



# Community Performance Group



## What is a Community Performance Group?

Only half of being a dancer is what you learn in class, the other half is made up of the experiences you have on stage. So many of our dancers wish they could perform more, but don't necessarily want the added financial or time commitment of Company. That's where this group comes in! Performance Group members will take a weekly jazz technique class, attend group rehearsals, and have several additional performances throughout the year (approx. once per month). Some performance examples are: parades, retirement homes, community festivals, various charity walks & events, flash mobs, and school vendor fairs.

The APA Performance Group will also participate in at least one service project and/or community outreach event each year. Underlying all the technique and performances are the life lessons learned through dance. APA students learn leadership skills, build confidence, promote community awareness, practice teamwork, and show compassion for others. Best of all, dance keeps kids out of trouble. :)



## Performance Group Requirements

Anyone currently enrolled in APA classes between 1st and 12th grade can become a member of the Performance Group. **Dancers must be enrolled in a Jazz class.** Once we see who is interested, we will define specific groups by age and skill level. The idea is to include anyone who is truly interested in getting more involved in dance. There are no auditions.

Each group will meet on Friday afternoons after school (tuition fees will apply). It will be during this time that you will learn your Performance Group routines that you will do at the community events. The specific time has yet to be determined, but will start with weekly Friday rehearsals in the beginning of the year. Once all choreography is set, the group will not need to meet on a weekly basis and will meet before each monthly performance. Each member will need to purchase two APA Community Performance Group T-shirts that will be worn as your "costume". Dancers will also need to purchase solid black capri leggings and black slip on jazz shoes. There will be a one-time administrative fee of \$30 per dancer to cover incidental costs throughout the year.

Attendance must be a priority for all members. It is very difficult to create group dances if kids cannot rely on each member of the group. **The group will perform approximately once per month** once choreography is set. Most events will be on the calendar with more than 30 days notice. These performances will be considered mandatory. Any performance added with less than 30 days notice will be optional.



## Performance Group vs. Company

It is important that members of our Performance Group understand that this is not a part of our competitive Company. This group will be completely independent from Company and is an extension of our Recreational Dance Program. If you are interested in Company one day, this is a great start, but it is not meant to be a feeder into that program. Here are some other differences between the Performance Group and Company.

### Performance Group

- ★ Community performances ONLY
- ★ Small financial commitment
- ★ Moderate time commitment
- ★ No audition necessary, everyone is included
- ★ Provides community service
- ★ Builds confidence
- ★ Promotes teamwork

### Competitive Company

- ★ Community performances, plus competitions and out of state travel
- ★ Much greater financial commitment
- ★ Potentially, much greater time commitment
- ★ Audition process, certain skill level requirements
- ★ Focuses on building skills and technique
- ★ Builds confidence
- ★ Promotes teamwork

### Meet the Performance Group Coordinator, Ms. MK

The Performance Group has a dedicated staff member to make sure all dancers and parents stay in constant communication throughout the year. Ms. MK will be your main point of contact for Performance Group. Ms. MK currently teaches almost all ages and genres at APA. She is originally from Chapel Hill and most recently completed her Master's Degree in Dance Education at Temple University. The Performance Group is in GREAT hands with Ms. MK and she is excited to get started with the upcoming dance season!



