

August 19, 2008

Dear CDT Parents and Dancers,

The Children's Dance Theatre has always been a place of joy and refuge for our dancers. As we begin a new year of dance, we want to continue our tradition of a true community of compassion, responsibility, excellence, integrity and positive action. The faculty requests that each family take a moment to speak together about the information below. As a faculty, we shall speak with parents and dancers during their meetings and with dancers in individual classes, but it is important that we all work together to keep our studio a place of beauty and caring. Thank you for taking the time to discuss these ideas as a family and to sign and return the contract below.

Children's Dance Theatre is committed to:

- Provide a nurturing creative environment for each dancer
- Maintain a high quality of dance instruction
- Encourage excellence in each individual dancer
- Foster community and trust
- Create a safe haven for all dancers

Dancers in the Children's Dance Theatre are committed to:

- Respect one's body by maintaining a healthy lifestyle
- Respect one's peers by keeping hands to oneself and by using appropriate language and behavior that is respectful and kind
- Respect teachers, musicians, staff, parents and all of the CDT community in classes, rehearsals, dressing rooms, and on tours
- Respect the Studio, as well as other facilities in which the company performs, by cleaning up after oneself, not jumping/climbing on the furniture, and not playing with equipment or defacing the studio or other facilities
- Attend class and rehearsals consistently and on time with a positive attitude
- Come prepared in appropriate dance attire with hair pulled back
- Communicate with CDT teacher and/or CDT Director, Mary Ann Lee, regarding any immediate problems or issues

CDT faculty are committed to:

- Educate dancers
- Model behaviors
- Help dancers grow with love and respect in this program

If for any reason a dancer does not meet the above expectations, he or she will be asked to:

- Sit and watch class
- Be suspended from the class
- Be suspended from and or leave the CDT Company

If a teacher needs to take any of the above actions, he or she will contact parents and the Director, Mary Ann Lee.

Dancers and parents, we love you for the incredible people that you are and are thrilled to begin a new year together.

Most Sincerely,

Mary Ann Lee and the Children's Dance Theatre Faculty and Staff

 As a member of Children's Dance Theatre, I have read and understand the responsibilities of being a dancer in the company.

Dancer Signature

Print Name

Date

Parent Signature

Print Name

Date