



Dear Danceworks Youth Performance Company 2018-19 members and families,

Welcome and CONGRATULATIONS on being selected to be a part of Danceworks Youth Performance Company (DYPC) 2018-2019! We have an exciting and fun-filled year ahead, and are looking forward to working with each and every one of you.

Our annual family meeting will be held at the **Milwaukee Youth Arts Center from 5:30-6:30pm on Wednesday, August 8th, 2018.** Important DYPC information will be posted on DanceworksMKE.org and all information will be emailed for you to review shortly. In the meantime, please become familiar with the following information. I will be available for additional questions by appointment August 6th - 10th or August 28th - 31st.

As we embark on the upcoming year of rehearsals, performances and events it is important for us to always remember the joy the arts can bring to the community at large, and the mission that has brought us together and will bind us together throughout this season:

Danceworks Youth Performance Company Philosophy

It is the goal of DYPC to provide young artists of Milwaukee and the surrounding areas with quality dance training, new and exciting performance opportunities, and a connection to the larger arts community that ignites a lifelong interest and participation in the arts.

May Danceworks serve to bring you encouragement as we strive to inspire the world around us, one performance at a time!

Sincerely,

Gina Laurenzi

Artistic Manager of Danceworks Youth Performance Company

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DANCEWORKS YOUTH PERFORMANCE COMPANY
PARTICIPANT EXPECTATIONS

Danceworks' Mission:

The mission of Danceworks, Inc. is to enhance the joy, health and creativity of the community through performances, classes and outreach activities that integrate dance and other art forms. Danceworks contributes to Milwaukee's cultural vitality by sparking a lifelong interest and participation in the arts.

Within DYPC, we strive to nurture and develop the body and spirit through dance technique, fitness, physical discipline and self-expression. Modeled after the professional company, Danceworks Performance Company (DPC), DYPC members train in the artform year-round and participate in a season of themed dance events and concerts at home, in the Danceworks Studio Theatre and out in the community.

DYPC Company Member Description: Danceworks strives to develop the full artistic potential of each performer. Company members will be encouraged to engage and contribute to the choreographic process. DYPC members are expected to learn, rehearse and perform choreography set by Danceworks choreographers with a positive attitude. Company members will be selected to perform based upon rehearsal attendance, work ethic, attitude, performance quality and skill.

DYPC Apprentice Description: DYPC apprentices learn alongside company members, experience the same opportunities and are held to the same high standards. The "apprentice" step allows the Artistic Manager to watch dancers become more familiar with different skills, the creative process and in working collaboratively. Apprentices are not guaranteed performances with the company, but will be given performance opportunities as they become ready and where appropriate. Apprentices will have the opportunity to be moved into a full company position based on the recommendation of the Artistic Manager.

ALL CASTING DECISIONS WILL BE DETERMINED BY THE ARTISTIC MANAGER

Training

DYPC members are also required to enroll in at least TWO weekly technique classes from our regular studio class offerings and coordinating rehearsals. **All DYPC members are required to be enrolled in at least one ballet class.** To fulfill the other hour(s) of your groups' training requirements, dancers can choose from any of the many classes Danceworks offers. Please check in with the Artistic Manager with any questions regarding placement. Dancers in the Minis are generally in levels 1 - 2, Juniors levels 2 - 4, and Seniors levels 4 - 5 with the option to add adult classes.

-Danceworks Minis & Juniors = two classes (can add additional classes at 40% off)

-Danceworks Seniors = **minimum** two classes, however three to four are recommended

*Unlimited classes included in Senior tuition.

All dancers MUST remain enrolled in the same genre of technique classes for the entire duration of the DYPC season unless prior approval is given or, time of class changes during the year.

Dress Code for DYPC rehearsal

SOLID BLACK tops and athletic wear with proper sports bra or supportive undergarments. Appropriate athletic wear includes: plain tops, form-fitting tank/top & yoga pants/leggings/shorts. NO midriiffs. All dancers must bring water bottle, ballet shoes, black jazz shoes and black socks to all rehearsals and performances. If you are a tapper, please have your tap shoes available as well. Hair must be securely fastened out of face and eyes.

