



## COMPETITION INFORMATION HAND-OUT 2011 / 2012 DANCE SEASON PAGE ONE

This 2011/2012 dance Season, Center Stage Dancers will be competing in three Competitions within the city, and one out-of-town Competition. Each competitor (individual or group) will have the choice to decide between competing in three or all four competitions.

### Competition Sign-Up

This year we are allowing our dancers to 'audition' through a sign-up sheet. Those wishing to participate in competition must try-out by signing their name on the sheet at the front desk of the office. Each individual must sign themselves up (cannot be done so in a group). Please note, no late sign-ups will be accepted and the **Sign-Up Deadline is September 17<sup>th</sup> - sign up is also welcome during Pre-Season camps and Fall registration.** Please also indicate on your Fall Registration Form that you are possibly interested in competition so we can send you reminders and additional information.

### Competition Sign-Up Process:

- ☞ September 6<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> – take home an Information Hand-out and fully understand the commitments involved...Then express your interest by signing up at the Front Desk.
- ☞ PLEASE NOTE: your sign-up is understood as an 'audition.' You are not guaranteed to be chosen as a competitor for this season and many factors go into decision making.
- ☞ By September 17<sup>th</sup> you will receive a response to your sign-up. If chosen for competition, you have a week's time to discuss the routines offered to you and prepare questions for the Competitors' Meeting.
- ☞ **Friday September 23<sup>rd</sup> 2011:** All competitors must be accompanied by one parent/guardian to our Pre-Competition Season Meeting. PLEASE NOTE: This meeting is MANDATORY for both the dancer and a parent as we will discuss crucial information, including commitments of all parties, important dates, etc.
- ☞ Following the meeting, your dancers' **"Acceptance Form" must be received by Sunday September 25<sup>th</sup> 2011 @ noon.** This season, this form will also include your lesson dates, which must be confirmed and committed to.

### Competition Requirements

- ☞ Must be at least 7 years of age.
- ☞ Two completed years of dance training.
- ☞ If competing in any discipline, other than Hip Hop, you must be registered in at least one Ballet class and if you're 12 or older, one Ballet Barre class per week.
- ☞ Must be willing to purchase a Team Jacket, with our logo (if you have last season's edition you are not required to purchase a new one).



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### Commitments

The following represents the extra cost and time commitments involved in competition participation. It is strongly valued to Springbank Dancers to have the full commitment of the parents/guardians of each competitor as you each play a large and essential role in your son/daughters' involvement. This not only includes financial commitments, but additionally involves driving the dancers to and from required lessons and competition. Each dancer must have a Consent Form signed by his/her legal guardian prior to participating in competition.

A further time commitment, other than all private/extra lessons and the competition dates, is the Competition Rehearsal. This Full Dress Rehearsal and Team Building will take place at the studio on **Saturday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 2012**. This date is mandatory for all competitors, along with the **Pre-Season Meeting** as previously mentioned.

### Cost Breakdown for Competition (subject to change, upon notice)

Springbank Team Jacket: \$65.00

#### Private Lesson Fees

(please note, additional lessons may be required at the request of the teacher or dancer):

**Solos** – 6 hrs of private lesson time (\$270.00) & 2hrs of required Open Studio Time (\$25.00)

**Duos / Trios** – 8hrs of lesson time (\$240.00/dancer) & 3hrs of Open Studio (\$25.00/dancer)

**Small Group** – 12hrs of lesson time (\$210.00/dancer) & 4hrs of Open Studio (\$20.00/dancer)

**Large Group** – 16hrs of lesson time (\$150.00/dancer) & 4hrs of Open Studio (\$15.00/dancer)

#### Additional Private Lesson Fees

Solos – 1-Hour private lessons (\$40.00)

Duos / Trios – 1-Hour private lesson (\$20.00/dancer)

Small Group – 1-Hour private lesson (\$15.00/dancer)

Large Group – 1-Hour private lesson (\$10.00/dancer)

#### Costume Fees:

May Range From \$60.00-\$110.00/costume

(same costume used for each Competition)

#### Competition Entry Fees:

Solos: Approximately \$45.00-\$90.00/Competition

Duos/Trios: Approximately \$29.00-\$38.00/Competition

Small/Large Group: Approximately \$24.00-\$28.00/Competition



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### **Additional and NEW Information for this Season of Competition:**

