convention, *2 Competitions, All Ensemble Competition Fees, Nutcracker Fees, M3 Concert, All Ensemble Rehearsals, All Weekly Rehearsals, Administrative Fees, Studio Rental Fees, and up to *3 group dances*
 - ****NEW for 23/24 Junior & Main Company-** Costumes Fees will no longer be included. We will do our best to pull from our costume closet (at no cost to the dancer/families), but if a new costume is needed, families will be charged and they will keep the costume. Costume cost not to exceed \$80/costume.
- If families are looking for less of a commitment, please email info@m3dance.com

Duo/Trios & Extra Groups

- We will be making changes to the Duo/Trio billing as well as presenting additional group opportunities. More information will be provided in the welcome materials after the new team is announced. Duo/Trios and additional groups will incur additional fees.
- At this time, please indicate if you would like to be considered for a duo/trio on your audition form. Changes can be made for a limited time after details are released and before casting is finalized.
- Extra group opportunities will be communicated after auditions. Opportunities may not be offered to all who are interested. These will be casted based on suitability.

Solos:

*By audition only. Prices will not be identical for the 2023-2024 year, however we do not anticipate any drastic changes.

*ALL soloist expenses are EXTRA beyond SDA tuition fees and M3DC Ensemble Dues.

- Eligibility - a minimum 1 full season of experience with M3 and be a member of the 2023-2024 Dance Company

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Solos (continued):

- Choreography - \$500 which includes choreography and 4 hours of rehearsals.
 - This fee is paid directly to the choreographer
- Private Coaching Fees - Soloists are required to have at minimum two (2) 30 minute rehearsals/month with a coach. Privates should be scheduled with our administrative staff. \$30 for 30 minutes/\$60 for 60 minutes (paid directly to the coach prior to the lesson)
- ****NEW for 23/24 - Private Lesson/Studio Rental Fee** - all soloists will pay a one time \$100 studio rental fee for the year. (Paid Directly to Synergy Dance Academy)
 - This will be the ONLY studio rental fee of the year for private lessons with or without a coach. 30 minutes of studio time per week on your own is encouraged
- Competition SOLO Entry Fees - Approx \$150-\$170/solo/competition
- Solo Costumes - Prices vary based on suitability
 - Choreographers will have access to M3 Costume Closet if there is something there that fits the piece, otherwise soloists will be responsible for purchasing their own costumes based on what the choreographer decides.

Solo Audition: Thursday, June 1st from 5:00-6:30pm

*Based on acceptance onto M3 - Dancers do not automatically receive a solo based on prior experience

- **All dancers auditioning a solo must register online at www.m3dance.com when you register for the M3 Company Audition.**
- Each dancer will audition a self choreographed solo for a small panel of teachers
- Dancers will prepare 30-45 seconds of their own choreography
- Songs, Style, and Genre are chosen by the dancers
- Dances and Songs must be age appropriate
- Please bring a device to play your own music
- Costumes are not necessary but welcome if the dancer wishes
- Dancers should be prepared to answer questions about their piece as well as why they would like to be considered for a solo, what they want to accomplish with their solo, etc.
- This is an opportunity for the coaches/choreographers to learn more about you and how you like to move. You will not be judged on any elements of your self choreographed solo. Have fun with this and show us the amazing dancers that you are.

All dancers auditioning are not guaranteed a spot on the team.

M3 Dance Company is a full family commitment. Dancers and guardians alike should understand their individual responsibilities and take them seriously. Everything from attendance (both in classes and rehearsals) all the way to showing up on time for competition, takes the full families' cooperation and effort.

Tough decisions have to be made sometimes (missing that birthday party, arriving late to the family gathering, etc) and we want to make clear the expectations are that you will make M3 and all its events/rehearsals a top priority of yours.