

AT THE DANCE SPOT

2022-2023 INFORMATION

Who We Are

TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Our Mission

FUSE Crew is a competitive youth hip hop and street-style crew, at The Dance Spot! Directed by Haley Sikes, FUSE Crew trains dancers to be entertaining performers, while growing teamwork skills. The team performs at various events, competitions, and dance conventions across Texas, and holds many prestigious titles. For dancers ages 6-18, FUSE focuses on building the youth community in Austin, and exposing more kids to hip hop and street culture.

Opportunities

Training from Local, National, and International Choreographers Competitive Growth Local Performances Convention Training Industry Training Team Bonding Experiences Customized Training and Choreography & More!

Meet the Director



HALEY SIKES director

Haley Sikes is a dancer, performer, choreographer, and teacher based out of the Austin area. She started dancing at the age of three, training in many different styles, with a focus on hip hop. Haley has been teaching dance for the past five years, has choreographed for many dance crews all over Texas, and has been a dancer for local artists. Haley grows as a teacher by pushing her students to be the best people they can be. She has a fresh approach that sparks creativity among young artists.

Audition Information

MAY 24 | \$25 AUDITION FEE

FIRECRACKERS AGES 6-10| MAY 24 4:00-5:00PM

DYNAMITE

AGES 11+ | MAY 24 5:30-6:30PM

After having pre-registered online, dancers should plan to arrive at the studio no less than 15 minutes before their audition time to check in, complete any remaining paperwork (an application should be fully completed ahead of time, along with headshot – please fill out thoughtfully so we can get to know your dancer), and to warm up. Dancers should wear their best hip-hop attire to auditions.

Light makeup, and hair accessories are acceptable.

Dancers will learn a short combo and will be asked to freestyle as part of their audition.

ETAILS

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For ages 6-10: MAY 24, 4-5pm- Check in/warm up, learn combo, audition combo, 4:55pm- Parent Pick-up For ages 11-18: MAY 24, 5:30-6:30pm- Check in/warm up, learn combo, audition combo, 6:25pm- Parent Pick-up

Evaluation:

The Dance Spot will bring in outside judges to evaluate auditioning dancers, and provide objective feedback for team placement. In addition, director feedback is considered, as well as past attendance, work ethic, attitude and performance quality (for returning company members). Judges and directors will share feedback after auditions and collaborate to determine the crew best suited to dancers' abilities, commitment level and expressed goals (per their application).



Audition Information

RESULTS:

DANCERS WILL BE NOTIFIED ON MAY 25, VIA EMAIL, OF THEIR AUDITION RESULTS/PLACEMENT. THE FOLLOWING TUESDAY, MAY 30TH,ONE PARENT AND DANCER MUST ATTEND A MANDATORY TEAM MEETING WITH THE DIRECTOR TO SIGN UP FOR ALL SUMMER (IF NOT ALREADY REGISTERED) AND FALL REQUIREMENTS, BE MEASURED, ETC.

Meeting times are as follows: Tuesday, May 30th

4:00pm: FIRECRACKERS (ages 6-10) 4:45pm: DYNAMITE (ages 11-18)

All meetings will be held at The Dance Spot. Email fusecrew@thedancespot.com with any questions. If your dancer is unable to attend auditions, please reach out to discuss private audition options.

Important Dates

SUMMER 2023-SPRING 2024

5.24 AUDITIONS **5.30** MANDATORY CREW MEETINGS **6.20-6.22** HIP HOP WORKSHOP (Mandatory) 8.4-8.6 DISCOVERY INTENSIVE (optional) 7.31-8.2 BDS AXIS HIP HOP INTENSIVE (Mandatory) 8.6 RETREAT (Please keep the whole day available as time is TBD) 8.7-8.9 CHOREOGRAPHY WEEK 8.11 - 50 YEARS OF HIP HOP EVENT **OCTOBER** TRUNK OR TREAT **OCTOBER** MONSTERS HOUSTON CONVENTION (Mandatory) WINTER TBD COMMUNITY PERFORMANCE JANUARY MONSTERS AUSTIN CONVENTION AND SHOWCASE **TBD** 1-2 LOCAL COMPETITIONS & ADDITIONAL COMMUNITY PERFORMANCES **APRIL** KAOS DALLAS CONVENTION AND COMPETITION (optional event) **APRIL** "MERGE" COMPANY SHOW MAY SPRING RECITAL

Time Commitments

SUMMER AND FALL EXPECTATIONS

SUMMER COMMITMENTS:

8 hours of hip hop during the 8 week session. Summer choreography week (August 7th-9th), Team Retreat (August 6th), Hip Hop workshop @TDS (6/19-6/21), and Discovery Intensive (8/4-8/6 optional).

FALL COMMITMENTS: SCHEDULE

Wednesdays Firecrackers: 5-7pm. Dynamite: 7-9pm. 2 hours total

Attendance Policy: Students are not allowed to have more than 3 absences per class per semester. All absences must be approved by the director prior to missing class. All required conventions and competitions are mandatory. No exceptions. Re-blocking fees of \$150/piece will apply for anyone who is unable to attend a required convention and/or competition.