

## **Ashley Grimes Dance Collective Auditions**

So proud to say we will now be entering our sixth season together as a very experienced collective and dance family. We have earned many high achievements as a team and have been creating memories to last forever. The Director Ashley Grimes has been training competitive dancers and investing her time into the Tampa Bay Area dance community for 20 years; for many years as a Team Director as well as a successful freelance choreographer and now a successful studio owner. This journey brought her to establish the Ashley Grimes Dance Collective as she has a strong vision, direction, and passion for her craft, her dancers and the future excellence of the studio. Our team of excellent teachers and choreographers and our incredibly hard working and talented dancers have achieved very high accolades at competitions often winning first overall and choreography awards, and studio awards. We are Looking forward to an exciting and rewarding sixth season together! AGDco. LETSGOOOOOO!

**Competition Team Guidelines** - Team Regional Competitions are February - May, The nationals competition is in June or the beginning of July. Optional Competitions/Conventions are allowed as long as group rehearsal requirements are met and the dancer is registered through the studio. All rehearsals will be scheduled ahead of time on specified Saturdays and during a weekly Team Technique class.

**Audition Date : Saturday, 6/06/26 (Returning & New Collective Dancers) Dancers will be split by age and level at each audition.**

**All Auditions are by age the day of. If a younger dancer is encouraged to join an older audition this will be by invite only.**

**Prospective and Returning Mini Nuggets Ages 4-7 will be invited or re-invited on to the team, if returning we will let you know when they will need to begin auditioning.**

**9:00-11:00 AM — Ages 7 & 8**

**11:30-2:30PM - Ages 9 & Up During this audition there will be a small break so please bring water and a snack.**

Audition Fee: \$20.00 per dancer Venmo @AGDco. Or Cash is Accepted.

If auditioning please pre register with the studio by emailing [AshleyGrimesDanceCollective@gmail.com](mailto:AshleyGrimesDanceCollective@gmail.com). An audition form will be sent to your email. You can also download it on the website. Please send this back with an attached headshot ( This Doesn't need to be professional). Walk in dancers are welcome as well.

All dancers will execute ballet technique, turns and leaps, and learn a Contemporary combination to perform. They will perform in small audition groups and improv at the end of the combination. Acrobatics skills are welcomed and encouraged to be showcased at the end of the audition.

### **Dress Attire For Auditions:**

Black dance attire, Hair pulled back off the face in a bun, and light stage makeup.

Shoes - Ballet shoes. Twylas, barefoot, plain black dance socks available for the contemporary routine depending on choreographers request.

### **Fall Weekly Class Requirements for different Levels**

**Mini Nugget Co.**- 1.75 or more hours per week, Includes a rehearsal class and one dance class. This is an introductory team for ages 3-7. It is designed to give your tiny dancers a chance to shine on the stage and develop their love of dance at an introductory pace. These dancers perform in two group routines with an option for a solo/duet/trio if more experienced. No summer Requirements.

**Petite Diamond Co.** - 2.75 -7 hours or more per week. 1 ballet, 1 Technique class, and Rehearsal class are required. This level is for dancers ages 7-10 who are eager to gain more performance experience and weekly training hours to perfect their craft. These dancers can be cast in up to three mandatory group routines with the option of multiple solos and a duet or trio. Summer Intensive is Required.

**Onyx Apprentice Co.**- 2.75 -6 Hours or more per week. 1 Ballet, 1 Technique Class, Rehearsal class are required. This level is for any dancer ages 9 and older. The Onyx level is designed for the dancer just beginning to pursue their love of competitive dance. They will train in the fundamental core dance classes and gain stage experience, confidence, and further their love for dance. These dancers perform in two plus groups with the option of doing multiple solos and a duet/trio. Summer Intensive is Required.

**Emerald Apprentice Co.**- 6+ hours or more per week. 1 Ballet, Jazz/Contemporary, Tap, Acrobatics, Hip Hop, Technique and Rehearsal class required. Pre Pointe or Pointe Optional and when ready. This level is for any dancer typically ages 9 and older. The Emerald dancer is a highly committed competitive dancer. They are fine tuning their technique and focused on achieving excellence with their stage performances. These dancers perform in three plus groups with the option of multiple Solos and a Duet/Trio. Summer Intensive Required.

