

**2022-2023**  
***Dance Company***  
***Information and Application***



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Thank you for your interest in ELevate Dance's Artists in Motion (AIM) Company.

At Elevate Dance, we promote the competition experience as a fantastic opportunity for the growth and development of the dancer. Our focus is not solely on winning top awards, but also learning valuable life lessons. Artists In Motion Company members will learn technique, discipline, sportsmanship, goal-setting and accountability. All of these translate directly into other aspects of their lives, supplying wonderful life lessons. The other bonus to being in Artists in Motion Company is that our Artists get additional performance opportunities which fosters confidence and personal growth of performance skills.

Being a part of Artists In Motion Company is a wonderful chance to meet new friends. Competition memories are some of the best memories! From rehearsals, to spending time together traveling or simply hanging out in the dressing room, the audience or onstage; the friendships made on the competition team are truly priceless.

While being a member of Artists In Motion Company requires a higher level of commitment from both the dancer and the parents, the benefits are worth it. This packet has been put together to outline the basic expectations of AIM dancers and their families in order to make informed decisions about auditioning for the Company. Your ELevate Dance Staff strives to make this experience positive and rewarding for all families. We are looking forward to an incredible and exciting dance season!

Thank you,

Ms. Lisa Stay and the rest of the AIM teaching staff

## **Qualifications and Requirements**

The Artist in Motion (AIM) Dance Company is open to all dancers ages 4.5 to 19. All dancers ages 4.5-9 years old must have a minimum of (1) one year of formal dance training to be considered for placement. All dancers 10 and older must have a minimum of (3) three years of formal dance training to be considered for placement.

**All AIM dancers are required to take at least one (1) studio ballet class a week.** Tap/Hip Hop AIM members are not required to take ballet.

All AIM dancers are required to take a studio class that corresponds with the company dance in which they are placed. For example, if you are placed in Ms. Andi's Tap company you must take a tap class.

1. You do not have to be in a team dance to have a solo. Solos will still have to audition on the scheduled days to be evaluated. Not everyone who would like a solo will get a solo slot. Solos will be chosen based on what choreographers see during the audition process.
2. This year we will have two companies, these levels are based on ages. Blue Company will be the Mini and Petite levels. Silver Company will be the Juniors- Senior levels.

### **Blue Company**

- Mini age groups
- All practices are ½ hour long
- Will participate in all AIM Fundraisers
- Will participate in AIM Team Bondings
- Will be required to purchase AIM Company Jacket
- Will participate in a service project chosen by instructors for our community
- Will receive a 5% discount on all studio dance classes
- Will compete at 3 Local Regional Large Venue Competitions of the studio's choice

### **Silver Company**

- Solo/Duo/Trio/ Small Group/Large Groups/Production Number
- All Solo/Duo/Trio practices are ½ hour long
- All Small Group/Large Group practices are 45 minutes long
- Will participate in all AIM Fundraiser
- Will participate in AIM Team Bondings
- Will participate in a service project chosen by instructors for our community.
- Will be required to purchase AIM Company Jacket
- Will receive a 10% discount on all studio dance classes
- Will compete at 4 Regional Competition of the studios choice and a Nationals competition.

## **Placements and Auditions**

AIM Company Members ages 4.5 - 8 years old do not need to attend an audition. You will be placed in a company based on your performance in current studio classes and the requests on the AIM Company Applications.

AIM Company Members ages 9 and up will be placed in a company/solo/duet/trio based on a live audition. Dancers should arrive before the audition to warm up for the discipline for which they are auditioning. Dancers will be asked to display their right and left splits. A few across the floor combinations will be taught for dancers to show off basic skills: leaps, turns, kicks. After the skill drills have been completed, the AIM Company Staff will teach a combination. Dancers will perform in several different groups, multiple times.

Many factors are considered when selecting dancers for the AIM Dance Company (i.e. technical skills, stage presence, performance quality, ability to pick up choreography, attitude, class attendance, etc.)

### **Audition Dress Code:**

**Girls:** Black only - leotard, shorts, leggings, sports bra, jazz shoes, tap shoes, ballet shoes, indoor gym shoes, hair pulled back in a low pony.

**Boys:** Black only - dance pants, fitted shirt, jazz shoes, tap shoes, ballet shoes, indoor gym shoes. No jeans, baggy pants, tshirts, or oversized clothes.

## **Season 2022-23 Rehearsal Times**

All practices will be scheduled after the auditions are done. As soon as schedules are complete we will email them out to you.

## **Performances**

What competitions we compete in will depend on the 2023 schedules and locations. This will be known in August 2023.

## **Attendance**

Attending classes and rehearsals consistently is the key to building a successful cohesive Company. We understand families have other commitments outside of ELevate Dance, however, it is our hope that every effort is made to attend every class. Our only mandatory attendance requirements are the classes prior to any performance or competition. Excessive absences and tardiness will not be tolerated and may result in removal from the company.

