



2008 SYNERGY HIP HOP DANCE PRIVATE AUDITION INFORMATION

Date: Thursday, May 29th

Time: 8:30p – 8:45p (Registration) and 8:45pm – 10:30pm (Auditions)

Location: Landmark Bally Total Fitness - Main Studio
6200 Little River Turnpike, Alexandria VA
703-658-5000 (for directions only)

Fees: \$20 -Audition fee

\$5 – Optional photo fee (unnecessary if providing a photo) Cash Only.
Please pay audition fees in the studio at registration table. If optional photo is needed, please be prepared to pay in cash at registration table.

Registration Requirements:

Applicants may be male or female, and at least 18 years of age at time of auditions. NO EXCEPTIONS. Proof of identification may be required.

Applicants must fill out an audition application and waiver of liability form prior to registration. Applicants must bring a non-returnable photograph (headshot preferred) or have one taken on-site for an additional fee.

Audition Format:

Round #1 – Prepared Piece: Applicants will perform a prepared routine, no longer than 1 minute in length. Routines may include various dance styles and techniques and may be performed individually or in a group of no more than 2 people. Music must be provided on CD format only. NO CASSETTE TAPES.

Round #2 – Instructed Piece: Applicants will have between 20 and 30 minutes to learn a short choreographed routine on audition day. Shortly following instruction of the choreography, applicants will be selected at random to perform the choreography as a group and individually.

Judging & Scoring:

Judges for the audition will consist of Synergy Hip Hop Dance Directors. Judges will mark each round individually using scoring sheets and scores will be combined for a total after each round. There is no set number of new members to be selected. Average scoring will determine where the cut-off will be at time of selection. Selected applicants will be notified via e-mail the following week.

Audition Attire:

Applicants are expected to dress in attire appropriate for the performance of their prepared piece. It is encouraged that applicants exemplify their individual creativity when choosing attire.

Additional Information:

Please contact Synergy Hip Hop Dance, Inc. at info@synergyhiphop.com for more information.

REMINDER: Applicants must RSVP at info@synergyhiphop.com by Tuesday, May 27th in order to participate in the private auditions.

SYNERGY HIP HOP DANCE, INC. AUDITION APPLICATION



Audition # (admin. use only)

(PLEASE PRINT)

Name _____

Address _____

Home Phone _____

Cell Phone _____

Email _____

Birthdate _____

Emergency Contact Name & Phone _____

Please list applicable experience below:

Dance Training _____

Performance Experience _____

Misc. Skills (gymnastics, etc.) _____

Why do you want to become a member of Synergy Hip Hop, Inc.?

PARTICIPATION WAIVER & RELEASE OF LIABILITY FORM



EVENT: Synergy Hip Hop Dance Team Auditions

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6200 Little River Turnpike
Alexandria, VA 22312

I agree that if I participate in this event, I do so at my own risk. I agree that I am voluntarily participating in the event and assume all risk of injury, illness, damage or loss to me, or my property that might result in, including, without limitation, any loss or theft of any personal property. I hereby consent to receive medical treatment in the event of an injury, accident, and/or illness during the event. I agree on behalf of myself (and my personal representatives, heirs, executors, administrators, agents and assigns) to release and discharge the organization, known as Synergy Hip Hop Dance, Inc. from any and all claims or causes of action (known or unknown) arising out of their negligence.

I acknowledge that I have carefully read this Waiver and Release and fully understand that it is a release of liability. By my signature below, I am waiving any right that I may have to bring a legal action to assert a claim against the organization, known as Synergy Hip Hop Dance, Inc. its affiliates, employees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns for their negligence.

NAME – please print

DATE

SIGNATURE

SYNERGY HIP HOP DANCE FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS



Q: *What should I do to prepare for the auditions?*

A: Please read the information posted on pages 1 and 2.

Q: *What can I do to expedite registration on day of auditions?*

A: Please print out and fill out the necessary forms prior to arrival. Bring them, along with the applicable fee(s) to the audition.

Q: *Do returning members have to re-audition?*

A: Yes, returning members need to re-audition every year. However, not for private auditions.

Q: *What if I want to audition for the team, but I cannot make it to the auditions?*

A: On special occasions, we may decide to host private auditions. Otherwise, we suggest you wait until auditions the following year. For feedback about your specific case, please contact info@synergyhiphop.com.

Q: *What is the audition process like and what are the different requirements?*

A: Please see Audition Info. If you have any questions after reading the page, ask one of the instructors before or after class or feel free to contact us at info@synergyhiphop.com.