**Additional warm-up clothes may be worn at instructor's/choreographer's discretion.*

For more on expectations and policies, please view the Danceworks Studio Handbook:

<http://danceworksmke.org/studio/policies>

Weekly Rehearsal Requirements -

Danceworks Minis | Mondays 6:15 - 7:30 pm @ Danceworks

Juniors | Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:30 & 7:30 - 8:30 pm @ MYAC

Seniors | Tuesdays 6:00 - 8:30pm & Wednesdays 5:30 - 6:30 pm @ MYAC

*Minis & Juniors commitment ends with studio showcase & Seniors season continues into August 2019.

Additional weekly rehearsals @ Danceworks include:

- Fridays beginning September 14th, 4:00-5:30pm through May 24th.
 - This rehearsal is strictly for solos, duets, trios and small groups, scheduled when appropriate.
 - **Exceptions:* October 5th, 5:30-7:00pm and no rehearsal evenings with performances/dress rehearsals (**Juniors** & **Seniors**)

Rehearsals for Mad Hot & Outreach:

- Mad Hot/Outreach Piece 1 with guest artist (**Seniors**):
 - **Tuesday, September 4th, 5-8pm** and **Saturday, September 8th, 4:00-7:00pm**
- Mad Hot/Outreach Piece 2 with guest artist (**Seniors**):
 - **Thursday, January 3rd, 5-8pm** and **Saturday, January 5th, 3:15-8:15pm**
- Mad Hot/Outreach Piece 3 with guest artist (**Seniors**):
 - **Saturday, January 19th, 3:15-6:15pm** and **Sunday, January 20th, 1-5pm**

Additional Halloween Rehearsals @ Danceworks include:

- Saturdays, September 22nd & October 6th, 9:00-11:00am (**Juniors**)
- Saturdays, September 22nd & October 6th, 4:00-7:00pm (**Seniors**)
- Sunday, September 30th, 3:30-5:30pm (**Danceworks Minis**, **Juniors** & **Seniors**)

Additional Winter Concert Rehearsals @ Danceworks include:

- Saturdays, November 3rd, 10th, 17th & December 8th, 1:00-3:00pm & 3:45-6:45pm (pending concert casting, **Danceworks Minis**, **Juniors** & **Seniors**)

Workshops in Various Styles:

- Saturdays, March 9th, May 18th, June 22nd from 3:15-5:45 pm (**Juniors** & **Seniors**)

Attendance Policies

Class/Rehearsal Attendance Policy: Consistency is key for individual and group success. Regardless of reason, if a dancer misses two or more of the same class/rehearsals within 31 days of a performance, they may be pulled from the related event. If a student cannot attend the rehearsal period immediately prior to any performance, they may not be allowed to participate in that particular performance. That being said, as dancers advance, choreography becomes more complicated and dependent on members of the group; therefore, fewer exceptions may be made. Artistic Manager and instructors reserve the right to adjust dancers' participation in any performance or event should absences or excessive tardiness occur.

DYPC members and families are asked to set positive example for other students at Danceworks, and are expected to respect casting decisions that may need to be made for the safety and benefit of the group.

In order to ensure all members are consistent in their attendance, dancers **MUST** check in at the front desk before every class at the Danceworks location, or with the classroom teacher if classes are being held at MYAC. *Please remember that we are guests at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center.*

Performances/Additional Rehearsals

DYPC members will have the opportunity to perform throughout the year, including at events in the community, studio theatre concerts, Mad Hot Ballroom and Tap competitions, the annual Danceworks showcase, and more. As a member of the youth company, please assume that your dancer is performing in the events listed above, as they annually feature DYPC members. If an extenuating circumstance and change in participation is required, please communicate at least 4-6 weeks prior to each concert.

