

Lake Shore Dance Performance Company
2010 Performance Season

Application Packet

Lake Shore Dance Performance Company is designed to give your dancer the opportunity to learn exciting new choreography with our talented staff; to give dancers more performance opportunities; and for dancers to experience teamwork and dedication. Dancers who perform with the company learn confidence, pride, and experience the joy that comes with sharing the art of dance through performance and outreach. Company dancers also show faster progression in their dance technique because of increased studio time.

Both our Saukville and Cedarburg studios have branches of our Performance Companies. Each branch is staffed with talented and inspired instructors who will work with your child to reach their goals and hone their performance skills. The branches compose the Performance Company as a unified organization. The companies will perform together at some events and independently at other events. Our goal is to give every company member equal performance time and casting in dances.

During the summer portion of the company, performers will learn dance numbers that will be performed in a mini-dance concert at events throughout the summer. In addition, they will learn a parade dance that will be performed at the Cedarburg Fourth of July Parade and in the Port Washington Fish Day Parade. (Additional parade events may be posted and will vary between both Performance Company Branches.)

In the middle of July, the company will continue to rehearse the traveling show for upcoming events and will also begin rehearsing for the Nutcracker in December. Your dancer will receive casting information for the Nutcracker in the acceptance packet that will be mailed after the placement class.

By fall, our primary focus will switch into the Nutcracker performance and the promotion of this show. Rehearsals for Nutcracker will be held weekly and excellent attendance is required from all of our participants to produce the highest caliber performance. In October, dancers will begin fittings for their Nutcracker costumes. These costumes are property of Lake Shore Dance and will need to be returned after the performance.

The company will perform in Christmas Parades in Grafton and Port Washington in late November and early December. The parade dance will be taught in announced rehearsal times and is one of the ways we will promote our Nutcracker show.

The Nutcracker and Performance Company experience would not be possible without the generosity of our parent volunteers. Get the most out of your company experience by volunteering your time to performances, parades, and other company events. Watch for sign-ups as events are announced.

To stay completely informed, you must join the Lake Shore Dance Performance Company group page. This is our primary means of communication for the Performance Company and competition team. It's a simple way to receive up to date information directly to your email box. Once you sign up, company information will be emailed directly to you. Find the link at www.lakeshoredance.com – click “dance with us”, then company, then the yahoo group link. ***Please note – Lake Shore Dance Performance Company has a separate group page from the studio.**

You want your dancer to be the best they can be – give them that opportunity by joining Lake Shore Dance Performance Company!

Company Payment Schedule

- Rehearsal tuition: \$160.00.
 - \$80.00 Due June 15
 - \$80.00 Due August 15
 - **NEW! Dancers who participated in Company during the 2009 season will receive a \$10.00 discount on their company fees if they return their acceptance documents by May 15, 2010.**
 - **NEW! Families with more than one dancer involved in company may take a 10% discount from their company rehearsal tuition.**
- Performance fee: \$40.00 – Due June 15: Covers the production costs and promotional costs of the Nutcracker.
 - This fee can be waived by participating in one of the following fundraisers:
 - Candy Bars: one box for the general fund. We have a delicious new brand of bars this year to sell – your variety pack will include: Milk Chocolate with Almonds, Dark Chocolate with Almonds, Crisp bars, Milk Chocolate bars, and Caramel bars. They will certainly be easy to sell! These bars are also available for sale for personal accounts. Price: \$50.00. You are pre-paying both the cost and the profit of the Candy bars. If you sell all of your bars for the full selling price (\$1.00), you will bring in the full price as reimbursement. New this year: You have the option to pick up your candy bars once they arrive and pay for them by August 15. This means that you do not have to come up with the money to purchase the bars out of pocket – you can sell the bars first and turn the \$50.00 in to Lake Shore Dance once you've finished selling the bars. Your company account will be charged \$50.00 per box when you pick up the bars. If you sell the bars for your personal account, your credit will be posted to your account once you've paid for the bars.
 - Cookbooks: Sell 10 professionally published cookbooks for \$7.00/book. Prepay \$70.00. **Receive an additional \$10.00 off your company fees if you choose this option!** Keep the money for the cookbooks when you sell them as reimbursement.
- Nutcracker Costume Rental Fee: \$55.00 plus refundable \$10.00 deposit due October 15. The \$10.00 deposit **must be a separate check** and will be returned to you when you return your costumes on or before the return date, December 19, 2010.

