



MICRO MINI COMPANY

The Studio 61 Micro Mini Company is a competitive team of dancers ages 6-8 motivated to take their dance training to the next level. Micro Mini Company dancers take convention classes and compete locally and statewide.

The mission of our Micro Mini Company is to fuel a passion in students who show immense potential to become extraordinary dancers and leaders. At Studio 61 Dance Company, we take pride in building not only talented dancers but, more importantly, incredible human beings. We believe that even the youngest dancers are capable of achieving goals they think are beyond their reach. With the help of our experienced educators, micro mini company members acquire valuable life skills such as personal accountability, responsibility, independence, discipline, and teamwork skills that make them stand out among young children.

General Timeline Expectations & Requirements

SUMMER

Studio 61 Showcase
Minimum 2 Weeks of CampX
2 weeks of rehearsal to learn 2022-2023 dances
The Intensive Experience - 3-day intensive classes
Mandatory upkeep on all technique and skills
Private lessons available

FALL

Master class opportunities
1 mandatory convention in Fort Lauderdale
Mandatory and consistent self-motivated time at home to work on strength training, technique, flexibility, and routines
Private lessons available

WINTER

Winter Break rehearsals
Saturday rehearsals 1-2 times a month
Mandatory and consistent self-motivated time at home to work on strength training, technical goals, flexibility, and routines
Private lessons available

SPRING

1 local convention/competition weekend
2 Orlando convention/competitions weekend
Saturday rehearsals 2 times a month
Mandatory attendance in all classes and rehearsals two weeks before each competition weekend
Mandatory and consistent self-motivated time at home to work on strength training, technical goals, flexibility, and cleaning routines

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AUDITION DATES

Sunday, May 15th

Online submission deadline

Saturday, June 11th

Micro Mini Company Audition | 9:30AM - 11:00AM

Tuesday, June 14th & Wednesday, June 15th

Individual meetings with potential new Studio 61 families | 10:00AM - 12:00PM

Thursday, June 16th

Final team selection will be emailed to parents!

MANDATORY SUMMER DATES

June 13th - July 21st

CampX | 2 weeks minimum

Monday, August 1st

2022 - 2023 Micro Mini Company parent and dancer meeting | 6:00PM - 7:00PM

August 2nd, 3rd, 4th

Micro Mini Choreography | 9:30AM - 12:30PM

August 5th, 6th, 7th

Micro Mini Choreography | 9:30AM - 12:30PM

August 10th, 11th, 12th

The Intensive Experience | 9:30AM - 12:30PM

Monday, August 22nd

2022 - 2023 Class schedule begins



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I. COMPANY MEMBERSHIP RULES

- A. The 2022/2023 Micro Mini Company is for dancers ages 6 - 8. All ages are as of January 1, 2023.

II. AUDITION

- A. Please make sure you thoroughly read through all provided documents to understand the commitment level of Micro Mini Company before you begin the application process.
- B. Dancers who are 8 years old (as of January 1, 2023) are required to audition for Micro Mini Company, even if they also chose to audition for Full-Time Company.
- C. The audition fee will only be charged to dancers who are asked to participate in the audition on Saturday, June 11th. The audition fee will be applied to each family's account on June 11th and is as follows:
Current Studio 61 families - \$20, future Studio 61 families - \$25.
- D. Parents will not be permitted to remain in the lobby during auditions.
- E. When a dancer is selected to participate in the Micro Mini company audition, parents will receive an email with further audition details.
- F. All families must have a current studio account before the audition on June 11th.

III. REQUIRED CLASS SCHEDULE

- A. All Micro Mini Company dancers must take six hours of class a week: 2 hours of Ballet, Tap, Turns & Leaps, Choreography Class, and Micro Mini Group Rehearsal.
- B. All mandatory classes will be exclusive to Micro Mini Company members.
- C. Sample Mandatory Class Schedule
*This is just a sample; the exact days/times will be determined based on what works best with the Studio 61 Fall Schedule.
Monday: 4PM - 6PM
Wednesday: 4PM - 6PM
Friday: 4PM - 6PM
- D. Choreography Class
 - 1. This class is designed specifically for company members and will vary between styles each week (contemporary, jazz, hip hop, etc.). Micro Mini dancers will have a variety of teachers to help them develop choreography retention and execution skills.
 - 2. We will let you know what genre the dancers will be taking each week ahead of time.
- E. Micro Mini Group Rehearsal
 - 1. All Micro Mini Company members are required to participate in a rehearsal class in which they will rehearse their dances for competition.
 - 2. This class will be on the schedule every week, and all costs for these rehearsals are included in your tuition fees.
 - 3. Micro Mini Company will compete two dances throughout the season and rehearse both dances within this hour.
- F. All Micro Mini Company members will automatically be registered for their required classes and given a schedule when the Fall Schedule is released.
- G. Micro Mini dancers will receive priority registration for any additional classes they would like to take for the season. Placement in additional classes will be determined on an individual basis. These classes will have a showcase dance and will incur additional showcase fees.

