

The Dance Moves Youth Company (DMYC) is Charleston's only modern dance-based company for dancers ages 8-18. Our mission is to be a youth dance company that fosters each dancer's self-esteem through the knowledge of and appreciation for dance as a professional form of art and provides educational opportunities for our students to explore dance technique and performance. The DMYC performs throughout Charleston and the southeast in both traditional and unconventional spaces.

In order to be considered for any DMYC-related opportunities (and included in the emails for opportunities!) dancers must come to the placement class and fill out the form in this packet. Dancers unable to come to the placement class may schedule a makeup placement class.

All dancers that meet the requirements for DMYC participation will be cast in one of the Full-Company or "Group" pieces. This season we will be doing 2-3 "Full-Company" pieces and "Additional Pieces" for the Fall semester: Full-Company Pieces will rehearse on Saturday mornings OR during the week; days & times TBD and depend on studio availability.

Dancers are also eligible to participate in Additional Pieces, the Pre-Professional piece and ensemble, and other DMYC-related opportunities.

Who can be in the DMYC? Dancers must take at least 1 studio class, be 8-18 years old, and commit to rehearsals. At least 1 year of level II class experience is recommended.

When are rehearsals and performances? Weekly group rehearsals are on Saturdays OR during the week. Rehearsals are scheduled based on studio availability. **Please fill out the rehearsal schedule form in this packet.**

What is the cost? \$165/semester or one full-year payment of \$330. These fees help the DMYC cover rehearsal costs, staffing, costumes, performances, special events & opportunities, etc. **This season our semester fee also includes a DMYC shirt made uniquely for members of the company! All DMYC-related fees are processed through our online system, just like classes!** Families can now use the same payment method they use for classes for the DMYC. The first-semester payment of \$165 is due October 1, 2021. The second-semester payment of \$165 is due February 1, 2022. Families on auto-draft payment plans for monthly tuition will automatically be charged their DMYC semester fee on the due dates listed above. Fees that are not paid by the due date will be run on the card on-file on the 15th of the month. Payment plans are available, but families must notify Julie at least 2 weeks before the semester fee due date to set-up different payment plans.

How will this season be different due to the ever-evolving circumstances regarding Covid-19? As the world around us changes, our plans for the DMYC will, too. Last season we found unique -- and fun! -- ways for our dancers to connect and perform including a virtual master class day, pizza & outdoor movie night, Fall conference & informal performance, filmed December concert, and outdoor Spring concert. We will continue to adapt to provide company members a memorable season that stays true to our mission statement.

Why be part of the DMYC?

- Opportunities to perform at local and state-wide events and in DMYC-only concerts.
- Exposure to dance styles and choreography outside of a traditional studio class
- Get to know other dancers and teachers in the Dance Moves Family
- Build confidence in a challenging, positive, and energetic environment

Check us out on instagram! @DanceMovesYouthCompany

PLACEMENT CLASS: Saturday, September 11

10:45 - 11:45 AM -- Ages 8-12 • 11:45 AM - 12:45 PM -- Ages 13-18

Dancers should bring:

- Completed **DMYC Form** (see attached)
- Complete **Rehearsal Schedule Form** (see attached)
- Water bottle
- Suggested, but not required, attire: All black leotard or shirt & all black leggings/dance pants
- We will be dancing barefoot. Please do not wear tights that cover feet.

Dancers/Families will be emailed the following week with information about the group piece they will be dancing in and their Saturday morning OR weekly rehearsal time slot(s) (times TBA). The earliest rehearsals would begin is **Saturday, September 18.**

For more information regarding the Dance Moves Youth Company

please visit DanceMovesofCharleston.com and click on "Youth Company"

Contact JULIE CLARK with any questions: Julie@DanceMovesofCharleston.com or 843-212-3768

2021-22 Season Form & Agreement

Complete this form and bring it with you to the placement class.