**PRIVATE LESSON SCHEDULE:** In order to allow our dancers more sufficient time to prepare for competitions in the Spring, we will be holding all choreography lessons prior to the Christmas break. As your Acceptance Forms are due by September 25<sup>th</sup> you will receive your private lesson schedule beforehand, which may commence the beginning of October. Our dancers should expect intense and lengthy lessons for up to three or four weekends in a row and should be prepared to take in all choreography and learn their entire routine before we break in December. Please see the next section to better explain Open Studio time, both required and optional, however note that some of your paid lesson time will be saved for after New Year so you do have more practice with your choreographer. We will have much Open Studio time available after the New Year for our dancers to come in to the studio on their own time to practice and each routine will receive an extra lesson with his/her/their instructor prior to Competition Rehearsal. **PLEASE BE ADVISED:** As our competition program grows and the number of students involved increases, we have no flexibility with changing lesson times. When your dancer hands in their Acceptance Form, this expresses their full commitment to attend EVERY scheduled lesson. Any missed lesson will result in that dancer's removal from the routine for competition this season. This will be a very strict policy this upcoming year. Thank you for your understanding in this regard and for you and your dancer's full understanding of the commitment and dedication involved.

**OPEN STUDIO TIME:** Your teacher for competition is there to teach your choreography and help clean and polish the routine. We cannot stress enough however, the importance of practicing your routines without your instructor. Last season we gave away FREE open studio time for the dancers to practice. **PLEASE NOTE:** this studio time is usually accompanied by a rental rate, but given as a courtesy to our competitors. This upcoming season, we plan to do the same however will also be requiring our dancers to sign-up for Open Studio. Although your teacher will not be present for your practice time, please see these extra rehearsals as part of your lesson schedule. The same attendance requirements apply as with your private lessons. Please see above for the amount of required time for each routine and the cost - Open Studio times will be decided early in the season and spread out during your competition preparation (however, required time will not commence until you have fully learned the choreography).

**EXTRA LESSON TIME:** We strongly believe that if your dancer is committed to practicing and remember their routines and choreography, the above noted lesson time is MORE than enough time to practice and rehearse with your instructor. Therefore, any dancer who requires or requests more lesson time will be charged the amounts as laid out under "Costs." **PLEASE BE ADVISED:** this policy and amount of lesson time will be strictly adhered to in order to encourage your dancer to be prepared for each lesson to better utilize their time with their choreography (rather than for just reviewing steps or asking the same questions). Furthermore, should any teacher feel a dancer is struggling a requires more lesson time, the same fees apply



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PRIVATE LESSON DISCOUNTS and ORDER OF ACCEPTANCE: As the majority of dancers will be offered more than one routine, and each routine must be accepted in order to accept the following routine, we hope to incorporate discounts into your private lesson costs. Similar to our “Multiple Class Discount,” the more routines you accept, the greater the discount you are eligible for. Please note, the following listed discounts are taken off your entire private lesson invoice:

First Routine:	Full Cost
Two Routines:	5% Off
Three Routines:	10% Off
Four or More Routines:	15% Off

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We would like to encourage all those interested in competition to sign-up. Although there are the stresses and extra commitments to competing, it is a great learning experience and a chance to perform, have fun, and meet new dancers.

Please feel free to contact Miss Devon with questions or for more detailed information regarding competitions and sign-up.

Good luck dancers and looking forward to seeing you compete and watching you grow! ☺

*Miss Devon  
and the Springbank Dancers Faculty*



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- IMPORTANT DATES -**

September 17 <sup>th</sup> 2011	Last day for competition sign-up
September 23 <sup>rd</sup> 2011 September 25 <sup>th</sup> 2011	Mandatory Parent/Dancer Meeting for all accepted competitors, 4:00pm Competitors' Acceptance Forms DUE, first payment for competition private lessons and entry fees are due.
October 31 <sup>st</sup> 2011	Second payment for competition private lessons and entry fees are due
November 30 <sup>th</sup> 2011	Payment for costumes and competitors' jacket (if required) are due
March 3 <sup>rd</sup> 2012	Competition Rehearsal @ the Studio (MANDATORY for all competitors), followed by a Competitors' Showcase Performance (that evening at a location yet to be announced)
<b>March 16<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> 2012</b>	<b>Thunderstruck Competition (Martha Cohen)</b>
<b>April 20<sup>th</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup> 2012</b>	<b>Kick It Up Competition (Martha Cohen)</b>
<b>May 5<sup>th</sup> to 9<sup>th</sup> 2012</b> <b>May 10<sup>th</sup> to 13<sup>th</sup> 2012???</b>	<b>Rhythm Dance Competition (UofC Theatre)</b> <b>Shy Ann Dance Festival, Banff???</b> (Dates not yet released)
June 15 <sup>th</sup> , 16 <sup>th</sup> or 17 <sup>th</sup> 2012	Competitors' Showcase Dance Recital