Throughout the year, we will receive requests to perform throughout the community at various events. We realize that not everyone will be able to perform at every opportunity we are offered, but we ask that you **ALWAYS communicate your attendance** in a timely fashion and confirm in the window given, so that those participating can prepare for the event. Reply promptly so we may organize choreography, partnering and formations accordingly. Please check your email regularly to ensure you receive the most up to date information, and please reply via email.

As we prepare for performances and expand the season repertoire, there may be occasions where we schedule additional rehearsals outside of the regularly scheduled times. These rehearsals will be mandatory for those who wish to perform. To the best of our ability, we will try to send those dates out at least three weeks prior to events. ****Please note:*** When DYPC is

featured in any concert at the Danceworks Studio Theatre, tech and dress rehearsals during the week prior to performance will require mandatory attendance from cast. Often the Sunday prior to the show is reserved for a technical rehearsal, followed by normal rehearsals on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, Friday night and Saturday afternoon prior to performance. Occasionally, Thursdays are swapped in when needed.

Arriving at Community Performances

Dancers can be expected to be called to an outside performance/community space at least 30 minutes prior to the performance time. Dancers should arrive in costume by call time. If you are going to be late for any reason, please contact the Danceworks staff member scheduled to be at the event for the day.

If your dancer is NOT present 15 minutes prior to performance, the staff on-site may need to make necessary adjustments to the performance order/choreography and your child may NOT be allowed to participate in that particular performance. We will NOT hold a performance start time for tardy participants.

DYPC may perform at some events that are ticketed and/or closed to outside audiences. In most cases, each student will be allowed one parent admission ticket, but there are circumstances when parents will not be allowed to watch the actual performance. We will be in contact regarding such events and will arrange an appropriate drop-off and pick-up location.

DYPC Tuition & Registration

TUITION:

As DYPC members, you receive a discount on all class and rehearsal hours, as well as various additional opportunities and performances throughout the season. Several tuition payment plans are available, and Danceworks is always willing to work with you to find a plan that is comfortable.

If you are interested in applying for a financial scholarship, please complete the application online on our website at danceworksmke.org/studio/scholarship-work-study. Scholarship forms are due **August 15, 2018**. All previous year balances must be paid before applying for any scholarship opportunities for the upcoming year. For scholarship questions, contact our Education Director, Amy Brinkman-Sustache: abrinkman@danceworksmke.org.

Annual Danceworks Youth Performance Company Tuition:

Danceworks Minis = \$1,390.50

Juniors = \$1,563.00

Seniors = \$2,913.00

Included in DYPC tuition:

Required classes (Danceworks Minis = two classes), rehearsals, additional performance opportunities, Danceworks apparel, costuming for featured DYPC concerts, and Danceworks showcase costume fees.

Required classes (Juniors = two classes), rehearsals, workshops, additional performance opportunities, Danceworks apparel, costuming for featured DYPC concerts, and Danceworks showcase costume fees.

In addition to what is listed above, during the 2018-19 season, Seniors receive unlimited classes at Danceworks, experience working with guest choreographers, private rehearsals when applicable, featured roles in various performances, unique Danceworks apparel and admission to the opportunities below!

- **Attendance at one University of Wisconsin-Milwaukee Dance Days**
- **Intensive Workshops @ Danceworks in tap, hip hop & more!**
- **Representing Danceworks at various events in the community**
- **Opportunity to attend the Pulse on Tour in Chicago - February 2019 at an additional cost.**

Catch your professional instructors in action - **all DYPC members receive a complimentary ticket to Danceworks Performance Company concerts!** *Preferred dates to attend are Sundays.

REGISTRATION:

Please register for all Danceworks classes at the front desk to receive your discounted rate. The DYPC discount is NOT available through online registration. **To avoid any errors in billing or delays in the registration process**, hand in or mail attached paperwork and payment plan to Danceworks by **August 27th, 2018**.

