Ashley Grimes Dance Collective Auditions

So proud to say we will now be entering our fourth 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. Her choreography has achieved very high accolades at competitions through out the United States often times winning first overall and choreography awards. This journey has 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. We are Looking forward to an exciting and rewarding second season together! AGDco. LETSGOOOOOO!

<u>Competition Team Guidelines</u> - 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.

Date: Saturday, 6/15 (Returning & New Collective Dancers)

12:30-2:30PM - 7 & Up Petite Diamond, Onyx, Emerald, And Elite Diamond Co.

Audition Fee: \$15.00 per dancer. Cash. Venmo @AGDco. Cash Ap @AGDco. Check "AGD co".

If auditioning please pre register with the studio by emailing <u>AshleyGrimesDanceCollective@gmail.com</u>. 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, black socks available for the contemporary routine depending on choreographers request.

Fall Weekly Class Requirements and Levels Mini Co- AGD co. Pre Professional Program

<u>Mini Nugget Co.</u>- 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 to three group routines with an option for a solo/duet/trio if more experienced.

<u>Petite Diamond Co.</u> - 2.75 -7 hours or more per week. 1 ballet, 1 Technique class, and Rehearsal class are required. This level is for dancers ages 7-9 who are eager to gain more performance experience and weekly training hours to perfect their craft. These dancers perform in two plus groups with the option of multiple solos and duet trio.

Onyx Apprentice Co.- 2.75 -6 Hours or more per week. 1 Ballet/ Pointe, 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.

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. This level is for any dancer ages 7 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.

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 ages 7 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.

What is the Cost for the AGDco. Competition Team?

*Mini Nugget Co. Team fee is \$200.00 for the season

*Petite Diamond Co. Team fee is \$275.00 for the season

*There will be a fee of \$350.00 Team Fee for the season for all other collective members

*All AGDco. members must attend the MANDATORY "AGDco. The Collective Summer Intensive". This does not include Mini Nuggets. The Intensive is July 29th- August 1st.and includes excellent training and master classes. The cost of this is \$275.00 for Onyx- Elite Diamond and \$150 For Petite Diamond. Mini Nuggets or dancers that are ages 6 and 7 are welcome to sign up for this intensive also to gain extra knowledge and experience. All 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 will be announced once you receive an acceptance email. The Group Choreography fee per season is \$250.00 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 \$75.00-\$150.00 (unless it's custom, but this is usually for solos only).

* A \$125.00 Team Jacket is required, Prop fees for transportation may occur if your dancer is in a routine with a prop, and a Yearly Parent committee fee of \$50.00 to help towards team events and the banquet.

Optional Fees:

A solo chart will be emailed with the dancer's selected style & choreographer at the beginning of 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! 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.

*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, \$35.00 for 30 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 <u>AshleyGrimesDanceCollective@gmail.com</u> with any further questions!