

# Jubilee Dance Company

## Dance Company Information

2019/20 School Year

### Jubilee

Jubilee means: *"A joyful time; a time or season of celebration!"* Jubilee Dance Company is an extension program of Dancing For Joy. It is time to dance for joy and to celebrate who we were created to be as we move together to worship our Maker.

### Our Mission Statement

The mission of **Dancing for Joy** is to provide quality dance instruction for every student while encouraging movements and motivations that glorify our Maker. Our goal is to create a positive learning environment for students of all ages and both genders, to develop a deeper appreciation for the performing arts, and to "praise His name with dancing..." Psalms 149:3

### Who We Are

The **Jubilee Dance Company** is made up of 4 groups of 5 to 15 dancers each; the Junior group, Intermediate group, Senior group, and Principal group. Each group participates in increased training in technique, performance, choreography, and professionalism in order to dance for others in the broader community. Together we reclaim and encourage dance as a venue for enriching our lives, blessing others, and praising God.

### Achieving That Mission

- We are non-competitive yet professional.
- Our focus is to reclaim the art of dance in the Pacific Northwest, WA, Whatcom county, and Bellingham for the glory of God.
- We provide a healthy and safe outlet for young dancers to expand strengths, work on weaknesses, and build confidence in a loving and encouraging environment.
- We encourage opportunities for technical excellence and personal growth that take us outside the studio walls and into the world we live in.
- We maintain a high standard of commitment to rehearsal and technique classes.
- We have team building times, devotions, and prayer times.
- We use choreography, music, and costumes that are appropriate.
- We place an emphasis on using dance as a way to serve God and others.
- We will divide company members up by age, style, ability levels, years in the company, and availability to foster growth through different dance experiences. Some members may be asked to participate with multiple groups throughout a school year or specific dances. We will also have understudies for different dance works. There will be at least one all company dance.
- Veteran company members have increased opportunity to choreograph, perform, be team leaders, judges, camp counselors, and have solos etc...

## Requirements of a Company Member

1. **Must be enrolled in at least 3 dance classes @ DFJ (Sept-June), one of which must be a ballet class, and one of which must be a CATS class. Must also take 3 or more classes per week during the summer drop-in program (one must be a ballet class) (June-Aug), you are excused when you are out of town or the week during one of our summer intensives if you are enrolled in the intensive.** We recommend that company dancers take as many classes as possible to progress in their dance technique, which continually increases their chances of moving up through the program.

**Summer Rates:**      **10 Class Card - \$100**  
                                 **5 Class Card - \$70**  
                                 **Unlimited Summer Classes per student (\$375 - 10 weeks)**

2. **Dancers are expected to be fully active members of all their classes and perform with ALL their classes for the spring show.**  
Additional performance fees will apply (\$85 per enrolled class, but may vary depending on performance days, shared costumes, etc. (non-participation in classes may result in being re-evaluated as a Company Member)
3. **Full payment of Company annual fee of \$375 & Company uniform fee of \$125 due upon acceptance. Late after Aug. 1.**  
- A late fee of \$50 will be issued automatically on your account at that time. All dance company member accounts for DFJ are required to keep a current credit card on file with us, and account balances be kept current – no exceptions. Overdue balances may result in not being able to perform or participate.  
- There will not be any other costume fees associated with the dance company for the Christmas or June performances. (Spring show fees will apply according to student's individual class schedule.)
4. **Attend Dance Co. Retreat (required participation): August 4th - 7th**  
**Cost - \$150 (Due by August 1st)**  
**More details to come!**
5. **Attend weekly rehearsals on Wednesday's**  
6:00 - 6:45 -Warm UP/Snack/Devotion - Principal/Senior & Intermediate/Junior Devotions will be separate each week, except for the 1st of the month where we will be combined for Worship.  
6:45 - 8:45 JUBILEE REHEARSAL  
\*Rehearsal times are subject to change.  
\*Additional rehearsals may be called or cancelled at any time.
6. **All company members must audition for all DFJ & Company dance pieces. Nativity Auditions will be held at our summer company retreat. Nativity Audition Casting will be posted via facebook, e-mail, and at the studio AFTER the retreat.**
7. **Participate in Dance Company Performances around the community.**  
Please expect on average of once a month, but may be more or less due to scheduling and events. The Company plans on performing at nursing homes, at the Ferry Terminal, Christmas Show, March Benefit Showcase, Ski to Sea Grand Parade, and June Show. Other performances may be possible.

## Eligibility Policy

Dancers must be age 12 by Sept. 1 of the tryout session. A written appeal may be submitted if student's birthday is after Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, but before Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, **and** the student has shown readiness in dance and attitude to be considered for an early tryout.

DFJ Directors reserve the right to reconsider a dancer's eligibility for Jubilee Dance Company at any time, but especially for the following reasons:

- If they are unable to come on the DFJ Company Retreat at the beginning of the season,
- A dancer's attitude does not reflect respect towards others, or has a spirit of apathy.
- A dancer has multiple unexcused absences or their account is 90+ days past due.
- A dancer violates the required 'code of conduct' form in which they have signed.

*\*DFJ also reserves the right to add members, or switch dancers to other company groups at any time and for any reason.*

## Audition Day

1. Must be 12 years old as of Sept. 1, 2019.

**Proper Audition Attire: Ladies - Pink tights, Black Leo, Ballet shoes, & Hair in a bun**

**Men - Black tights, black tank, ballet shoes**

2. Come to the office to receive an audition number, make sure you have turned in your audition form, and then begin warming up in an open studio (we recommend arriving 15-25 minutes early).
3. Teachers will teach audition groups several combinations, ranging in style, and then dancers will perform in groups of varying sizes.
4. There will be a panel of judges. Judges critique stage presence, technique, teachability, focus, effort, attitude, willingness, and memorization of steps.
5. Dancers will be brought back for individual or group interviews after the dance portion of the audition.
6. Results will be posted by audition number on our website by 3pm the day after the auditions. Invitations to join a specific company group will be sent out via email. Please respond within 48 hours if you will be accepting the invitation. For those who do not make the company we will send out an email of what the dancer needs to work on for the following year in order to be considered in the future.

\*There are many variables that go into dancer placement (ie. age, number of dancers that try-out, past trainability, attitude, technique, emotional capacity, confidence, fluidity, group cohesiveness, group dynamics, group size, strength, work ethic, leadership, dedication, experience, class levels they are currently in, past attendance and participation. Also, similarly to our class program, dancers may enter a group or class at the bottom of a group or level ability wise, and then the following year be one of the top dancers in that same group or class; both are essential for training and building confidence. We ask that you please respect our placement decisions for your dancer's development in the upcoming school year. We strive to push every dancer to be the best dancer and person that they can be. Please do not come into the audition expecting placement on a specific group, or with specific people.

## **Auditions for the 2019/20 School Year**

Wed. June 19th at DFJ B'ham

6-7pm - High School Audition (going into grades 9-12)

7:30-8:30pm - Middle School Audition (going into grades 7 and 8)

- Please fill out your audition form and turn it into the office any time prior to the audition.
- If you are unable to make the audition, a video audition will be accepted if received before the audition date. Please see the office for video audition criteria.
- Principal Company members are not required to audition, but must let us know if they are going to continue on Jubilee prior to the audition date. Jr-Sr company members must audition in order to continue on Jubilee.

## **Company Staff**

Executive Director- Kurt Vander Griend

Artistic/Jubilee Director - Maluhia Vander Griend

Jubilee Leaders (Jubileaders) - Sarah Lewis, Amanda Schroer, Allie Carlson, Taylor Lindhout