Q: *What are the requirements?*

A: We are looking for talented and hardworking individuals that will represent our team in a positive manner.

Q: *What if I've never had dance team experience?*

A: No problem. A number of current Synergy members did not have any dance team experience before joining Synergy. However, 75% had previous experience as cheerleaders, dance team members, or have been studio trained.

Q: *Are there any limitations for the dance team members under 21?*

A: Yes. We have found limitations in the past where members over 18 but under 21 were unable to perform at certain venues or participate in certain events due to age restrictions. However, prior notification is obtained and announced when we have these cases.

Q: *How many new members do you take on the team?*

A: There is no set number of members who are allowed to be on the team. During auditions, everyone is scored against a predetermined scale and awarded points based on their abilities in each area. This allows us to be flexible with the number of dancers we take for the team.

Q: *Once you make the team, are you on it for good?*

A: No. When you make the team, you become a member until the next annual audition. The returning dance members must then re-audition.

Q: *What style of dance do you perform?*

A: We are mainly a hip-hop dance troupe that incorporates various dance styles and techniques within our routines.

Q: *Do I need to have a lot of dance experience?*

A: In order to dance at the level that Synergy performs and competes, previous dance training and experience is beneficial, but not absolutely necessary. We are looking for dancers, regardless of experience, who are dedicated and willing to learn new styles and techniques, as well as contribute knowledge and skills to the team.

Q: *Where can I go to improve my skills?*

A: We offer beginner to intermediate level dance classes throughout the Washington, DC area. Check our website at <http://www.synergyhiphop.com>, under "Classes" to find a class near you.

Q: *Does everyone perform and compete when they are on the team?*

A: Due to limitations beyond our control, including age restrictions and maximum number of participants allowed at a particular event, we cannot guarantee that every member on the team will perform and/or compete at every scheduled event.

Q: *What types of events do you perform at?*

A: Synergy Hip Hop Dance, Inc. performs at private and corporate events, trade shows and conferences, school and community events, parades, and concerts. In addition, we host workshops that cater to both youth and adults.

Q: *If I do make the dance team, will I have time to participate in anything else?*

A: Yes. The current dance team members have full-time careers, attend college with a part-time job, have families, and have lives outside of Synergy. We also take in consideration that members may have other obligations that may conflict with Synergy's practice and/or performance schedules. We ask each member to follow our absence and tardiness guidelines.

Q: *What is the time commitment required?*

A: Currently, we practice once a week, for 2 hours on Thursdays from 8:30p – 10:30p. To prepare for any type of events or as needed, the director(s) may decide to add a few more practices. At this time, if an extra practice is necessary, that practice is generally held on Tuesdays from 8:30p – 10:30p or Saturday afternoon. This information will be explained more in-depth once new members are selected.

Q: *What is my cost going to be during the year to participate?*

A: At this time, there is a monthly membership fee of \$10. Along with you will be responsible for performances or workshops to purchase your own clothing in your own style in the chosen color coordination. Also, meals for performances and out-of-town events as well as extra-curricular activities will need to be covered by you, as well. Any additional cost will be given with advance notice.

Q: *Do you have any disciplinary actions in place for misconduct, inappropriate behavior, unexcused absences and tardiness?*

A: Yes, we have established a Penalty Points system, which will be given as disciplinary measures as necessary. More information will be provided once the new members are selected.

Q: *How many dancers are on the team?*

A: Over the past years, the team has ranged in size from 6 to 17 dancers.

Q: *What is the Dance Teams' Constitution?*

A: All Rules, Regulations and Responsibilities will be provided once the new members are selected.

Q: *What are practices like?*

A: Practices are like any typical dance class. We begin with warm-ups, and then we either learn new choreography or go over our existing routines. At the end of practice we work on building our stamina. Practices may be videotaped by members who need to catch up on any routine or for self-evaluation.

Q: *Who helps the team make decisions and function effectively?*

A: Synergy Hip Hop Dance has 5 Board of Directors who assist each other with decisions that are best for the team, administrative details and tasks, and helps out any of the members with any problems they may have.

Q: *Who does the choreography for the team?*

A: The directors are the main choreographers; however, each member will be given the opportunity to work with one of the directors if they are interested in putting together their own piece. Also, new members will be assigned to work with another member(s) along with one of the directors to put together a routine as a combined effort.

Q: *If I have any more questions, whom can I ask?*

A: Any of the directors, via e-mail or before/after weekly classes. If you need further information, please contact us at info@synergyhiphop.com

Thank you for your interest in joining Synergy Hip Hop Dance, Inc.!