Welcome to the TENTH season of the Dance Moves Youth Company! We are excited to share our love of learning, dancing, and performing with our wonderful Dance Moves students and their families. As a member and participant of this program, we ask that you review the following "Youth Company Placement Class Form & Agreement" with your parents and families.

DMYC Dancers...

- Take at least one studio technique class each week.
- **Arrive on time (or early!) to all classes, rehearsals, and performances.**
- Know that learning choreography and being "performance ready" take time and practice. Advance notice of absences is necessary and greatly appreciated; dancers should miss NO MORE THAN 2 *weekly* REHEARSALS PER SEMESTER. Late arrival or early departure from condensed (longer) rehearsals should be avoided and may result in a dancer not being cast in sections of the piece.
- Wear black leotard or fitted dance top, capri-length black leggings, and secured hair to all rehearsals.
- Wear/bring the following to each performance:
 - Solid black leotard, straps should be thin and easily hidden under other costume pieces. NO extra details (ie flowers, lace, cutouts, rhinestones, etc.)
 - Solid black capri-length leggings, NO extra details (lace, mesh, cut outs, bows, etc)
 - Hair pulled neatly off face, secured back in a bun or ponytail with hairspray, gel, and/or bobby pins

As a Dance Moves Youth Company Member, I will do my best to be on time and attend all rehearsals and performances in the 2021-22 season. I understand that I am an important part of our dance company, and my presence and timeliness impact my own growth as a dancer as well as my fellow company members.

Student Signature

Student Name Printed

Parent Signature

Parent Name Printed

All communication related to the DMYC for our 2021-22 season will be done using the email addresses and phone numbers we have on file for each family's account. If your dancer would like to receive DMYC emails please write their email below:

Dancer Email: _____

Complete this form and bring it with you to the placement class.

Rehearsal Schedule Form

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The rehearsal schedule for the Full Company Group Pieces, Additional Pieces, Pre-Professional Piece, and other performance opportunities will be created based on cast availability, choreographer availability, and studio space availability. **Please check the days/times that are possibilities for your dancer in each of the categories listed below.** We cannot guarantee that the desired rehearsal days & times will be scheduled, but we will try to accommodate everyone as best as we can.

Weekly Rehearsal options for DMYC Fall 2021 Semester

What school do you attend? _____

What time do you get out of school? _____

What time could you be at the studio after school for a weekday rehearsal? _____

Check the days/times your dancer would be available to rehearse for an Additional Piece each week. Additional piece rehearsals begin the week of September 20. **Please check all that apply. Any helpful scheduling notes you'd like to add are welcome!**

Mondays after 6:30pm

Tuesdays after 5:45pm

Wednesdays after 6:00pm

Thursdays after 5:45pm

Saturdays: mornings midday afternoons

Condensed Rehearsal Options:

Condensed rehearsals are used to set DMYC pieces or prepare for other DMYC performance opportunities in fewer, but longer, rehearsals. After these pieces are set, they are usually rehearsed 1-2 weeks before each show in smaller rehearsal time slots. Check the dates below that your dancer is available to rehearse if selected for a piece that will be set during condensed rehearsal. **Please check all that apply. Any helpful scheduling notes you'd like to add are welcome!**

Friday, Sep. 24: 4-8pm

Saturday, Sep. 25: 11am-4pm

Sunday, Sep. 26: 1-5pm

Friday, Oct. 1: 4-8pm

Saturday, Oct. 2: 11am-4pm

Sunday, Oct. 3: 1-5pm

Friday, Oct. 8: 4-8pm

Saturday, Oct. 9: 11am-4pm

Sunday, Oct. 10: 1-5pm

Friday, Oct. 15: 4-8pm

Saturday, Oct. 16: 11am-4pm

Sunday, Oct. 17: 1-5pm

Friday, Oct. 22: 4-8pm

Saturday, Oct. 23: 11am-4pm

Sunday, Oct. 24: 1-5pm

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