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IV. CAMPX

- A. All Micro Mini Company dancers must register for at least 2 weeks of CampX in 2022. Each family can choose any 2 of the 6 weeks of CampX scheduled. You can also choose to do more if you would like additional training!

V. COMPETITION GROUP DANCES

- A. Micro Mini Company dancers will compete in two dances for the 2022 -2023 season. Both pieces will be choreographed during the summer and rehearsed weekly during their Micro Mini Company Rehearsal Class.
- B. Micro Mini Dancers are not eligible to compete solos.

VI. CONVENTION INFORMATION

- A. At Studio 61 Dance Company, our companies are geared towards attending and competing at conventions.
- B. A convention is an event that will include taking classes from choreographers presented by that particular company. The times for convention will usually begin in the early morning hours and end in the mid to late afternoon hours.
- C. When we compete at a convention, the competition will be spread over two days, Friday and Saturday.
- D. Convention room placement will be determined individually and will vary between the introductory room and the Mini room. The conventions list the introductory room as ages 5-7, and the mini room is listed as ages 8-10.
- E. All convention and competition ages are determined as of January 1, 2023; however, directors will place dancers in whichever room they feel will benefit them the most.
- F. All company members will receive a customized convention information packet before each convention weekend.

VII. COMPETITION INFORMATION

- A. All competitions that Micro Mini dancers will participate in will also have workshop classes.
- B. Each competition will send us their schedules at different times. Most will provide us with a schedule one week before the event, and others tend to do it days before. Regardless of when we receive the schedule, we will always send it to you as soon as we have it.
- C. Once we have the weekend schedule, you will receive a detailed competition information packet with call times and performance times.
- D. The call time will always be 2 hours before performance time for every competition. This time is subject to change pending last-minute changes if needed.

VIII. PARENT PARTICIPATION

- A. The ideal Micro Mini Parent understands that we, as their teachers, always have their best interest at heart. Independence at this age is rare but essential. We ask that you, as the parent, also allow your dancers to be independent and responsible for themselves.
- B. Our primary source of success is communication. We love the opportunity to communicate with Micro Mini parents. We also want to encourage our students to communicate with us! Setting these expectations for our dancers and having our parents' support will allow for a strong bond between dancer, teacher, and parent.
- C. Parents will not be permitted to enter the convention rooms unless it is between classes and welcomed by the convention staff members.
- D. Upon arrival at convention, parents will meet a Studio 61 Representative at the door where convention classes will happen. This representative will be responsible for setting the dancers up in the room to be ready for their first class. Parents will not be able to enter the convention room during classes. Our goal for our dancers when attending conventions is to have the same experience that they have within the

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studio. When taking classes with these world-renowned educators, we firmly believe in upholding a professional training environment just as we do in the studio daily. Our Micro Mini parents are expected to abide by our studio rules regarding observers at convention regardless of what any other studio is doing.

- E. During competition, parents and families will drop their dancers off in the dressing room during competition and pick them up in the exact location after both dances have competed. Directors and assistants will assist with changing costumes.
- F. At no time will parents be permitted backstage at competition.

