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We are proud to invite your child, _____, to represent Fort Lauderdale Youth Ballet during the upcoming 2022 competition season.

_____ has demonstrated a talent that I would like to develop further by having your child join our Ballet Competition Team.

The FLYB Ballet Competition Team is made up of highly committed students who are serious about taking their training to the next level. A prerequisite to be on the FLYB Ballet Competition Team is to be a registered student in good standing (monthly tuition paid by the 10th of every month) dancing a minimum of eight (8) hours per week. This year we will not be having mandatory competitions as in the past, but there are three local competitions that must be approved by Mr. German. (Please see dates of all 2022 competitions below.) Dancers who commit to the competition team will continue to train and have their variations and/or pas de deux's coached throughout the school year.

There will be a mandatory Winter Intensive for those intermediate and advanced students competing YAGP Tampa, Shake the Ground, and UBC Miramar and there is also a Competition Showcase on January 22, 2022, where each student will get to perform all their competition pieces. Please see attached flyers.

Each dancer must commit to sell 4 tickets at a price of \$30.00 each ticket to cover the price of the theatre for the showcase on January 22, 2022 ,

There will be an Administrative fee for students who are interested in participating. If you are competing in 1 local competition, the Administrative Fee is \$150.00. If you are competing in 2 local competitions, the Administrative Fee is \$180.00. If you are competing in 3 or more and in an out of town competition, the Administrative Fee is of \$275.00. This fee covers the administrative duties required to register each student, edit and upload music for each competition, travel expenses for Mr. German, as well as warming up the students backstage, running their variations, and assisting them before they go on stage.

Students are financially responsible for their own costumes and/or props, with artistic approval by Mr. German. We can assist in ordering or renting costumes, if needed. Each student will also be responsible for scheduling private coaching rehearsal times with Mr. German at \$80 per hour. Any other teachers desired will need to be approved by the artistic staff. The studio will be available to competition students (not during regular class times) for \$20 per hour. All private coaching fees need to be paid before they start the private lesson. Studio times and fees need to be scheduled and paid through Ms. Mary. We are also having a photo session for all competitors date and time to be determined.

2021 Competition Season:

1. YAGP - Youth America Grand Prix: Tampa, Thursday, January 6 to Sunday, January 9
2. STG - Shake the Ground: West Palm Beach, Friday, January 14 to Saturday, January 15
3. UBC - Universal Ballet Competition: Miramar, Thursday, February 17 to Sunday, February 20
4. STG - Shake the Ground: Fort Lauderdale, Friday, March 18 to Sunday, March 20
5. ADC/IBC - American Dance Competition: St. Petersburg, FL, Saturday, March 26 - Thursday, March 31

Please be aware that each competition has a cost for each entry into each competition. I've attached a page of prices for Universal Ballet Competition, Shake the Ground, and Youth America Grand Prix. The other ones are not updated, yet you can obtain more information about each competition on their website.

There are extra Fees for Pas de Deux's \$60.00 per Dancer, Duo/Trio \$50.00 per dancer / Ensembles \$49.00 per dancer. And for the Title of Miss/Mr Shake the Ground is \$35.00. If a female dancer wants a Pas de Deux, she must pay for the her partner competition Fee.

As a member of the FLYB Ballet Competition Team, Mr. German will recommend that your child also have a contemporary piece to compete. Mr. German can discuss choreographers, music, and concept with each student and their parents individually. As Artistic Director, Mr. German has the final say for what he feels is best for each student. Each member is required to purchase a team jacket and T-Shirt that must be worn every day during the competitions.

Representing the Fort Lauderdale Youth Ballet on the Ballet Competition Team is a commitment that should not be taken lightly. There is a lot of expenses and a lot of time that is required, and involves everyone working together and doing their part; the coach, the student, and the parents.

I believe that this can be a great year of growth for your child. The opportunity to participate in ballet competitions, to have private coaching and stage time will strengthen and enhance your child's development as a dancer. My hope is that this will be the beginning of a wonderful artistic year with Fort Lauderdale Youth Ballet.

All my love, Mr. German