DYPC Payment Plans

Danceworks Minis (Participation commitment 9/5/18 - 6/10/19)

| | <u>08/27/18</u> | <u>11/11/18</u> | <u>1/11/19</u> | <u>3/11/19</u> | <u>5/11/19</u> | TOTAL |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <u>Full Year</u> | <u>\$150.00</u> | <u>\$1240.50</u> | | | | \$1390.50 |
| <u>Half Year</u> | <u>\$150.00</u> | <u>\$620.25</u> | <u>\$620.25</u> | | | \$1390.50 |
| <u>Quarterly</u> | <u>\$150.00</u> | <u>\$310.13</u> | <u>\$310.13</u> | <u>\$310.13</u> | <u>\$310.13</u> | \$1390.50 |

DYPC Juniors (Participation commitment 9/5/18 - 6/10/19)

| | <u>08/27/18</u> | <u>11/11/18</u> | <u>1/11/19</u> | <u>3/11/19</u> | <u>5/11/19</u> | TOTAL |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <u>Full Year</u> | <u>\$150.00</u> | <u>\$1413.00</u> | | | | \$1563.00 |
| <u>Half Year</u> | <u>\$150.00</u> | <u>\$706.50</u> | <u>\$706.50</u> | | | \$1563.00 |
| <u>Quarterly</u> | <u>\$150.00</u> | <u>\$353.25</u> | <u>\$353.25</u> | <u>\$353.25</u> | <u>\$353.25</u> | \$1563.00 |

DYPC Seniors (Participation commitment 9/6/18 - 2019 Summer Session)

| | <u>08/27/18</u> | <u>11/11/18</u> | <u>1/11/19</u> | <u>3/11/19</u> | <u>5/11/19</u> | TOTAL |
|------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|
| <u>Full Year</u> | <u>\$150.00</u> | <u>\$2763.00</u> | | | | \$2913.00 |
| <u>Half Year</u> | <u>\$150.00</u> | <u>\$1381.50</u> | <u>\$1381.50</u> | | | \$2913.00 |
| <u>Quarterly</u> | <u>\$150.00</u> | <u>\$690.75</u> | <u>\$690.75</u> | <u>\$690.75</u> | <u>\$690.75</u> | \$2913.00 |

\$150.00 deposit is non-refundable. Tuition is non-refundable.

See Registrar Jolie Collins for questions regarding financing.

Important Contacts

Primary Contact:

Gina Laurenzi, Artistic Manager of DYPC

Email: glaurenzi@danceworksmke.org

Phone: 414-277-8480 ext. 6003

**Email is preferred*

Tuition/payment plans:

Jolie Collins, Front Desk Manager

Phone: 414 277 8480 ext. 6007

Email: jcollins@danceworksmke.org

Scholarships:

Amy Brinkman, Director of Education

Phone: 414-277-8480 ext. 6002

Email: abrinkman@danceworksmke.org

For updated info & to reference upcoming events once the season starts, visit DYPC on the web:

1. Go to www.DanceworksMKE.org
2. Hover over the *Performance* tab
3. Hover over the *Danceworks Youth Performance Company* option
4. Click on *2018-19 Season* for list of upcoming performances - OR -
5. Click on *Company Member Resources* for other information

DYPC 2018-19 Performance Calendar:

Halloween Tour October 2018 (Danceworks Minis, Juniors & Seniors)

- Fright Hike:** Friday, October 12th | Lapham Peak State Park | 6:30-8:30pm – Call 5:45pm
- Fright Hike:** Saturday, October 13th | Lapham Peak State Park | 6:30-8:30pm – Call 6:00pm
- Spooky Sussex:** Friday, October 19th | Sussex, WI | 5:30-8:30pm – Call 5:00pm
- Jerry Smith's Pumpkin Farm:** Saturday, October 20th | Kenosha, WI | 12:00-4:00pm – Call 11:30am

Winter Concert December 2018 (Danceworks Minis, Juniors & Seniors)

