PROGRAM HIGHLIGHTS

The TDS Competitive Program invites passionate & talented dancers to build the skills they need to continue in a professional direction & excel in dance.

Competitive Dancers receive intense conditioning, choreography, technical training & personal attention from award-winning, dedicated and innovative instructors. Our students are further developed by progressing thru Examinations, working with Guest Faculty & attending workshops & conventions with industry professionals.

Dancers learn to work as a team player, gain self confidence & self esteem through training & performing. They also learn responsibility, self-discipline, self-motivation, time management & build friendships that last a life time.

TDS COMPETITIVE PROGRAM?

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TDS Competitive Programs provide the highest quality, full dance education, including:

- year round intensive training
- highly specialized faculty
- a strong foundation in Classical Ballet
- annual examinations with Performing Arts
 Educators of Canada, Cecchetti Society of Canada
- Guest Faculty including professional Dancers, Choreographers & master teachers
- opportunities to audition to perform professionally
- optional, additional conventions & workshops

TDS offers pre, part and full time competitive dance programs.

PRE | 5-7 YRS OLD

3 hrs per week. Additional Classes are optional.

Our PreCompetitive Program is geared towards dancers 5-7 years of age, and is designed to gently transition students & Families into dance at the competitive level. Dancers take 2 mandatory Classes per week, plus 1 Class of their Choice (Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Acro or Hip Hop). Dancers compete at Competitions & perform in our Annual Showcase.

PART | 7 YRS & UP

3.5 - 6 hrs per wk.
Additional Classes are optional.

Our Part Time Competitive Program is geared towards dancers 7 years of age & up. Dancers take a minimum of 4 Classes per week. Dancers compete at all Competitions & perform in our Annual Showcase.

FULL 17 YRS & UP

8+ hrs per week.
Additional Classes are optional.

Our Full Time Competitive Program is geared towards dancers who want to train at a high level. Dancers take mandatory Ballet, Jazz & Conditioning Classes weekly. Dancers compete at all Competitions & perform in our Annual Showcase.

COMPETITIVE DANCE PROGRAMS

All Competitive Dancers will be required to attend required classes, extra rehearsals as needed, and compete in dance competitions on the weekends.



EXAMINATIONS

TDS has developed an excellent reputation for our ability to excel in both Examinations & Competition.

Exams are held annually with Examiners appointed by the Performing Arts Educators of Canada & the Cecchetti Society of Canada. All Competitive Dancers participate in Exams when ready. Exams motivate Dancers to achieve a high standard of technique & help build confidence in the Dancers' own abilities. Exams are recognized towards credit in some Schools & Universities and prepare Dancers for a profession in dance.



SPECIAL EVENTS

Summer Intensives & Advanced Drop In Classes

Our Summer Intensives are designed to accelerate technique & performance. Intensives include demanding classes in Ballet, Jazz, Contemporary, Acro, Hip Hop & more. Guest Faculty from the dance industry bring their professional perspectives to develop each age group.

Advanced Open Summer Classes allow dancers to train and progress all year long.

PARTICIPATION AND PLACEMENT

Students audition for placement on the team. Placement is valid for one School year and continued participation is solely at the discretion of the TDS faculty.

ATTENDANCE

More than three absences from class may jeopardize your participation in the Competitive Program. After two absences dancers are required to attend make-up classes. <u>Full attendance</u> is expected at classes directly before Competitions.

TDS WEAR

All Competitive Dancers require a TDS Jacket or Hoodie. Orders are due by Sept. 30, 2017.

Annual Competitive Showcase, "Winterlude"

Our annual showcase *Winterlude* kicks off our Perfomance Season. This is a fun, family event that Showcases all of our Competitive work.

In House Mock-Competition

Our mock-competition is held in the Spring at TDS. Dancers receive realtime feedback from an industry professional. This event helps prepare the Dancers for their upcoming Competitive Season.

REQUIREMENTS

For full Program Requirements, see our TDS Competitive Handbook.Competitive Programs require a strong commitment to dance. A positive attitude, high motivation level, proper classroom etiquette and 100% effort are to be displayed in every Class.

Each Competitive Program includes required and optional Classes. Acro is strongly recommended for Dancers who wish to progress quickly and achieve high level technical results.

Dancers must meet requirements to be eligible for a solo, duet or trio. Selection for a solo, duet or trio is at the sole discretion of the TDS faculty.

Fall Guest Artist Workshop

TDS continually brings in top industry professionals to further enhance and develop our Competitive Dancers. Every Fall, an exciting Guest Instructor will work in-house exclusively with our Dancers in a workshop designed just for them. Past Guest Faculty includes: Jordan Clarke (SYTYCDC), Kelly Shaw, Derek Piquette & Mitchell Jackson, Akira Uchida, Danny Lawn, Evan Supple, Amanda Cleghorn (SYTYCDC) & many more.

ADJUDICATED COMPETITIONS

Competitions are usually local (within a 2 hour driving distance). All competitions require additional costs to the students. Entry Fees vary from Competition to Competition (approx. \$50 for each group routine per dancer). Fees will be invoiced in November.

COSTUMES, HAIR AND MAKEUP

Competition Costumes can range in price from \$120 to \$500 depending on the complexity and decoration of each piece. A \$100 costume deposit is required, at time of registration, for each Competitive costume. Costume selection is at the sole discretion of the TDS faculty. Make-up, shoes, tights, jewelry are determined by the Teacher and will be required to be purchased by the Parent.