

Jubilee

Dance Company Information 2018/19 School Year

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Jubilee means: *"A joyful time; a time or season of celebration!"* Jubilee Dance Company is an extension program and ministry of Dancing For Joy. It is time to dance for joy and celebrate who God created us to be as we move together to worship our Maker.

Mission Statement

The mission of **Dancing for Joy** is to provide quality dance instruction for every student while encouraging movements and motivations that glorify our Maker. Our goal is to create a positive learning environment for students of all ages and both genders, to develop a deeper appreciation for the performing arts, and to "praise His name with dancing..." Psalms 149:3

The **Jubilee Dance Company** is made up of 4 groups of 5 to 15 dancers each; the Junior group, Intermediate group, Senior group, and Principal group. Each group participates in increased training in technique, performance, choreography, and professionalism in order to dance for others in the broader community. Together we reclaim and encourage dance as a venue for enriching our lives, blessing others, and praising God.

Achieving That Mission

- We are non-competitive yet professional.
- Our focus is to reclaim the art of dance in the Pacific Northwest, WA, Whatcom county, and Bellingham for the glory of God.
- We provide a healthy and safe outlet for young dancers to expand strengths, work on weaknesses, and build confidence in a loving and encouraging environment.
- We encourage opportunities for technical excellence and personal growth that take us outside the studio walls and into the world we live in.
- We maintain a high standard of commitment to rehearsal and technique classes.
- We have team building times, devotions, and prayer times.
- We use choreography, music, and costumes that are appropriate.
- We place an emphasis on using dance as a way to serve God and others.
- We will divide company members up by age, style, ability levels, years in the company, and availability to foster growth through different dance experiences. Some members may be asked to participate with multiple groups throughout a school year or specific dances. We will also have understudies for different dance works. There will be at least one all company dance.
- Veteran company members have increased opportunity to choreograph, perform, be team leaders, judicators, camp counselors, and have solos etc...

Requirements of a Company Member

1. **Must be enrolled at least three dance classes @ DFJ, one of which must be a ballet class, and one of which must be the company CATS class right before rehearsal. Must take 3 classes per week during the summer months (one must be a ballet class), excused when you are out of town.** We recommend that company dancers take as many classes as possible to progress in their dance technique, which increases their chances of moving up through the program.

Summer Rates: 10 Class Card - \$100
5 Class Card - \$70
Unlimited Summer Classes per student (\$375 - 9 weeks)

2. **Dancers are expected to be fully active members of all their classes and perform with those classes for the spring show.**

Additional performance fees will apply depending on class schedules, shared costumes, etc.
(non-participation in classes may result in being re-evaluated as a Company Member)

3. **Full payment of Company annual fee of \$375 & Company uniform fee of \$125 due upon acceptance. Late after Aug. 1.**

- A late fee of \$50 will be issued automatically on your account at that time. All dance company member accounts for DFJ are required to keep a current credit card on file with us, and account balances be kept current – no exceptions.)

- There will not be any other costume fees associated with the dance company for the Christmas or June performances. (Spring show fees will apply according to student's individual class schedule.)

4. **Attend Dance Co. Retreat** (required participation): **August 5th - 8th**
Cost - \$150 (Due by August 1st)
More details to come!

5. **Attend weekly rehearsals/CATS CLASS on Wednesday's**

6:00 - 7:00 - Principal/Senior CATS & Intermediate/Junior CATS

7:00 - 7:15 - Snack & Devotion - Principal/Senior & Intermediate/Junior Devotions will be separate each week, except for the 1st of the month where we will be combine for Worship.

7:15 - 9:15 - JUBILEE REHEARSAL

*Rehearsal times are subject to change. Additional rehearsals may be called or cancelled at any time.

6. **All company members must audition for all DFJ & Company dance pieces. Nativity Auditions will be held at our company retreat. Nativity Audition Casting will be posted via facebook, e-mail, and at the studio AFTER the retreat.**

7. **Participate in Dance Company Performances around the community.**

Please expect on average of once a month, but may be more or less due to scheduling and events. The Company will perform at the Ferry Terminal, Christmas Show, March Benefit Showcase, Ski to Sea Grand Parade, and June Show. Other performances that Jubilee has participated in the past, and may take part in are as follows: Lights of Christmas, Christian School Chapels, Dance Blast at Local High Schools, The Leopold, Kids Fest, Get Movin', Collide, Christian Dance Symposium, WWU Basketball Games, Churches, Worship Conferences, Auctions, and other similar venues.

Eligibility Policy

Dancers must be going into the 7th grade **or** age 12 by Sept. 1 of the tryout session. A written appeal may be submitted if dancer's birthday is after Sept. 1st, but before Oct. 1st, and has shown readiness in dance and attitude to be considered for an early tryout. This policy is adopted from the local public school qualifications for grade placement.

*DFJ Directors reserve the right to reconsider a dancer's eligibility for Jubilee at any time, but especially for the following reasons:

- If they are unable to come on the DFJ Company Retreat at the beginning of the season,
- **A dancer's attitude does not reflect respect towards others, a spirit of apathy, or multiple unexcused absences.**

DFJ also reserves the right to add members, or switch dancers to other company groups at any time and for any reason.

Audition Day

1. Must be 12 years old as of Sept. 1 or going into grade 7-12 for the '18-19 school year.
2. Proper Audition Attire: Ladies - Pink tights, Black Leo, Ballet shoes, & Hair in a bun
Men - Black tights, black tank, ballet shoes
3. Come to the office to receive an audition number, and then begin warming up in an open studio. (we recommend arriving 15-25 minutes early)
4. Teachers will teach audition group several combinations, ranging in style, and then dancers will perform in groups of three or less.
5. There will be a panel of judges. Judges critique stage presence, technique, teachability, focus, effort, attitude, willingness, and memorization of steps.
6. Dancers will be brought back for individual or group interviews after the dance portion of the audition.
7. Results will be posted by audition number on our website by 3pm the day after the auditions.
Invitations to join a specific company group will be sent out via email. Please respond within 48 hours if you will be accepting the invitation. For those who do not make the company we will send out an email of what the dancer needs to work on for the following year in order to be considered in the future.

*There are many variables that go into dancer placement (ie. age, number of dancers that try-out, past trainability, attitude, technique, emotional capacity, confidence, fluidity, group cohesiveness, group dynamics, group size, strength, work ethic, leadership, dedication, experience, class levels they are currently in, past attendance and participation. Also, similarly to our class program, dancers may enter a group or class at the bottom of a group or level ability wise, and then the following year be one of the top dancers in the group or class; both are essential for training and confidence. We ask that you please respect our placement decisions for your dancer's development in the upcoming school year. We strive to push every dancer to be the best dancer and person that they can be. Please do not come into the audition expecting placement on a specific group, or with specific people.

Auditions for the 2018/19 School Year

Wed. June 20th at DFJ

6-7pm - High School Audition (going into grades 9-12)

7:30-8:30pm - Middle School Audition (going into grades 7 and 8)

*Please fill out your audition form and turn it into the office any time prior to the audition.

*If you are unable to make the audition, a video audition will be accepted if received before the audition date. Please see the office for video audition criteria.

*Principal Company members are not required to audition. Jr-Sr Companies must audition.

Company Staff

Executive Director- Kurt Vander Griend

Artistic/Jubilee Director - Maluhia Vander Griend

Jubilee Leaders - Sarah Lewis, Amanda Schroer, Allie Carlson, Taylor Lindhout