- A Winter Ballet:** Saturday, December 15th | Danceworks Studio Theatre | Call 3:15pm
AND Sunday, December 16th | Call 12:00pm
- Tech: Sunday, December 9th | 11:00am-7:00pm
- Dress: Friday, December 14th | 7:00pm

Mad Hot Tap Competition 2019 (Seniors)

- Tentatively a Thursday in January (UWM Panther Arena) | Performance & call times TBD

Spring Concert April 2019 (Danceworks Minis, Juniors & Seniors)

- Themed Concert ~ Title/times TBD** | Saturday April 6th | Danceworks Studio Theatre | Call 3:15pm
- Tech: Sunday, March 31st | 11:00am-7:00pm
- Dress: Friday, April 5th | 6:45pm

Mad Hot Ballroom Competition 2019 (Seniors)

- Tentatively a Thursday in May | UWM Panther Arena | Performance and call times TBD

Danceworks Studio Showcase (Danceworks Minis, Juniors & Seniors)

- Saturday, June 8th | South Milwaukee Performing Arts Center | Call 9:30am
- Dress rehearsals occur during evenings of Showcase week | Exact times TBD

DanceLAB Teen 2019 (Seniors)

- **Collaborative Concert ~ Title/times TBD** | Saturday, August 3rd | Danceworks Studio Theatre | Call 3:15pm
- Tech: TBD
- Dress: Friday, August 2nd | 6:45pm

*FYI: Additional dates pending



Emergency Contact Information

Student Name: _____

Mother's Name: _____ Father's Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mother's Work #: _____ Cell #: _____

Father's Work #: _____ Cell #: _____

Emergency contact if parents are unreachable:

Name: _____

Relationship: _____

Home Phone: _____

Work Phone: _____ Cell Phone: _____

Dr. Name: _____ Dr. Phone #: _____

Allergies (Medication, Environment, Food, etc.): _____

Medical Information we should know (ex. Asthma, ADHD, diabetes):

Medications student is currently taking: _____

Pre-existing condition (ex. congenital, injury, chronic): _____

TRANSPORTATION WAIVER/ALTERNATE TRANSPORTATION FORM

(PARENT/GUARDIAN/VOLUNTEER/EMPLOYEE)

I am the parent/legal guardian of

_____ (Student Name)

and may need my child transported to and from some of the special DYPC performances. I will do my best to find a ride for my dancer. If I am having a hard time, I will check with fellow DYPC parents to see if a carpool can arranged. Only if that option is not possible, will I then connect with Gina Laurenzi for another possibility which may include the following options;

_____ I give permission for an employee of Danceworks, Inc. to drive my child in their personal vehicle.

_____ I give permission to another parent to drive my child in their personal vehicle to and/or from special events.

Name of Person(s) Authorized to Drive my Child: _____

I, the undersigned, understand that my child may be at greater risk of injury or death by being transported in a private vehicle instead of a school bus and assume such risk on behalf of my child. I/we agree not to hold Danceworks, Inc. and/or any of its volunteers, agents or employees liable for any sum which I/we might claim result of injury, or property damage arising out of, or caused by any accident or occurrence during the time said student is being transported by me, or driving himself/herself, or driving with another adult to or from said event or rehearsal.

NOTE: If you drive your personal automobile as a volunteer or employee of the organization and you are involved in an accident, by law your liability insurance policy is used first. The organization liability policy would be used only after your policy limits have been exceeded. The organization does not cover, nor is it responsible for, comprehensive and collision coverage to your vehicle.

PARENT/GUARDIAN

SIGNATURE: _____ DATED: _____

DANCEWORKS YOUTH PERFORMANCE COMPANY CONTRACT 2018-19

This contract serves as an agreement between the student performer, the student's parent/guardian and Danceworks.

Danceworks agrees to provide dance training and performance opportunities during the 2018-19 DYPC Season.