**Elite Diamond Co.** 8 hours or more per week. 2 Ballet, Jazz/Contemporary, Deep Stretch & Condition, Tap, Acrobatics, Hip Hop, and Rehearsal class required. Pre Pointe or Pointe Optional but encouraged. This level is for any dancer typically ages 9 and older. The Elite Diamond dancer is highly committed and experienced on stage. Working towards perfecting artistry of dance and movement using highly developed technique. These dancers perform in four plus groups with the option of multiple Solos and a Duet/Trio. This dancer competes at the highest level. Summer Intensive Required.

### **What is the Cost for the AGDco. Competition Team?**

\*Mini Nugget Co. Team fee is \$225.00 for the season

\*Petite Diamond Co. Team fee is \$315.00 for the season

\*There will be a fee of \$390.00 Team Fee for the season for all other collective members

\*All AGDco. members must attend the MANDATORY "The AGDco. Summer Intensive". The Intensive is July 27th- July 20th and includes excellent training and master classes. The cost of this is \$285.00 for Onyx- Elite Diamond and \$160 For Petite Diamond. Mini Nuggets or dancers that are ages 5 and older with experience are welcome to sign up for this intensive also to gain extra knowledge and experience.

\*ALL AGDco. Members Must attend the MANDATORY "AGDco. Ballet Intensive" The Intensive is July 31st and August 1st and includes excellent training and master classes. The cost of the is \$140.00 for Onyx- Emerald and \$115.00 for Petite Diamond. Mini Nuggets or dancers that are ages 5 and older with experience are welcome to sign up for this intensive also to gain extra knowledge and experience.

\*AGDco. dancers are highly encouraged to take the July summer classes. We also have a mandatory August "Choreography Intensive" for the dancers to learn their routines. This date is August 10th -13th in the evening. The Group Choreography fee per season is \$270.00 for Mini Nugget - Elite Diamond. Exact dates and times to learn the dances will be sent out closer to that week once the cast list goes out end of July.

\*If you allow your dancer to be in more than 4 group routines, there will be a charge of \$50.00 per additional dance to cover the cost of choreography.

\*Competitions charge about \$55.00-\$75.00 per group dance each time it competes, solos and duets are more but optional.

\*The Registration fee per competition is \$10 (Not per dance). The Registration fee for convention as well as additional solo competitions is \$10 per convention/competition (Not per routine). This cost covers registration time and staffing for Administration.

\*Costume fees per dance range from \$100.00-\$200.00 (unless it's custom, but this is usually for solos only).

\* A \$125.00 Team Jacket is required,

\* Yearly Parent committee fee of \$50.00 to help towards team events and the banquet.

#### **Optional Fees:**

A Solo/Duet/Trio chart will be emailed with the dancer's selected style & choreographer in July, you will have the opportunity to let us know how many solos and duet/trios you would like and the preferred style you'd want to dance on the audition form ! The choreographers will take this into consideration as well as provide their own suggestions. After this you can contact the choreographer to set up rehearsal times.

\*Solos cost \$350.00 Choreography Fee . This includes one hour of rehearsal. The routine will be finished in private lessons at the private lesson rate of \$70/hr.

\*Duets cost \$175.00 per dancer Choreography Fee and for Trios \$117 per dancer for a trio. This includes one hour of rehearsal .The routine will be finished in private lessons at the private lesson rate. All rehearsal privates for routine are split by 2 or 3 depending on being a duet or trio.

\*Private lesson fees \$70.00 per hour, \$52.50 Per 45 minutes , \$35.00 for 30 minutes , \$17.50 for 15 Minutes.

\*Combined lessons are available - 2 dancers is \$35.00 per person for an hour.

#### **Time Commitment:**

All collective members must attend their Team weekly technique and rehearsal class along with the scheduled Saturday practices. A maximum of 3 excused absences though out the season are available for you to plan and use!

#### **Team Commitment:**

Ashley Grimes Dance Collective members are EXCLUSIVE to AGDco. We strive for a cohesive collective that trains together in order to achieve the highest results. The training and choreography is top notch training thats is respected at competitions. Many opportunities are provided for diverse training at the studio, intensives, and at conventions .

**Competition Locations:** All teams will attend five competitions , Elite Diamond will also attend one Mandatory Convention.

Video Submissions and circumstantial Private auditions are allowed . Please email to inquire.

**Good luck at the audition dancers!**

**Please email [AshleyGrimesDanceCollective@gmail.com](mailto:AshleyGrimesDanceCollective@gmail.com) with any further questions!**