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Windsor Dance Experience is a nonprofit organization run entirely by volunteers to provide opportunity and encouragement to youth throughout the community and to develop experience and appreciation for the fine arts. WDX believes in understanding its members and recognizes them as individuals with unique ideas and styles. To become a part of WDX, we don't require experience - we give it.

The Amazon Cast

The Junior Company consists of children ages 11-12 years of age, Intermediates ranges from age 13-15 and the Senior Company is for 16+. We strive to build a professional attitude and work ethic in this group. They will learn that no good production goes without teamwork. **Rehearsal time for Juniors is every Monday from 6pm-8:30pm and every Saturday from 11:15am-2:15pm for Intermediates / Seniors** but Wednesday and/or Friday evening rehearsals may be required depending on the role the dancer receives. Please fill out your availability on the audition form so we can accommodate as best we can. **Rehearsals between May 22 and 31st are mandatory and excused absences will not be granted. Please check your schedules now to ensure that WDX is the top of your priority list after Victoria Day until show time.**

Membership Information

Membership fees are **\$445/entire session** to be paid in a lump sum by February 2nd or through post dated cheques of \$115. This includes a deposit for 5 adult tickets and a **refundable fundraising fee of \$75**. This is returned to the member if all fund raising initiatives have been met. There is also a **\$20 fee for a uniform shirt** which must be worn to special events and specific rehearsals. Please refer to the *Membership Payment Schedule* for a breakdown of fees. Every dancer is also required to sell a minimum of 10 tickets to the performance. On the audition form there is also a space for all parents / dancers to check off what they are interested in volunteering 10 hours for – more detailed information can be found on the “What can you do?” form. These productions need a lot of help and the more people involved, the more successful the show. There will be a mandatory Parent/Dancer meeting **on Saturday, January 19th at 11:15am**. All performers must be represented. We will discuss the fund-raisers and give out a lot of important information for this session.

The Production

The Junior, Intermediate & Senior Companies will be working on “Journey into the Amazon” to be performed at the Capitol Theatre May 31st – June 2nd, 2019. English explorer Prof. Nathaniel Grey and his son have gone missing in the Amazon on a quest to find the legendary city of “El Dorado”. His wife (a retired explorer) takes the search for her husband and son into her own hands. Along with her two young daughters and Governess, they embark on an incredible adventure. It's a journey into the unknown, a journey to save their family, a journey into the Amazon! Tickets are \$20 and available through any WDX member. Each dancer must sell a minimum of 10 tickets and a \$100 ticket deposit is included in the registration fees. Members will receive these 5 tickets as soon as they go on sale. Membership payment must be made in full before shirts or prepaid tickets can be received. We will also be performing a discounted school show on Friday, May 31st at 10am for only \$5 / student! Please tell your teachers.

Costumes

Costumes will be provided to a reasonable extent but we ask that you provide the dancer's appropriate coloured body suit, tights and shoes. Most dancers will also be required to show up to the theatre with hair and make-up already done. We will provide direction on this closer to show time.

Fundraising

Each dancer will be asked to pay a \$75 fundraising deposit (discounts available for families) – already included in registration fees. This session we will be asking the dancers to sell 20 tickets at \$5 each for a basket of gift cards. You may also choose to opt out of fundraising and just pay the fee but please remember to communicate this with our Fundraising Director, Shannon Strickland at fundraising@windsordanceexperience.ca. We are also collecting empty bottles for **our bottle drive on January 19th** and working on organizing a tag day.

Rehearsal

Each dancer will be provided with a rehearsal schedule. Depending on the role that dancer may receive, there may be extra rehearsal time on Monday, Wednesday and/or Friday evenings as well as close to performance time. Once the dancer is cast please take note of the **entire** rehearsal schedule (which is posted at the space, emailed out weekly and a hard copy is handed to all dancers) and notify Tiffany via email (info@windsordanceexperience.ca) right away if there are any conflicts. On the audition form there is an availability check list. We will try to be as accommodating as possible. If a performer misses too many rehearsals, regardless of calling ahead or not they may be removed from scenes or possibly their role. Keep in mind, absences will not be tolerated in any way 2 weeks prior to show time.

Extra Classes / Workshops

WDX offers extra **technique classes every Monday from 5:30pm-6:30pm** for Junior & Intermediate dancers ages 11-15. The dancer will learn how to use the building blocks of the body most effectively while developing proper posture, increasing flexibility, jumping higher and executing movement with precision. Come as often or as little as you like for only \$5 / class.

WDX believes in always pushing yourself to learn which is why we will also be attending the **24seven dance convention this year March 1st – 3rd** in Detroit, MI. WDXers will be able to take class from people like Twitch, Alison Holker, Blake McGrath, Jaci Royal and many more. Registration fees for this event are \$260 - \$345 (depending on age) and are due by Wednesday, January 23rd. There is another information page with more details if you are interested.

First Aid / CPR – WDX is getting their instructors re-certified and we are inviting any member 12 years of age and up to join us and obtain this valuable certification. Training will be held on **Sunday, February 24th** for 8 hours for a cost of \$60. Only 10 spots available!

Uniform

Within a month after registration we ask that your child have proper dance attire consisting of a black body suit (to be worn to every rehearsal), proper dance shoes and of course no jewelry and hair tied back off the face and neck. If the dancer does not come to rehearsal prepared to dance in full uniform they will be sent home. This could also result in a loss of role. We hope you enjoy the eXperience!

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