The student performer agrees to the following:

- Attend DYPC classes and rehearsals regularly and punctually.
- Attend all mandatory rehearsals leading up to a performance.
- Adhere to all attendance and dress code expectations.
- Demonstrate respectful and positive behavior at all times.
- Be an engaged participant in classes, rehearsals and performances.

The student's parent/guardian agrees to the following:

- Ensure child attends class/rehearsals regularly and punctually.
- Promptly drop-off and pick-up your child before/after lessons and performances.
- Promptly respond to all performance request emails.
- Notify the DYPC Artistic Manager (glarenzi@danceworksmke.org) in advance of all absences, tardiness, or early dismissal from lessons.
- Contact the DYPC Artistic Manager with any parental concerns.

Student and Parent's Initials here:

I understand and accept the commitment that is expected of me. ____ ____

I will be respectful, positive and supportive of my teachers and peers at all times. ____ ____

I understand that as a member of a DYPC, I represent Danceworks and my family. ____ ____

I will strive to be a positive role model for other students in our community. ____ ____

I will give 100% effort and participation to promote Danceworks. ____ ____

By signing this form, I agree to honor the above requirements and initialed expectations.

Student Name

Student Signature

Date

As a parent/guardian of a DYPC member, I have read and agree to the above terms expected of my child and me.

Parent/Guardian Name

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

DYPC Payment Plan Agreement

Student's name _____

I, _____ (parent/guardian), understand that by enrolling in the payment plan I am required to:

(Please initial each line below)

_____ Pay **\$150.00*** towards the full tuition price by **Monday, August 27th, 2018**. *Non-refundable

_____ Provide Danceworks with a credit card number listed below.

_____ I understand that unless I call ahead to pay with a different payment method, my credit card will **automatically** be charged on the dates agreed upon below.

Please circle one: Visa Mastercard Discover

Name as it appears on credit card: _____

Credit Card Number: _____ Exp. Date: _____ CVV: _____

I understand that enrolling in the payment plan requires me to pay the amount indicated below by the required due date(s). I understand that DYPC is a full season commitment and that there will be NO REFUNDS or prorated amounts given. Individual concerns or situations can be directed to Registrar Jolie Collins @jcollins@danceworksmke.org.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email: _____

Tuition Down Payment: \$150.00 Due: August 27th, 2018

Full Tuition Payment: _____ Due: November 11th, 2018

OR Payment Plan:

Payment 1: _____ Due: Nov. 11, 2018

Payment 2: _____ Due: Jan. 11, 2019

Payment 3: _____ Due: Mar. 11, 2019

Payment 4: _____ Due: May 11, 2019

DYPC REGISTRATION FORM

Dancer Name: _____

Please circle one: Danceworks Minis Juniors Seniors

List all Danceworks classes below. Please ensure you are fulfilling the requirements for your company for the 2018-19 season. Do NOT list rehearsals here.

Class: _____ Day: _____ Time: _____

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Class: _____ Day: _____ Time: _____

Class: _____ Day: _____ Time: _____

Class: _____ Day: _____ Time: _____

*Dancers in the Danceworks Minis and Danceworks Juniors wishing to add an additional class should list above, expect a 40% discount off of the additional class that will then be added to their tuition/payment plan.

For those applying for scholarship; see online requirements and complete and sign a copy of the scholarship application form.

Complete and sign 2018-19 DYPC Contract.

Complete and sign 2018-19 DYPC Payment Plan Contract and pay \$150.00 deposit.

Complete and sign 2018-19 DYPC Emergency Contact Form.

Complete and sign 2018-19 DYPC Transportation Waiver.

Reminders:

- **Parent meeting will be held at the Milwaukee Youth Arts Center on Wednesday, August 8th, 2018 from 5:30 - 6:30 pm.**
- **Scholarship forms are due August 15th, 2018. See www.DanceworksMKE.org.**
- **Attached forms and deposit are due by Monday, August 27th, 2018.**
- **First day of 2018-19 season is Tuesday, September 4th, 2018 for Seniors and Wednesday, September 5th, 2018 for Minis & Juniors!**