Lake Shore Dance Performance Company Placement Class Dates

WHEN : May 1, 2010 (auditions will be held at both Saukville and Cedarburg Lake Shore Dance studios. Please take the placement class at the location you wish to rehearse at.

TIMES: 3:00-4:00– Soloist and Principle
4:30-5:00 – Secondary
5:00-5:30 – Junior Apprentice, Apprentice
6:00-6:30 - Corps

WHERE: LAKE SHORE DANCE STUDIO
142 South Foster Street, Saukville or
W67N222 Evergreen Blvd Ste 118 Cedarburg

WHO: Any dancer wishing to take part in company

WHAT TO WEAR / BRING:

Black Leotard

Pink Tights

Ballet Shoes/Pointe shoes for principle/soloist roles

This will be our only placement class this season. If you cannot attend but wish to perform with company this year, fill out the appropriate information on the application and we will do a make-up placement class..

HOW THE PLACEMENT WILL WORK:

Placement classes will last for the entire time scheduled. Please arrive 15 minutes early to get ready before the audition. The first portion of the audition will be technique, including ballet barre and center work. This will be followed by learning choreography.

Principle and soloist parts are limited. The principle/soloist parts will consist of solo and duet characters from "The Nutcracker". These parts are listed in the following information.

Lake Shore Dance Performance Company Placement Requirements

PRINCIPLE DANCERS

Flexibility, expression, ability to learn material quickly, self-motivated to rehearse and clean pieces. Expansive movement quality, excellent performance quality, and precision in all advanced steps.

Must have completed through 1 year of Level VII.

Must be enrolled in Ballet and Jazz (year round). Experience in additional techniques preferred.

SOLOIST DANCERS

Multiple turns R, L, ability to learn material quickly, clean technique, expression while dancing. Strong leaps and 90 degree arabesques required. Clean Port de bras.

Confidence in performing a must.

Must have completed through 1 year of Level VI in Ballet.

Must be enrolled in Ballet and Jazz year round.

Experience in additional techniques preferred.

SECONDARY DANCERS

Must have completed through Level IV.

Must be enrolled in Ballet year round. Experience in additional techniques preferred.

Roles to be cast: Coda, Marzipan, Russian, Tarentella, Waltz of the Flowers, 1st Act.

CORPS DANCERS

Completed through Advanced Beginning.

Technique (including ballet) class enrollment year round.

Roles to be Cast: 1st Act, Angels, Pierrot, Chinese.

APPRENTICE DANCERS

Minimum age 7

Must be in technique class year round.

Roles to be cast: Soldiers/rats, Mother Ginger, Candy Canes.

JUNIOR APPRENTICE DANCERS

Minimum age 4

Must be in technique class year round.

Roles to be Cast: Rats, Mother Ginger, Candy Cane.

Fundraising and billing for the company accounts

Reading and understanding your company invoices: The studio creates an account that the money you earn will be held in and all charges/payments will be posted to. This account is separate from any tuition and private lesson accounts held at Lake Shore Dance. Because of the separate billing, please be sure to make separate payments for all accounts.

Fundraising information: Lake Shore Dance organizes several fundraisers during the year to help defray the costs of Company and competition team. Both are wonderful opportunities and we want them to be as accessible as possible to all of our dancers.

Fundraisers are organized and run by Lake Shore Dance. Please email lakeshoredance@yahoo.com with fundraising questions and we will direct you to our fundraising coordinator. You may also contact the Cedarburg Lake Shore Dance Studio at 377-0737 and leave a fundraising message for Christy.

The money you earn through fundraising may only be used to defray the costs of Company and competition, including costumes, Company merchandise, Company fees, competition entry fees/director fees, conventions, and master classes. Earned funds may not be used for tuition, privates, or other personal expenses.