IX. MICRO MINI COMPANY FEES

- A. Company Membership Fee
 - 1. This is our system of payment for all company families. This payment plan is set to eliminate large payments throughout the year. The payment plan will begin in August and end in June (11 months). Every student in Micro Mini Company will be charged the Micro Mini Company Fee. This fee can be paid in advance if preferred. In some cases, this fee may be required to be paid in advance.
 - 2. 2022 - 2023 Micro Mini Company membership fee will range from \$275 - \$315.
 - 3. This fee includes the following items:
 - a) 1 local convention in September/October
 - b) 1 local convention and competition in 2023
 - c) 2 Orlando convention and competitions in 2023
 - d) All convention processing fees
 - e) Digital videos and photos of both routines for two competitions of the director's choice
 - f) Company photoshoot and 1 edited headshot
 - g) End of the year showcase fee
 - h) All additional weekend rehearsals
 - i) Teacher fees for each competition weekend
 - 4. Company fees will be charged on the 15th of each month from August 2022 to June 2022.
 - 5. *Company Siblings* - For siblings, the competition processing fee, competition showcase fee, and end-of-the-year showcase fee will be credited before the first payment of the new season is charged.
- B. Monthly Class Tuition Fee
 - 1. Monthly tuition fees cover all weekly classes and weekly scheduled rehearsals.
 - 2. All Micro Mini Families are required to be on auto-pay for tuition fees.
 - 3. For the required amount of classes, 6 hours, the current rate is \$335 a month and will increase to \$430 per month for the 2022/2023 season for all students that are not in company. As an exclusive benefit of being a Micro Mini Company Dancer, pricing for you will be \$375/month.
 - 4. Monthly tuition is charged on the 25th of each month from August 2022 to April 2022.
- C. The Intensive Experience
 - 1. *The Intensive Experience* 2022 includes three days of classes with some of the dance industry's top choreographers and faculty members of Studio 61 Dance Company.
 - 2. Cost: TBA (generally between \$350 - \$450)
 - 3. All 2022/2023 Micro Mini dancers will be in Level 1 for *The Intensive Experience*.
- D. Costumes
 - 1. A deposit of \$125 for each costume is due by September 16th, 2022, and the balance will be due as soon as all costumes are received.
 - 2. Ideas for costumes will be the sole responsibility of the teacher/choreographer and the director.
 - 3. The average cost of one Micro Mini Company costume is \$300. This amount is just an average and can be higher or lower based on the individual dance and choreographer's preference.
 - 4. Company dancers will receive a "Costume Checklist" when their costumes go home. This checklist will include costume pieces, accessories, tights, shoes, socks, hairstyle, makeup, and

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anything else specific to each routine.

E. Uniform Requirements

1. Each Micro Mini Company Dancer must purchase a company jacket (\$80) and a company backpack (\$85). Dancers will receive their jackets and backpack before the first mandatory convention of the season.

F. CampX

1. Micro Mini Company members must attend at least two weeks of CampX at Studio 61 Dance Company in the summer of 2022.
2. CampX is from June 13th to July 21st.
3. The fees for CampX 2022 are below:
 - a) 1 week: \$215
 - b) 2 weeks: \$385
 - c) 3 weeks: \$575
 - d) 4 weeks: \$760
 - e) 5 weeks: \$935
 - f) 6 weeks: \$1,050
4. Registration fee: \$40

X. ADDITIONAL FEES TO CONSIDER

- A. Hotel stays
- B. Travel expenses
- C. Convention dancewear
- D. Shoes for classes and conventions
- E. Team parties
- F. Showcase tickets
- G. Makeup and tools
- H. Hair products and tools
- I. Yearly registration fee
- J. Optional conventions
- K. Master Classes
- L. The Intensive Experience
- M. Private Lessons

XI. MASTER CLASSES

- A. Master class opportunities will be available throughout the season. Depending on the level of each class we are offering, some or all of our Micro Mini dancers will be eligible to sign up.
- B. Master classes offer a unique small setting experience where our dancers have access to some of the industry's most knowledgeable and inspiring professionals.
- C. We will always let parents know, either individually or as a group, if their dancer can register for a specific class regardless of the age listed on the class invitation.
- D. The cost of a master class is, on average, \$40.

XII. SHOWCASE

- A. Included in your micro mini membership fee is your studio showcase fee.
- B. Micro Mini dancers will perform both of their competition dances at the end of the season showcase.
- C. Micro Mini mandatory classes will not have a showcase dance.
- D. If there is more than one studio showcase, all company members must be available to perform in both shows if necessary.

XIII. ACCOUNT ACCESS

- A. All Micro Mini families must have an active studio account.



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- B. You have full 24-hour access to your account. Company families are expected to check their accounts frequently and keep up on charges and payments. If you ever see an error, please do not hesitate to notify us.

XIV. PAYMENT POLICY

- A. All Micro Mini Families are required to be on auto-pay for tuition fees.
- B. Auto-pay is not required for company fees at this time.
- C. Late Payments/Fees - Because everyone is required to have a card on file, there will be NO LATE FEES unless the card on file is declined. If this is the case, we will notify you right away. If payment is not received within 1 week of a declined payment, a \$25 non-negotiable late fee will be added to your account. If the account goes \$250 past due or after 1 late fee is added, your child will be removed from all classes not associated with the company. If the account goes past \$500 past due or two late payments have been added to the account, your dancer will be removed from all classes and all rehearsals related to the company until payment is made. Please note that if a dancer is removed for non-payment, they will not be able to participate in any company-related events.

XV. ATTENDANCE POLICY

- A. It is required for Micro Mini Company Members to attend all of their required classes each week. Attendance in class is imperative for the growth and success of the dancers.
- B. In addition to their dance curriculum, we would like to instill a sense of responsibility in even our youngest dancers. This starts with consistently showing up to class early and prepared.

