

Atlanta Jazz Theatre Company Requirements

The Atlanta Jazz Theatre (AJT) is the performing company that comes directly out of Dan & Company Studios. We have had 45 fantastic years that have sent many of our dancers onto Broadway, LA, Disney World, touring shows around the world, and college scholarships around the country. We bring in many dance industry professionals from around the country to work with these dancers and expose them to the best training they can get. You are obviously here because you have shown a major interest in dance and would like to take your training to a much higher level. Here we can explain a little more about what is expected of our company members and what our year is like.

Our company consists of a Junior, Intermediate, Senior, and Pre Pro.

These placements are not necessarily determined by age, but ability level. Our panel of judges take many different things into consideration. They are professionals, and are not to have the final decisions questioned or challenged. Yes, we have to state this, for it happens every year. If your child was placed in a particular company, or not placed, it is for a reason and was a very well thought through decision by all judges unanimously. It was also based on an assessment of performance, and attendance throughout the year.

For all company members this year, there will be some new additions to our requirements for our companies.

- **Attending at least one full week of Summer Intensive. These dates are June 15-19 and June 22-26. All past company members know this already, so if you are brand new, we can discuss with you if there is a conflict.**
- **We will be attending at least one convention this year, along with competition, and it will be mandatory. We will be attending NYCDA, around mid April, and an option of another during the year.**
- **Dancers will be expected to be at ALL REHEARSALS, especially prior to Spring Concert and competition.**
- **Must attend ALL company required classes and abide by the NO MORE THAN 3 UNEXCUSED ABSENCES RULE. After 3 absences, students will be required to make up classes privately, and may possibly be withdrawn from company pieces or performances.**
- **This is a sample schedule from last year, which is being revised right now to expand the variety for the dancers. Official schedule will come out soon!**
- **Two hour and a half ballet classes at your placed level**
- **Company specific hour and a half Jazz Technique class**
- **One hour lyrical class**
- **An additional Acro class. (To aid in their flexibility and strength.)**
- **Attendance for "Company Week" in August- ALL COMPANIES**
- **Hip Hop for each level**

****Weekend rehearsals will be required, and more frequent before our Spring Concert time in March, and in September-October before Christmas festival times.**

Our Atlanta Jazz Theatre members will put their dance contract before all other extracurricular activities that conflict. Cheerleading, dance teams, and sports are generally in direct conflict and need to be discussed with us before signing any contract. The company is for the most dedicated and talented dance students, and are held to a very high standard in attitude, manners and discipline. As you know, this takes commitment on the dancer's end as well as the parent. The dancers and parents need to understand these rules and make the decision together to determine if they can uphold the contract they sign. We hope to see you as a part of our AJT 2015-2016 Season this year!