## **2022-2023 AIM Company Class Pricing\***

AIM class Pricing:

30 minute AIM class = \$45 per month

45 minute AIM class = \$55 per month

Trio = \$45 per month

Duo = \$50 per month

Solo = \$60 per month

**Competition Fees:** The fees are charged per dancer, per dance for each competition. Each competition Company sets the prices and we at ELevate Dance have no control over this expense. We will start billing out competition fees in September so we do not have fees in the months of recital costumes and winter holidays.

**Jewelry and Makeup Kit:** The makeup kit will be ordered through an outside vendor, jewelry will be given to you and billed on ELD account.

### **Shoes and Tights:**

Competition shoes and tights are also brand and color specific and will be required to be ordered through A Dancer's Closet or Discount Dance. Once costumes have been purchased style and color will be assigned

**Costume Fee:** Each competition season we do our best to reuse previous competition costumes, recital costumes, or donated costumes to the studio. If we cannot find a reused costume we will do our best to find one on clearance or purchase costume pieces from a local store. The average new costume fee is between \$50-\$85 per costume.

**Choreography Fee:** This fee goes towards the use of choreography for all competitions, and additional performances during the 2022-23 season. This fee will be billed to your account collected on October 1st.

Small/Large Groups: \$25 per group

Production Number \$25

Trios/Duets- \$50 per routine

Solo-\$100 per routine

### **Team Bonding**

We love for our teams to get together and bond during the year. We will be doing two - three team bonding activities for our dancers at the studio between August and June.

### **Fundraiser & Service Project**

AIM members will have a Fundraiser and a Community Service Project. This could range from collecting items for a shelter, working at Feed My Starving Children, making care packages for seniors, selling items, etc..

*Artists In Motion*  
**2022-23 Company Application**

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Age as of October 1st: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Applicant Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Email: \_\_\_\_\_

*Please return this page and proceeding pages to ELD by June 15th*

## **AIM Requests for the 2022-23 Season**

We have opportunities for larger group dances as well as solos, duos and trios. Take a moment to discuss with your dancer and decide how many total dances your family can take on financially and schedule-wise. Please note that indicating a maximum number does not guarantee that your dancer will be placed in maximum number just that when we are creating the groups/solos/duos/trios we will not exceed the number you have indicated. Please circle your choices below.

I would like to be considered for the following dance styles. (circle as many as you would like)

**Ballet                      Pointe                      Jazz                      Lyrical                      Tap                      Musical Theater**  
**Contemporary                      Hip Hop                      Production Number**

The **maximum** number of dances in which I would be interested in participating would be-

**1      2      3      4      5      6      7      8      9      10      Unlimited**

\*This number counts all group dances/solo/duo/trio/production number

**Trio**

If selected, I would be interested in participating in a trio Yes    or    No

**Duo**

If selected, I would be interested in participating in a duet Yes    or    No

**Solo**

If selected, I would be interested in participating in a solo(s) Yes    or    No

**Production Number**

If selected, I would be interested in participating  
in the production number Yes    or    No

Do you have any special requests? While they cannot all be done we would be happy to hear if you have a request for a specific style for a team or what other members would you like to dance with for a solo/duo/trio.

**Acknowledgement of AIM Information**

**Parent Initial**

**Dancer Initial**

- Your Artist is a minimum of 5 years old  
By October 1, 2022.
- Your Artist has a minimum of (1) one year  
of formal dance training.
- Your Artist over the age of 10 years old  
has a minimum of (3) three years of  
formal dance training.
- If placed in the AIM Company,  
my Artist will take a corresponding  
studio class for technique and required  
Ballet class.
- We will purchase and use the required  
make up, tights, jewelry & shoes, by  
the first competition
- We will pay all costume fees by the due  
date or a late fee will incur.
- I understand that payments  
for competitions are non-refundable.
- I understand that there will be an  
additional meeting after auditions that  
will go over a more detailed handbook.
- The week before competition  
is mandatory and attendance is required.

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**Agreements and Understandings (must be completed to be eligible)**

Parent and Dancer

Both I, \_\_\_\_\_ and my child, \_\_\_\_\_  
Parent Name (Printed) Applicants Name (Printed)

have filled out this application together with the understanding that there is no guarantee of placement on Artists in Motion Dance Company. We further acknowledge that everything we have selected below is a request and may not all be met for the 2022/2023 season.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

Dancer Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent Only**

As the responsible party for the dancer listed above, I understand that Artists in Motion Dance Company is a financial commitment as well as a time commitment. My child and I understand that should payments not be met and/or company rules not followed, this is grounds for immediate removal of my child from the Artists in Motion Dance Company.

I further acknowledge that my child will be committed to all the teams to which they are selected and once lists are released, will participate in all teams on which they have been placed. In order to ensure this, I have reviewed this application and know that we are able to commit to everything requested below in both time and finances should my child be selected.

Parent Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

**Keep pages 1 - 5 for your records**  
**Return pages 6 - 8 as your official application**