XVI. BLACKOUT ATTENDANCE POLICY

- A. Every dancer MUST be in attendance at their classes and rehearsals the week before and the week of competition! If no arrangement or notification was made with a company staff member and your child misses any mandatory dates, your child will risk the chance of being removed from his or her dance(s).

XVII. WEEKEND REHEARSALS

- A. Additional rehearsals will be added if/when directors feel it is necessary for the success of the team.
- B. Rehearsals will be added to the Micro Mini google calendar, and parents will be notified via WhatsApp.
- C. During competition season, families can expect to have rehearsal every other weekend.
- D. It is intended that any extra rehearsals will be scheduled at least one month in advance; however, there will be times when things come up unexpectedly.
- E. Additional fees for these rehearsals are already included in the Micro Mini Company Member Fee.

XVIII. WITHDRAWAL RULES

- A. If, for any reason, a dancer must withdraw early from their responsibilities as a Micro Mini Dancer, an automatic \$500 fee will be charged to the account.
- B. In some cases, additional fees may apply depending on the date of withdrawal. For example, if a dancer withdraws within the first month of this contract and has completed all hours to learn choreography, additional fees will apply to cover costs for those rehearsals.

XIX. GROUP OWNERSHIP

- A. It is understood that any choreography learned within the studio belongs to the studio. If the director or owner chooses to modify this choreography in any way, including the placement of dancers, the parents understand that it is being done for a specific reason and trust that the changes are being made to benefit the piece.
- B. Under no circumstance will parents have a say in where their child is placed or what they do or don't do.
- C. Any choreography learned or taught at the studio is not eligible to be modified or competed without consent from the director and owner.

XX. COMMUNICATION

- A. If at any time you need to communicate with the Director at any time, please email taryn@studio-61.com. We have an open-door policy in place, which means that any issues that need solutions should be



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communicated to the Director. Sharing your concerns with other parents or dancers is ineffective in finding a solution and may result in immediate dismissal from the company.

- B. Being a Micro Mini parent comes with the expectation that you will be on top of checking your emails. Please make sure to create a new email address if you would like to stay organized and keep your “dance” emails in one place.
- C. General communication for the day of competition will be done through Whatsapp. We will also share the videos for the dancers to go home and practice with. Please download this app to your phone if you don’t already have it.
- D. Scheduling for the entire season will be done via Google Calendar. You will be able to access this from your phone via the app or your phone’s calendar. It is expected that Micro Mini parents consistently check the Google calendar for rehearsal schedules.
- E. The studio uses TeamApp for all of the information pertaining to studio events EXCEPT company. Micro Mini Company-related information will only be communicated through the methods listed above. It is required for all Micro Mini families to have access to every method of communication in this section.

XXI. ADAPTABILITY

- A. An important part of being a company family is consistently being adaptable. We will always do everything we can to communicate dates and plans as early as possible, but inevitably, things will come up that require changes in the schedule.
- B. Especially during competition months, additional rehearsals may be added if deemed necessary by the director.

XXII. COMMITMENT LEVEL

- A. Micro Mini Company is a major commitment for both dancers and their families. Full support for Studio 61 Dance Company, its teachers, staff, and dancers is required.
- B. Practicing at home is an essential part of being a member of Micro Mini Company. Dancers are expected to be self-motivated to work outside of the classroom on mastering competition routines, and improving on flexibility and overall technique. Consistency is key to accomplishing goals and gaining confidence as a competitor.

XXIII. FULL-TIME COMPANY

- A. Micro Mini Company is its own entity at Studio 61 Dance Company.
- B. Being a Micro Mini Company dancer does not guarantee a future position in any other company. Company directors closely monitor the progress of all dancers and place dancers in the company that will benefit them the most each season.

XXIV. GENERAL STUDIO GUIDELINES

- A. A considerable part of the role of our parents is rooted in trust. We ask for your trust in the decisions made that affect every dancer in the Micro Mini Company and all of the dancers that attend Studio 61. We also ask that you trust that your dancer can be responsible for themselves. Allow them the opportunities to learn, fail, and conquer!
- B. Our studio culture is based on showing kindness to those around us. Whether we are in the studio or out, it is understood that the Micro Mini Company dancers are showing love and compassion to all that come in contact with them. They are ambassadors of the studio at all times! This means instilling this culture wherever you go.
- C. Parents are not permitted to stay in the lobby after the first 5 minutes of class. Parents will be allowed to enter the lobby during the last 5 minutes of the last class for their child.
- D. Class and convention etiquette



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- E. Micro Mini Company dancers are generally at the studio for longer periods. We ask that what you bring, you take home, and if you make a mess, you clean it up.
- F. Micro Mini Dancers must follow dress code for each class. Please reference your studio handbook for more details regarding the required dress code for each class.