

## The Jazz Factory Dance Company 2022

The Jazz Factory Dance Company was established to provide our advanced dancers with an opportunity to be pushed as artists and performers.

Rehearsing on Friday afternoons between 4pm and 9pm, our Dance Company works on dance pieces in the genres of Hip Hop and Contemporary and trains students in a professional company environment, learning how to work well with other dancers, adapt to new choreography, develop their creativity, style and performance quality.

While our company does perform at various eisteddfods throughout the year, The Jazz Factory is not focused on competitions or training competition dancers. We believe that dance artists and competition dancers are very different and our focus is on creating artists who have longevity in their dance journey and the opportunity to enter the professional dance world.

We see eisteddfods as a performance opportunity only, much like any other community event or show, and remain committed to creating choreography that challenges our dancers as artists and choreography that represents current trends in the professional dance world.

For this reason, our choreography often differs from that of other schools' routines that use tricks and flashy technical elements with a purely competitive focus. It will depend on the industry experience of the adjudicators as to what they appreciate and in the end, we are not fussed by certain opinions. Any awards we receive are a fun bonus, but certainly do not define anything.

It is important that students and parents understand our vision and similarly appreciate the performance opportunity that eisteddfods provide rather than putting importance on trophies and medals.

Students who would like to audition for our companies should have lots of experience in Hip Hop and/or Contemporary and be enrolled in these classes for 2022.

Students should have a desire to work with other dancers and challenge themselves as artists.

Students should be available on weekends during school terms between May and November.

Students should be available for rehearsals on Friday afternoons between 4pm and 9pm.

Students should have a strong work ethic, excellent attendance and commitment to the company.

Successful students will be cast in small groups and sometimes trios or duos, depending on numbers and ages. We are looking for students who complement each other and work well together.

Some students may be offered the opportunity to work one-on-one with a teacher in a solo lesson, depending on available studio times.

Dance Company small group lessons will fall under the 6+ and 9+ class caps. Trios, Duos and Solo lessons will be charged as a private lesson.

Performance entry fees and costume fees will be additional charges throughout the year.