



## Bloom Information

Parent Meeting: Sunday, May 7<sup>th</sup> @3:30pm

**Audition Class and Audition: Monday, May 22nd**

**All dancers learn combo for audition from 4:30-5:15pm**

**5:45-6:30pm ages 6.5-8**

**6:30-7:15pm ages 9-11**

**7:15-8:00pm ages 12 and up**

**\$25 audition fee (cash preferred)**

You do not need to reserve your spot for the audition class.

An audition form will need to be filled out so please arrive about 15 minutes prior to your audition time.

Wear your favorite dance outfit, hair in a bun or ponytail, and pirouette shoes or barefoot.

Thank you for your interest in our Bloom competition team! Bloom is one of our many options at STDC and is a great choice for dancers that are just getting started in competitive dance or for those that might have another sport besides dance that they are involved in. Bloom dancers receive the training they need to grow in a fun and nurturing environment. Bloom dancers compete at the beginner level. Come join the fun and bloom where you are planted!

*"A flower does not think of competing with the flower next to it. It just BLOOMS."*

### Questions and Answers

Q: What ages are on Bloom?

A: 7-teens (must be 7 by January 1, 2024)

Q: What should I be prepared for at the audition class?

A: Single pirouette, splits, jazz walks to the beat, great facial expressions, heel stretch, and any tricks you have such as a back walk over, cartwheel or aerial. A GREAT ATTITUDE AND A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN IS A MUST:)

Q: How many classes are required in the fall?

A:

- 1 Ballet class for ages 7-9, 2 Ballet classes for ages 10+
- 1 Jumps/Turns (45 min-1 hour)
- 1 choreography class (45 min-1 hour)
- 30 minute rehearsal for each Bloom group.
- Optional classes are highly recommended (tap, tumbling, stretch, acro, hip hop)

Q: How and when do I need to enroll for fall classes?

A: You can register online as of May 6th for current students and May 13th for incoming students. For current students, you will be given your ballet placement before enrollment and which ballet, jumps/turns and choreography class to enroll in as well.. In the fall, you will be required to dance 2-3 days per week depending on your schedule. In some cases, a 4th day will be necessary for solos, duets and trios.

Q: Are there any summer requirements?

A: Yes, summer classes are June 5th-July 29th. If you are a new student, please contact Keally Lilly or Rachel Scott for placement and scheduling.

Q: What is your absence policy?

A: If you miss 3 classes (and they are not made up) or rehearsals per semester, a private lesson will be mandatory at \$37.50 per half hour. If you miss more than 4, we will have a meeting to discuss and more than 5 absences would involve the solo possibly being cancelled or dismissal from the group.

Q: When do we learn our group dances. When do we learn our solo/duet/trios?

A: Group dances will be taught during "work week" which is planned for the last week in July and the 1st two weeks in August. If you have known conflicts at the time of auditions, please let us know on the audition form. Solos/duets/trios could possibly be taught earlier in the summer and into early fall.

Q: How many competitions will we attend?

A: 3 competitions and a convention. Convention is a weekend full of classes in the fall, typically in the Tulsa area.

Q: Where will the competitions be?

A: Tulsa area (downtown convention center, hotels etc.) and possibly OKC.

Q: When will the competitions take place?

A: Between January-May 2024

Q: When will we know the dates of the competitions?

A: Schedules will be finalized by early August.

Q: How many dances does Bloom do?

A: All Bloom members are in 1 group. Some members may be invited to be in a 2nd or 3rd group (contemporary, jazz and lyrical). You will specify on your audition form how many groups you would like to be in.

Q: Can my dancer have a solo, duet or trio?

A: Yes! Your child can request to have a solo, duet, trio on their audition form. New this year! If your child has a solo/duet/trio, he/she must be in 2 group dances minimum.

Q: Can my dancer choose who she/he wants to do a duet/trio with?

A: You are welcome to request a friend to dance with, however, the final decision will be made by STDC staff.

Q: If I have a solo or duet/trio, how do lessons work?

A: A solo and/or duet/trio meets once per week for 30 minutes. The private lesson fee is between \$150-\$170 per month depending on which instructor is assigned to your dancers. If you are in a duet/trio you split that cost. Your private lesson time is typically after school hours and before the studio begins nightly classes, later in the evenings, Fridays, Saturdays and possibly Sundays.

Q: What will the costume look like for Bloom?

A: Costumes will be super cute, classy and conservative. We will be using costumes from a catalog and custom costumes as well. If you are opposed to any tummy showing please state that on your audition form so they can be designed appropriately.

Q: Will we have any other performances?

A: Yes! We plan for 1 performance (Holiday parade, Driller's game etc.) It may or may not be the entire Bloom team.

Q: How do I pay for everything (tuition, fees, costume fees etc.)

A: Your fees will be due August-May. See the sample fee schedule attached. We basically take all of the fees due for the season and divide it up into 10 months so you will know in advance how much you will owe each month. Tuition/fees are pulled automatically on the 5th of the month.

Q: How do we find out if my child will be participating on the Bloom team for 2023-24 and what do I do next?

A: We will send an email on Friday, May 26th announcing our teams. Contracts and a \$150 non-refundable deposit that will go towards your August/September fees will be due by June 5th.

Q: Will we have a photo shoot?

A: Yes! All dancers will participate in the photo shoot and then those photos are posted on our website, social media and on the walls in the studio. The photo shoot will be in August/early fall.

Q: Will we have a team warm up?

A: Yes! All members will have a warm up jacket to wear to competitions and performances. We typically purchase new styles every other year. If you already have a warm up from 2022-23 season and it still fits, you will not be required to get a new warm up but new warm ups will be available to purchase this year.

Q: What kind of shoes do I need for the audition, class and competition?

A: Tan leather pirouette shoes (you can purchase in our DanceBarre Boutique)

Contact us anytime!

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