

## Introducing EliseMay Danceworks' very own PERFORMANCE TEAM!

Coming in January 2017, EMD is very excited to be able to offer our students the opportunity to join our Performance Team! This team will meet for one lesson per week, during which we will work on developing the skills and qualities required to become excellent performers, including stamina, strength and flexibility. Members of the team will learn choreography to create pieces that will then have the opportunity to be performed at local friendly competitions, festivals and events. Such choreography can range from lyrical, street, ballet, jazz and much more! Emphasis will be strongly on team work, as dancers learn about what it takes to work as part of a team.

In addition to this, these lessons will also involve learning the IDTA Theatre Craft syllabus. Theatre Craft is a form of dance which focuses on technique and style, ranging from jazz, to Charleston, lyrical to commercial. This is a really fun syllabus to learn, however it will also help the dancers develop their ability to adapt to various different styles of choreography.

Children from age 6 are welcome to join our performance team. The only requirement is that they must take part in at least one other lesson here at EMD.

As this is a team, there is a certain level of commitment that is required from all students who wish to become a part of it. If your child is interested in joining, please read below for further details on what will be required from you and your child. You will be required to agree to the below before your child is able to firmly join the team.

## **Performance Team Agreement**

- Students will attend one lesson per week every Saturday during term time.
  Obviously I understand that sometimes this isn't always possible, however every effort must be made to attend this class every week.
- 2. Nearer to scheduled performances, extra rehearsals may be required. It is important that all dancers are able to attend these extra rehearsals, unless prior notice has been given for any known absence.
- 3. For any performance that the team may take part in, be aware that there is likely to be extra costs involved. This may include costume fees, event entry fees and travel costs. Every effort will be made to ensure that the events we select to take part in are as affordable as possible, and as local as possible, however some performance opportunities may require us to travel further afield, however this will never be anything extreme. Performances will never be during school hours.
- 4. You will be made aware of any upcoming performance as soon as possible and given plenty of notice. If you are not able to take part in a performance, please make me aware immediately so that routines and choreography can be adjusted suitably.

Once you have committed to a performance, it is expected that you will take part, unless there is a special circumstance as to why you may need to withdraw from the event at a later date.

- 5. Repeated absence may result in your child being removed from the team.
- 6. Your child is required to take part in at least one other class at EMD to be able to be part of our team.
- 7. As I am sure you can understand, there is a certain level of commitment that is required to be a part of a team. If you wish for your child to join our performance team, please sign below to signify your commitment to the team before you join.

We have read and understood the above information regarding joining EMD's performance team. I confirm that my child would like to be a member of this team.
Child's name
Parents/guardians signature
Date

I am extremely excited to be able to offer this opportunity to EMD students. Emphasis is on fun, team work, building strong friendships and of course creating pieces of dance to be very proud of. I do hope that you would like to join our team, however if you have any queries at all, please do not hesitate to speak with me at any time.

Elise x