

TADA Youth Company

TADA's Youth company is composed of 4 levels*:

- **Mini Company** (ages 7-9)
- **Junior Company** (Levels 1-3 students ages 10+)
- **Apprentice Company** (Level 4-6 students ages 10+)
- **Senior Company** (Levels 7-9 students ages 10+)

***Your TADA Youth Company Level is the same as your Ballet Level**

(e.g., if you are a Level 1 Ballet student, you are in the Junior TADA Youth Company)

What if I Decide to Join TADA's Youth Company?

You must register for weekly technique classes at TADA. Company members must also commit to and attend the following mandatory classes, rehearsals, and performances.

Required Weekly Class Schedules for Company Members:

- **All 10+ Youth Company dancers MUST attend a TADA summer intensive*** Dancers attending an outside intensive (e.g., Joffrey Ballet School, Pacific Northwest Ballet School, or Central Pennsylvania Youth Ballet) may request a waiver.
- **Mini Company** (ages 7-9): must enroll in at least one (1) ballet class per week.
- **Junior Company** (ages 10+) (level 1-3): must enroll in at least two (2) ballet classes per week, **plus** one (1) additional class **OR** main cast for **both** the winter and spring show.
- **Apprentice Company** (ages 10+) (level 4-6): must enroll in two (2) ballet classes per week; 1 contemporary or jazz class, **and** one (1) additional class per week.
- **Senior Company** (ages 10+) (Level 7-9): must enroll in three (3) ballet classes (1 of which can be pointe); contemporary, **and** jazz.

Schedule - 2026-2027 Season - schedule is subject to change based on choreographers' availability

- **Summer Intensives (Ages 7+): June 15-19, July 13-17, and July 20-24 from 9:00a-3:00p**
- **Summer Intensives (Ages 10+): July 13-17 and July 20-24**
 - Full Day: 9a-4:30p (\$475) **or**
 - Half-Day 9a-12:30p **or** 1:00-4:30p (\$350)
 - *You choose full-day **or** AM **or** PM session*
- **Fall 2026 Parent Orientation: Saturday, Aug 1 from 12:30-1pm**
- **Mini Youth Company (Ages 7+) Rehearses on Thursdays from 4:45-6:00p Aug-May**
- **Youth Company (Ages 10+) Rehearses on Saturdays from 11:45a-2:30p Aug-May**
 - **Additional rehearsals may be required.**

ALL PERFORMANCES and MASTER CLASSES ARE REQUIRED

TENTATIVE 2026-2027 Performance Dates:

- Youth Company headshots – Saturday, September 19, 2026
- Dance Athens – Friday, October 23, 2026 - tentative
- Festival of Trees – Sunday, November 22, 2026 - tentative
- Winter Wonders – Sunday, December 13, 2026; Oglethorpe University - confirmed

- DanceFest – Sunday, Feb 28; KSU Marietta Theater - tentative
- AG Rhodes Senior Center – Sunday, March 14 - tentative
- Dance Festival: Regional Dance America (RDA) – April 28, 2027- May 1, 2027 - confirmed, Montgomery, AL (the mini youth company does NOT participate in RDA)
- MOSAIC - Friday, April 2, 2027 (the mini youth company does NOT participate in MOSAIC)
- Spring Performance – Saturday, May 8, **AND** Sunday, May 9, 2027 - tentative

MASTER CLASSES ARE REQUIRED and dates are tentative as we secure artists traveling to ATL for Broadway Shows (mini Youth Company dancers do NOT attend master classes)

- *Hamilton* Masterclass – Sunday, September 13 - tentative
- Alvin Ailey Master Class – Sunday, Feb 14 - time TBA - tentative
- *Wicked* Masterclass – March TBA

Joining TADA's Youth company provides an opportunity to:

- Work and train with accomplished choreographers/teaching faculty
- Perform **additional** artistic works outside of those that are included in your weekly technique class performances allowing students more performance opportunities
 - Perform in community-based events and workshops
 - Rehearse and perform pieces that might include: Classical or Contemporary Ballet, Pointe, Jazz, Musical Theater, or Contemporary.

Company Fees

Senior, Apprentice and Junior (Ages 10+) Company fees for August-May 2026-2027: \$1,400.00

Mini Company Ages 7-9 fees for August-May 2026-2027: \$1200.00

Company Fees will be collected in 10 payments of \$140.00 (Sr, Apprentice, and Jr) or \$120.00 for Mini Company. Payment schedule is monthly: Aug 1, 2026- April 1, 2027 and April 15, 2027

Fees include: Classes, Rehearsals, Dress rehearsals. Company Fees do NOT include a required company uniform or performance tickets. Company Fees usually include costumes, but additional costume fees may be required.

TADA Youth Company Uniform:

- All Company members are required to have their base TADA Uniform for their weekly ballet technique classes.
- For performances, masterclasses, and festivals Company members must have: TADA shirt, solid black or TADA sweatpants, TADA Youth Company Jacket, and a skin tone leotard. Warmups can be purchased at the studio.

Parent Volunteer Requirement: Participation in TADA's Youth Company is a family commitment. To support the success of our productions and programming, each company family is required to complete a minimum of twenty (20) volunteer hours during the season. Volunteer opportunities may include performances, backstage support, costumes, fundraising, set and prop construction, studio events, and

administrative assistance. Families who are unable to fulfill the volunteer requirement may choose to opt into a seasonal buyout donation in lieu of service hours (\$500). Volunteer hours will be tracked throughout the season and must be scheduled 4 weeks prior to the Dec and Spring shows. Families who have not fulfilled either the volunteer requirement or buyout obligation by the deadline will be considered not in good standing with the company. As a result, their dancer may become ineligible to participate in performances, festivals, or company events until the requirement has been satisfied. Because productions and performances rely heavily on parent support, volunteer participation is considered an essential component of company membership.

Attendance Policy: All weekly technique classes, youth company classes, rehearsals, and performances are mandatory. If you cannot make a class or rehearsal, you **must** notify the Studio Manager as soon as possible: studiomanager@tadaatlanta.com. The Director and Rehearsal Director will decide whether the absence is excused or unexcused.

- If students are absent from rehearsals or come unprepared, they may be taken out of a section of choreography.
- If students have three unexcused absences, they are guaranteed to be taken out of a section of choreography.
- If a student has more than three unexcused absences, they may be taken out of the entire dance and will have a meeting with the Director.

There will be no refunds if a dancer is taken out of a show. We understand that illness, injury, mandatory school functions and unforeseen circumstances happen and result in absences. Absences should be communicated to the office via e-mail informing the child's name and reason for the absence. If a dancer has an injury or sickness that is not of risk to themselves or other dancers, they are expected to attend class to WATCH the lesson. By observing class, they stay familiar with what is being taught and are ready to participate when they return without falling behind. Refunds will not be given for missed classes or performances for any reason of your own accord (i.e., illness, family vacation, short term injury, etc.) If you have questions, please email: studiomanager@tadaatlanta.com.

We're excited to dance with you!
Kara Jacobson, Artistic Director

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date Signed: ____/____/____