

Ace Ensemble 2024-2025

The Ensemble Program is designed to give students additional dance training and performance opportunities throughout the year. We are a loving and supportive community of dancers, parents, and Ace faculty. Dancers cast into the Ensemble are required to take multiple classes during the week and attend weekly rehearsals to bring their dance training to the next level. Ensemble performers also represent Ace Dance Academy as positive role models throughout the community. Placement and casting into the Ensemble is by audition only and at the discretion of the directors.

The Ace Ensemble includes our thriving Solo/Duo/Trio Program. Please see audition requirements below. We are thrilled to continue with a fun-filled Ensemble Program!

<p style="text-align: center;">AUDITIONS Friday, May 10th at Ace</p> <p style="text-align: center;">4:00-5:20p Ensemble Audition A: Levels White, Red, Yellow</p> <p style="text-align: center;">5:30-6:50p Ensemble Audition B: Levels Teal+</p> <p style="text-align: center;">7:00-7:45p Solo/Duo/Trio & Self-Choreographed Solo Audition</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Audition based on your highest level of ballet, contemporary, or jazz class during the 23-24 school year.</p>
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Requirements to Audition for Ensemble:

- 7 years old by September 1, 2024
- At least 1 year of dance training

Requirements to Audition for Solo/Duo/Trio Program:

- 9 years old by September 1, 2024
- At least 1 year participating with the Ensemble
- Attendance at all mandatory performances in previous year

Requirements to Audition for Self-Choreographed Solo:

- 13 years old by September 1, 2024
- At least 1 year participating with the Solo/Duo/Trio Program
- Attendance at all mandatory performances in previous year

To Audition:

- Wear a leotard and tights or form fitting dance top and pants, bring all dance shoes
- Wear hair secured back neatly, have a professional appearance
- Select dancers in the 4:00p Audition may be asked to stay for the 5:30p Audition
- Dancers who wish to attend the Solo/Duo/Trio & Self-Choreographed Solo/Duo Audition must attend either the 4:00p or 5:30p Audition

To Register for the Audition:

Login to your customer portal and enroll in the appropriate audition(s) by **Wednesday, May 1st:**

1. 24-25 Ensemble Audition A (Levels White, Red, Yellow)
2. 24-25 Ensemble Audition B (Levels Teal+)
3. 24-25 Solo/Duo/Trio & Self-Choreographed Solo/Duo Audition

Important Dates:

May 1 st	Deadline to enroll in Auditions
May 10 th	Auditions
May 15 th	Casting & Level Placement Emailed
May 17 th	Ensemble Meeting, 6:00-6:40p over ZOOM-Mandatory for new Ensemble dancers and parents; highly recommended for returners
May 23 rd	Ensemble Contracts due by 7:00p

Summer Requirements:

- 30 hours of dance. May consist of a combination of camps and intensives.
- Ensemble Camp Week (**mandatory**): Mon-Fri July 29-August 2 (9:30a-4:30p)
Required for all Ensemble members. Rehearsals will be assigned accordingly; dancers will not be called the entire time. Cost ranges from \$310-\$350 depending upon casting.

Families unable to meet the summer requirements must submit an amendment outlining their plan to meet summer requirements. Summer Amendment forms are available upon request & must be approved by director(s) before contracts are turned in. Forms are due by 7:00p on May 20th.

School Year Requirements:

Note that our School Year Session begins on **Monday, August 12, 2024**

- Friday Rehearsal spans from 3:30-7:45p, depending upon dances
- Classes span Monday through Saturday
- Ensemble members are required to take 3-6 classes per week, depending upon dances

Mandatory Performances & Events:

1. Team Dinner & Photo (Mandatory) + Sleepover (Optional) (Sept 2024)
2. Holiday Party Performance & Fundraiser (Dec 14, 2024)
3. Adjudication Performance (Jan 18, 2025)
4. Dupree Convention & Competition (Feb 2025)
5. Competition 1 (Spring 2025)
6. Competition 2 (Spring 2025)
7. Hollywood Vibe Convention & Competition (Spring 2025)
8. Ace Production (June 2025)

Financial Requirements:

Warm-up Jacket:

All new Ensemble members are required to purchase a warm-up jacket. Please note that we will utilize this jacket for 2 more years.

Rehearsal Uniform and:

During all Friday rehearsals Ensemble members are required to wear a rehearsal uniform. Parents may purchase more than 1 uniform if desired.

Backpack members are required to purchase team backpacks, to be utilized at all Ensemble performances/events; can also be used as their studio bag.

Ensemble Jacket, Uniform, Backpack Fees (withdrawn June 10th, 2024):

Jacket - New Members Only:	\$150-\$160
Rehearsal Uniform - ALL	\$150-\$200
Personalized Backpack – New Members Only:	\$110

Ensemble Installment Fees cover the cost of: Ensemble costumes, props, accessories, music editing, competition fees, convention fees, and administrative fees. Cost depends upon number of dances. Installments below indicate cost range for Ensemble.

Installment #1 (June 26, 2024)	\$550
Installment #2 (July 26, 2024)	\$250-\$400
Installment #3 (August 26, 2024)	\$250-\$400
Installment #4 (January 10, 2025)	\$250-\$400
Installment #5 (February 10, 2025)	\$250-\$400
Installment #6 (May 2, 2025)	\$0-\$350

Save on Installment Fees using RaiseRight

Ace partners with RaiseRight to help make Ensemble more affordable and available to more dancers. RaiseRight is a simple way to cut down on Ensemble Installment Fees and helps defray the cost of costumes/conventions/competitions. All families have the opportunity to save on Installments 3 and 4; please note the intention to use RaiseRight must be indicated on the Ensemble contract. Here's how it works:

- 1) Buy gift card(s) or e-gift card(s) to your favorite stores on your RaiseRight app - You get the full value of the card
- 2) Shop where you normally spend money using your gift card(s) (places such as Safeway/Target/Lucky/Bed, Bath, & Beyond; there are hundreds of vendors to choose from)
- 3) The brand gives back - No extra money comes out of your pocket – This amount that you fundraised ranges from 2% to 16%.
- 4) Ace receives the amount you fundraised to purchase costumes and/or pay your dancer's convention/competition fees

RaiseRight Important Dates:

- **Installment #3:** RaiseRight purchases from **May 23-August 25** are applied to the August 26th Installment
- **Installment #4:** RaiseRight purchases from **August 26-January 9** are applied to the January 10th Installment
 - Please note: the maximum that can be applied is the total amount of your dancers' Installment #3 and Installment #4.
 - Go to RaiseRight.com to learn more!

Aisha Horley Ensemble Grant

Together with Aisha's family, Ace offers the Aisha Horley Ensemble Grant. All dancers, first-time and returning, can apply. This is not a need-based program; dancers may apply if they would like financial assistance to participate in the Ensemble. The grant is \$200 per month and is applied to an Ensemble dancer's tuition and/or rehearsal fees from July 15, 2024-May 15, 2025. The deadline to apply is Wednesday, May 1st. Application information can be picked up at the Ace front desk.

Additional Financial Requirements:

- Summer camp/intensive tuition
- School year tuition (July 15th-May 15th) Ranges from \$215-\$365 per month
- Monthly rehearsal fees: \$85-\$100
- June production costume costs (Nov 11th and Dec 11th, 2024)
- Dancewear and shoes

Dance Captain

High School dancers with at least 2 years of Ensemble experience have the option to apply for Ensemble Dance Captain. Applications are accepted through May 1st.

We are excited to see you at Auditions!

Marissa Pfaff

Ensemble Executive Director

Jenny Hudson

Ensemble Artistic Director