Funds will be automatically applied to outstanding balances first. If you wish to bank your fundraising profits, pay your dues in full upon receipt of the invoice. Funds will not be applied to tuition or private lesson accounts.

Every fundraiser is optional and you do have the option to pay all of your fees in full. Any profits from optional fundraising that you choose to do will go into your individual account. We do not pool all of the money earned by participating members and divide it evenly to all members of company.

We offer many fundraising opportunities throughout the year. If you choose not to do one, there are several other opportunities. 5% of your total profit goes into the general fund to cover the costs of running the fundraiser. If a dancer decides to leave the company, competition team or the dance studio, credit in that individual's account will be transferred to the company's general fund. The funds will remain in an individual's account for two company seasons after withdrawal from the company before we transfer the credit to the general fund. This fund stands open to benefit the company and to continue our outreach efforts. No exceptions can be made. Profits are credit only. No cash will ever change hands.

Fundraisers have proven to be very lucrative to those who choose this avenue. It does take effort on the part of both parents and students, but it can really help to defray costs.

**LAKE SHORE DANCE PERFORMANCE COMPANY APPLICATION
2010**

Be sure to fill out both the front and back of this application
DUE APRIL 15, 2010

Dancer's Name: _____

Dancer's Age: ____ Is the Dancer a New Company Member? _____

Which location will this dancer rehearse? Cedarburg or Saukville
Parents' Name: _____

Billing Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email Address:

All Company members are required to join the company group page. Find the link at www.lakeshoredance.com – click “dance with us”, then company, then the yahoo group link.

What level are you auditioning for? _____

What roles (principle/soloists hopefuls only) are you interested in?

Will you be auditioning for Premiere competition team? _____

(please be sure to hand in the competition team application with your company application.)

Please note if you will be participating in a candy bar fundraiser or cookbook fundraiser to waive your performance fee \$40.00

_____ Candy Bars: \$50.00/box. New! You do not need to prepay for your general fund candy bars. Your account will be billed for the bars and you can turn in the money by August 15. You may also sell extra boxes for your personal account: These boxes must be prepaid. Orders and prepayment of \$50.00 per box due by May 31.

of boxes for general fund: ____ # for personal: _____

(candy will be ordered on May 31. You will be contacted when the bars are in)

_____ Cookbooks: \$70.00 for 10 books to sell at \$7.00 apiece – paid by check in advance: (pick up your books by June 15).

Suggestions for future fundraisers? _____

Company policies and guidelines

- Dancers must be registered year-round for the minimum required classes, as outlined in this packet. Regular attendance is crucial to developing strength and artistry. Dancers may be pulled from the Performance Company without consistent attendance.
- Consistent attendance at all rehearsals is mandatory both in the summer and the fall.
- Dancers must participate in the summer company to perform with the company in the Nutcracker and to be considered for the Premiere Team.
- Dancers must perform in a minimum of three outreach events to participate in the Nutcracker.
- All accounts must be kept up to date, including privates, tuition, and company/competition, in order to remain in the performance group.
- Rehearsals most likely will be scheduled on Fridays and Saturdays in the Fall.

Parent's signature

By signing below, you acknowledge that you understand the policies and guidelines set forth and agree to comply if accepted into company, including the payment schedules. You acknowledge that all information is subject to change. Also by signing, you acknowledge that all dancers may not be accepted into company. You also agree that you will return all required paperwork on time if accepted into company and that if you decide not join, you will inform the studio of your decision on or before May 31, 2010. Company shirts will not be ordered for dancers who have not accepted their company membership by May 31, 2010

_____ **Date** _____

**Please provide a mobile phone number in the event that we can not find you after a performance .

*Dancers will be cast in the numbers as the directors see fit. Dancers may or may not be in all numbers.

*Junior Apprentices may be cast in one number only.

No payment is due with this application.

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| Company Use Only: Accepted: _____ Level: _____ Nutcracker Roles: _____ _____ |
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