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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 Pre-Performance Company (Minis)

The Pre-Performance Company ranges from 6-10 years of age. In their sessions they explore different kinds of movement, play with facial expressions and drama activities all while receiving more individualized instruction to help them be the best performers they can be. Rehearsal time is every Saturday from 9am-11am but Monday and Wednesday evening rehearsals may be required depending on the role the dancer receives.

Membership Information

Membership fees are **\$370/the entire session** to be paid in a lump sum by February 2nd or through post dated cheques of \$125/month. This includes a ticket deposit for 5 adult tickets and **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 and payment options. 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 Sat, Jan 19th at 9am in Studio X**. 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 Mini Company will be rehearsing “Campfire Chronicles” to be performed at the Capitol Theatre April 26th – 28th, 2019. When a group of children gather around a campfire in the darkest part of the night there is no telling what will happen! We hear stories of monsters, museums and ghosts but which ones are real and which ones are stories? WDX is about to tell you in the only way we know how – Dance! Tickets are \$15 (\$10 for children 12 and under) and will be available through any WDX member. Each dancer must sell a minimum of 10 tickets and a \$75 ticket deposit is due upon registration (already included in the membership 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 Thurs, May 10th 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 the membership 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 Jessica via email (dancermanager@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 to your availability 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 Wednesday from 5:30pm-6:30pm** for Mini dancers ages 6-10. 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.

WDX will also be holding a **PA Day Dance camp for ages 6-12 on Friday, March 22nd** from 9am-3pm. Spend the day playing drama and dance games and exploring all sorts of different styles for only \$30. Registration fees are due March 16th. Early drop off and late pick up available for an extra fee.

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. We hope you enjoy the eXperience! 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.

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