

Information for Parents and Students considering joining YDE (YOUTH DANCE ENSEMBLE)

YDE is open to rising Ballet levels 2X, 3 and 3X

Auditions:	Friday, June 3rd at 6pm at the DDC studio
Practice time:	Fridays 6:00-8:00pm, the first hour is a class, the second hour is to work on current dances
Dues:	\$150 a year (first payment due July 15 th)
Tuition:	YDE is 2 additional class hours
Summer Workshop:	Week of August 1 st (8/1 thru 8/5)

Student expectations

Students sign a contract and are expected to be at all practices and performances. YDE is a full year commitment. Students are representatives of DDC and are expected to conduct themselves in an appropriate manner.

Parent expectations

Parents are expected to help with various events (3-4 per year) such as the YDE Showcase performance, fundraising, Nutcracker food tables sponsored by YDE, and backstage help at various events. Parents may also choose to get more involved and join YDE Board. Current members are:

- President: Christina Hornung
- Vice President: Melissa Reynolds
- Secretary: Ali Chase
- Treasurer: Stefanie Little
- Fundraising: Lisa Smith and Beth Seiler
- Costumes: Kari Littleton and Ana Hernandez
- Social: Krista Valla and Kary Littleton

Please let one of the members know if you might be interested in joining the board

Summer Workshop

YDE will have its own workshop to begin to work on new pieces for the coming year. Although it is not mandatory, it is strongly recommended that all YDE members attend this summer workshop. Please understand that dancers who do not attend will not be added to the dances learned so they will not perform in these dances throughout the year. They will only be placed in new dances learned throughout the school year.

Performances

YDE performs in 10-12 events a year. This list is an example of this past year's performances:

- Newark Community Days (September)
- Maryland Dance Festival (October)
- YDE Showcase (February)
- Delaware Dance Festival (February)
- DDC's Gala Performances (March)
- Spring Dance Celebration (April)
- Cystic Fibrosis Walk (May)
- DDC End of Year Concert (June)
- Open House Performance (August)

What are the benefits of being a member of the Youth Dance Ensemble?

The experience of performing helps to cultivate technique as well as artistry and is necessary for the growth of any serious dancer. Aside from the exciting performance experiences, dancers have a chance to feel they are part of a family of dancers. The experience gives younger dancers a chance to interact with older dancers and older dancers an opportunity to share their experience with new or younger members of the Youth Dance Ensemble. YDE members also have the unique opportunity to work with multiple teachers and choreographers

in ballet as well as modern, jazz, tap, and musical theatre dance. These experiences are invaluable in developing their skills and confidence.