

### ***Storm Requirements:***

Storm Dance Company is a competitive dance troupe that was started at VBTS in 2017. Comprised of dancers ages 8 - 18, Storm offers local kids professional quality dance training in a supportive and nurturing environment. Students will learn and perfect dance routines with their teammates to perform at regional dance conventions. These conventions and competitions are great opportunities for dancers to get exposure to industry professionals, masterclasses and personalized feedback. We are proud to offer our students the opportunity to grow as dancers and artists by traveling across the Northeast to explore new styles of dance and performance!

### ***Conventions, Competitions and Performances:***

- Storm Members are required to attend two regional conventions throughout the season.
- Each team will learn two routines to be performed at both competitions.
- Storm Members are required to perform at all scheduled Storm events including competitions and recitals.

### ***Storm Teams:***

- Storm is broken down into several teams between our two studio locations. Teams are selected based on age, technical ability and performance. Dancers will use their Team classes as a space to learn and rehearse their Storm routines as well as continue to perfect their technique, style and performance.

### ***Storm Weekly Class Requirements by Team:***

#### Team Frost (Minis) ages approx. 7 - 9

- Ballet - 1 class minimum
- Jazz - 1 class (available styles Jazz, Lyrical & Contemporary)
- Storm Team Class

#### Team Snow (Juniors) ages approx. 10 - 12

- Ballet - 2 classes minimum
- Jazz - 1 class (available styles Jazz, Lyrical & Contemporary)
- Storm Team Class

Teams Wind & Ice (Teens) ages approx. 13 - 15

- Ballet - 3 classes minimum
- Jazz - 1 class (available styles Jazz, Lyrical & Contemporary)
- Storm Team Class

Storm Dance Company (Seniors) ages approx. 16 - 18

- Ballet - 4 classes minimum
  - Jazz - 1 class (available styles Jazz, Lyrical & Contemporary)
  - Storm Company Class
- In order to participate in Storm Dance Company your student must be enrolled in a VBTS Ballet level. Storm Ballet requirements reflect the *minimum* amount of Ballet classes required to participate on a Team. *Actual number of required weekly Ballet classes may vary based on your student's VBTS Ballet level.* Placement in VBTS Ballet levels is at the discretion of Alex and Michele. If you have questions about your students Ballet level placement please contact the Essex office.
  - Storm Members are required to attend all scheduled events and rehearsals. Missing 3 or more Team Classes or rehearsals a semester will be cause for a warning and missing 5 or more a semester could be cause for the dancer to be put on suspension from their routines at the discretion of the Director. There are no refunds for competition fees.
  - Storm Members are expected to attend all of their weekly scheduled classes based on the requirements of their Storm Team. If a dancer does not attend or has a high number of absences in any given class (i.e. missing 5 or more weeks of one of their classes during a semester and does not schedule or attend make up classes through the studio) this could be cause for the dancer to be put on suspension from their routines at the discretion of the Director. There are no refunds for competition fees.

***Solo's, duets trios:***

- We encourage our students to take advantage of these conventions and competitions by getting as much out of the weekend as possible, including extra performance opportunities! If your dancer is interested in creating a solo, duet or trio to bring to competition please contact Kate about scheduling private rehearsal time. Regular studio rates apply for all private and semi private lessons.

***Audition:***

- To join Storm you must audition and fill out a registration form. After the audition, dancers will be placed in levels based on several factors including their age, technical

ability and performance quality. If your dancer does not meet the standards decided on by the judges they will be invited to join Storm as an apprentice.

- Apprentices will participate in all of the regular Storm Team classes and rehearsals as well as attend conventions and competitions. Every season, Storm Teams will perform one Large Group routine that all dancers, including apprentices, will participate in. The Large Group routine will be performed at all competitions and recitals. Apprentices will work to participate in their Team routine and may be added to the routine depending on personal improvement or injury/illness of another dancer.
- Placement on all teams and in all routines is at the discretion of the Director and may be changed at any given time based on the guidelines laid out in the Storm Contract.
- If you cannot attend the Storm audition but are still interested in joining please contact Kate about placement.

***Fees:***

- In addition to class tuition, SCT Co. members will be required to pay the following fees:
- \$50 Membership fee
- \$120 Costume fee
- 2 Workshop fees - TBD
- 2 Competition fees - TBD