

NANCY CHIPPENDALE'S DANCE STUDIOS

SOLO, DUO, TRIO PROGRAM OVERVIEW

INTRODUCTION

Welcome to the Solo, Duo, Trio Program (SDT) of the Nancy Chippendale Competition Team. Being a part of this program means that you have been selected to perform a solo, duo and/or trio for the upcoming Competition Season. You will be performing this additional choreography at each regional competition and at Nationals with the Nancy Chippendale Competition Team. Solos, duos and trios do NOT perform in our annual recital. Members of the SDT Program are strongly encouraged to attend NYCDA Convention December 6-8, 2024 in Boston, MA. (Reference 24/25 CHIPPS Convention Info for details).



SDT CHOREOGRAPHY

All Solo, Duo, Trio Choreography sessions are scheduled to take place in addition to regularly scheduled classes as private or semi-private appointments with your choreographer. Dancers will have three (3) hours worth of rehearsals to learn the choreography. All choreography is to be completed in a timely fashion or dancers will risk forfeiting the opportunity to have a solo, duo or trio. Once the choreography is finished it is the dancer's responsibility to rehearse at home or during "Open Studio Time". Participation in a solo, duo or trio is a huge privilege and is the first privilege to be taken away if grades are slipping, attendance is poor or scheduling is a problem. Dancers are expected to be responsible, dedicated and hard working.

Choreographers will be contacting dancers to schedule the three (3) hours of appointments (the placeholder on your emailed class schedule is NOT your actual rehearsal time). You will find out your choreographer and dance style at that time. Please bring a device to video your choreography at the end of each rehearsal, but refrain from sharing these videos publicly. Note: Any rehearsal changes must be made 24 hours prior to the appointment time. Failure to make your choreographer aware of your intended absence will result in a charge of \$30 and is subject to termination of this additional opportunity.

*All choreography is owned solely by the choreographer and Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studios and cannot be used under any name other than Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studios without permission.

REHEARSAL SPACE & TIME

"Open Studio Time" is available but extremely limited. The studio will communicate all available practice space as soon as possible. Please do not ask the staff to run your dance at any other time. The only appropriate time to rehearse is during the allotted times in the assigned studios. *Suggestion: Practice doing the steps and their sequences at home. When you are in the studio you should be practicing like you are on stage, rehearsing spacing, traveling and performing. Parents are not permitted in the studios during Open Studio Time and should not be rehearsing their own children. Soloists must be disciplined enough to rehearse themselves and duo/trio partners must learn to work together for a common goal. This is part of the learning experience and parents are encouraged to let the dancers take the lead.



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SDT COSTUMES

Solo, duo, trio costumes should be custom and professional in appearance. The costume helps portray the theme of the dance in its entirety. Your choreographer will design the costume and order necessary pieces. It is the responsibility of the dancer and parent to put the costume together. Any costumes or accessories bought or ordered by the studio must be paid for in full before pick up. Dancers must wear whatever costume the choreographer selects. The choreographer has final say on all costumes.

SDT TEAM DUES, CHOREOGRAPHY, TUITION & ENTRY FEES

PAYMENT/FEES QUICK LOOK

The costs associated with a solo, duo and/or trio add up quickly. Choreography fees, SDT Team Dues, costume prices, competition entry fees and private lessons range between \$1000-\$3000+ / season. Please make your participation decisions accordingly.

SDT TEAM DUES

Your annual Solo/Duo/Trio Team Dues of \$50 will be charged to your credit card on file in August. Dancers who have multiple solos, duos and/or trios will only pay \$50 SDT Team Dues once (not for each dance).

CHOREOGRAPHY FEE / TUITION

Choreography tuition is due on the first day of rehearsal and is payable via Venmo, cash or check directly to your choreographer. Choreography will not begin without payment.

Solo Tuition: \$400-600+ / dancer (To be communicated prior to start).

Duo Tuition: \$200 / dancer

Trio Tuition: \$135 / dancer

Any additional required rehearsals will be at a fee of \$30 / 30 minutes.

SDT ENTRY FEES

Please reference the 24/25 Competition Team Tour Schedule, (available in Fall 2024) for more details regarding 24/25 SDT entry fee amounts and autopay dates.

NYCDA CONVENTION FEE*

*Strongly encouraged

Please reference the 24/25 Competition Team Tour Schedule, (available in Fall 2024), on the COMP TEAM TOOLBOX page of our website, for more details regarding NYCDA Convention and Registration Info. The convention price is approximately \$315 / dancer and includes a weekend of classes with guest teachers from around the country.

SDT CODE OF ETHICS

We are ONE team at Nancy Chippendale's Dance Studios. Understand that competing with a solo, duo, trio will put you in the same category as some of your teammates at competitions. But always remember that CHIPPS compete WITH one another, not against each other. Results will vary from competition to competition and CHIPPS always cheer each other on. If at any point this experience fails to be used or seen as a positive growth and team-building opportunity -- by dancers and/or parents -- we reserve the right to remove any dancer(s) from the solo, duo, trio program.



AWESOME, NOW WHAT?

Don't forget to submit your 24/25 Extra Choreography Consent Form by August 25th!