



**TDA Competitive Program
2024-2025 Competitive Company Audition Information**

The TDA Competitive Company will attend three mandatory competitions. Additional required performances include Showcase (January) and Recital (May). Dancers are given additional performance opportunities throughout the competitive season including, but not limited to the Tallahassee Winter Festival, dance conventions, optional competitions, nationals, and more.

Dancers are required to take a minimum number of classes per week determined by their company level. Additional optional dances (solo, duo, trio, small groups, production, etc.) will have extra rehearsals during the week or weekend.

Dancers rising to kindergarten and up are eligible to be considered for our 2024-2025 competitive program. Dancers rising to **2nd-12th grade** will be required to participate in our audition process to be evaluated on their readiness to be placed on a competitive team and to be placed on an appropriate team based on technique, age, ability, attitude, maturity, motivation, commitment, and strength. We will be looking for technique, knowledge of dance terminology, flexibility, musicality, and performance quality. **Please register for auditions on the TDA parent portal, under "Events".**

Students rising to **Kindergarten & 1st** grade will be invited by TDA Staff to join a competitive team. Dancers of this age range will be evaluated during the previous dance season, recital, or summer camps to determine if teachers feel they are ready to compete next season. Invitations to the youngest competitive companies will be sent via email in the summer.

The TDA Staff is thrilled you have chosen to audition for TDA's Competitive Company. If you have any questions, please feel free to email us at contactus@tdadance.com. Results from the May try-outs will be announced in early June. After companies are released, dancers will be required to commit to the 2024-2025 season and sign the 2024-2025 TDA Handbook with competitive fees, attendance policies, and overall expectations.

AUDITION DETAILS & DATES

Company Auditions

Workshop & Audition

- *Dancers come dressed in all black with hair slicked in a bun and pirouettes for both the workshop & audition.*
- *At the “workshop”, dancers will learn two combinations to practice and perfect before the “audition” the following week.*
- *During the “audition”, dancers will be asked to show technique skills (splits, pirouettes, turns, extensions, jumps across the floor, center combinations, etc.)*
- *Dancers will also be asked to perform the routines learned at the workshop in groups during the audition. Teachers will be looking for memory, execution of choreography, musicality, and overall performance.*

Workshop Dates (Free of charge)

Rising 2nd-3rd grade, Monday, May 6th 3:30-4:30pm

Rising 4th-6th grade, Monday, May 6th 4:30-6:30pm

Rising 7th-9th grade, Wednesday, May 8th 4:30-6:30pm

Rising 10th-12th grade, Tuesday, May 7th 5:30-7:30pm

Audition Dates (\$25 per dancer)

Rising 2nd-3rd grade, Monday, May 13th 3:30-4:30pm (Technique & Combinations)

Rising 4th-6th grade, Monday, May 13th 4:30-6:30pm (Technique & Combinations)

Rising 7th-9th grade, Wednesday, May 15th 4:30-6:30pm (Technique & Combinations)

Rising 10th-12th grade, Tuesday, May 14th 5:30-7:30pm (Technique & Combinations)

Rising 6th-8th Thursday, May 16th 4:30-5:30pm (Technique & Combinations)

Rising 9th-12th Thursday, May 16th 4:30-5:30pm (Technique & Combinations)

Please note that 6th-12th grade will have two days of auditions. Register for the first date and the dancer will automatically be added to the Thursday audition.

Hip Hop:

If you are interested in competing Hip Hop, please indicate on the post audition survey. The TDA Staff will place dancers on the appropriate hip hop team.

Solo Auditions: (\$5)

- Dancers rising 3rd -12th grade that have competed a duo or trio in the 2023-2024 and 2022-2023 season (2 years of duo/trios) are eligible to audition for a solo. Dancers will select one of their 2023-2024 competitive dances to perform for their solo audition (ex: jazz, lyrical, duo, etc.). You will be asked to show around one minute of the dance. The dance does not have to start at the beginning of the song. Please note that not all

dancers auditioning for a solo are guaranteed to be selected for next season. First time soloists, will not compete duo/trios in addition to their solo.

- Dancers that competed a solo with TDA in the past are eligible to compete a solo next season. Please send your music selection to contactus@tdadance.com. Dancers rising 9-12th grade are eligible to compete two solos (different genres). Dancers will rehearse the two solos in the same rehearsal hour (alternating between the two dances).

Solo Audition Date

Thursday, May 9th 3:30-4:30pm