



Welcome to the Dance Connection Dance Team!

Thank you for joining the 2018-2019 season Dance Connection Dance Team (DCDT). As part of this group, you will have the opportunity to continue your dance study and develop your performance skills through rehearsals and diverse choreography in a team environment. We are excited to work with you, and want to provide our students with new experiences and fun activities. Here is some information regarding participation in DCDT.

We offer two jazz dance based dance teams that are grouped by age. The age grouping is general, therefore students who are on the border of the age division may select the team they feel will work best. Our team rehearsals will take place following a technique class, which is a convenient way for dancers to learn and prepare together on a consistent basis, and allow our faculty to teach choreography in a timely manner.

Performance Opportunities and Events

As a member of DCDT, you will have additional opportunities to perform as a team throughout the year. Performances are encouraged, but not mandatory. Participation in a performance requires a dancer to attend class for the two weeks prior to a scheduled DCDT performance. Events include, but are not limited to:

- Los Altos Festival of Lights Parade: Sunday, November 25 5:00-8:00
- Breast Cancer Benefit Performance: Sunday, March 24 4:00-6:00, Cubberlely Theatre
- City of Palo Alto May Fete Parade: Saturday, May 4 at 9:00
- Let's Dance! Friday-Saturday, June 7-8

Conventions and Workshops

Dance Conventions provide dancers with the ability to work with professional choreographers and instructors from around the country. We have selected some mandatory events, and some optional events for our students. Our faculty will chaperone, register, and assist any members of DCDT who would like to participate on behalf of Dance Connection. Registration, schedules, and fee information will be available in the coming months. The mandatory events we will be attending this year are:

- Tam Jams Workshop: Saturday-Sunday, September 22-23, 2018 at our studio
- LADM Convention: Saturday-Sunday, January 26-27 at the Hyatt Hotel, Santa Clara Convention Center

Optional events (also at the Hyatt Hotel, Santa Clara Convention Center):

- NYCDA Convention: Saturday-Sunday, March 2-3
- RADIX Convention: Saturday-Sunday, March 16-17

DCDT Requirements

We hope that the dance teams will be a source of fun and team building as well as an opportunity to grow as a dancer. The purpose of these teams are to create opportunities and team relationships through learning experiences, both in dance technique and in personal development. The following are requirements for our DCDT members:

- Enroll in the technique/rehearsal class for the specific team.
- Attend two prior consecutive rehearsals before any performance in order to perform with their group.
- Maintain consistent attendance.
- With the unlimited class option, we recommend enrolling in other jazz, ballet, and contemporary classes.
- Be a good student and work hard to excel in all areas academically.

Fees

- The annual fee of \$250.00 will include the participation fee for the Tam Jams Workshop on September 22-23.
- Monthly tuition of \$310 for September through May will include unlimited class registration in order to encourage further training.
- The LADM workshop will be an additional fee, payable to Dance Connection. This tends to be around \$250 from past experience.
- Dancers will need a warm up suit (approx. \$100), and suntan colored jazz shoes as well as their class attire.
- Costumes will be ordered in the fall, and they will cost \$60-\$150 depending on the costume.
- Any optional dance conventions will be an additional expense.