

You're Invited★★★

to audition for Dena's Dazzlers 2010-2011

Because of your great stage presence and dance technique you have been selected to audition for the Earle Cobb Dance Studio performance and competition team, Dena's Dazzlers.

I have some exciting plans for Dazzlers this year. In addition to the Junior and Senior production numbers, Dazzlers will continue to have a number of small and large groups for Juniors, Intermediates and Seniors. I will also allow all dancers who meet the guidelines and are interested to participate in solos and duets/trios. (I will have the guidelines at the auditions.) To participate in a small group, solo or duet/trio you must participate in the production number.

This year all Dazzlers will be enrolled in a special Dazzler only technique class. This is an exciting opportunity to help us stay competitive and improve our ballet and jazz technique as a team.

To be eligible to audition, you must be taking ballet, tap and jazz or one of the bop classes (kid's bop, theatre bop, or jazz bop) at the Earle Cobb Dance Studio. Additionally, your account balance at the Earle Cobb Dance Studio must be paid in full.

Rehearsals will be held on Sunday afternoons, but I will always try to give you one Sunday per month off to spend with family and friends. It is a big commitment but I promise that it will be a fun and rewarding experience. Enclosed is a breakdown of the expenses to expect throughout the year.

I am so thrilled that over 100 dancers will be auditioning for Dazzlers. I promise that the audition process will be a positive experience filled with fun, laughter, and lots of dancing. As you prepare for the auditions, please keep the spirit of competition in perspective. All of you are extremely talented, and I know that regardless of the outcome of the auditions you will continue to grow as individuals and young dancers.

Good Luck and Have Fun!



Dena Mabry



Dazzler Expectations and Responsibilities

- 1** Every Dazzler must be taking ballet, tap, jazz and the Dazzler technique class at Earle Cobb Dance Studio. All Dazzlers must have consistent attendance in their assigned dance classes.
- 2** Each Dazzler is allowed a total of 4 absences from Dazzler rehearsals throughout the year. A Dazzler missing more than 4 rehearsals may not be able to perform with the group for the remainder of the year.
- 3** A Dazzler who misses the final rehearsal before a performance will not be able to perform.
- 4** All competitions and the Dazzler Showcase are mandatory.
- 5** All Dazzlers should be on time for rehearsals and performances. If a dancer is tardy three times at rehearsal, it will count as an absence. It is simply unfair to the other team members when a dancer comes in 10-15 minutes late for a 30-45 minute rehearsal.
- 6** All Dazzlers must attend Master Classes at Earle Cobb Dance Studio, not to exceed 4 guest artists throughout the year.
- 7** All Dazzlers must choose to maintain a positive team attitude throughout the year at all rehearsals, performances and events. A loss in focus or commitment to the team is cause for removal from performances and rehearsals.
- 8** All Dazzlers must be available October 15-17, 2010 for Master Classes with Sarah Fazio to learn Dazzler choreography.
- 9** All Dazzlers should set the example in all dances classes in regards to behavior and working hard throughout the class.
- 10** Dazzlers are required to attend their dance classes at Earle Cobb each week. If a Dazzler misses a dance class they must make it up in another class of the same type. By the end of each semester, if a Sr. Dazzler has missed more than 2 classes (or if a Junior has missed more than 3) that have not been made up, they will not be able to continue participating in Dazzlers.
- 11** This year all Dazzlers will be required to take the Dazzler technique class. This class is an exciting opportunity and will help keep us competitive and at the top of our game all year.



Dazzler Expenses

This year the Dazzler expenses can be paid monthly or in two payments, payable to Earle Cobb. The fees below include entry fees to all the contests, Dazzler Showcase and DVD, costumes, master classes, and Dazzler tuition for the groups.

Dazzler Tuition:

\$225 per year -- first group

\$135 per year – for each additional family member or additional group

Entry Fees:

Approximately \$40 per dance, per contest, we usually compete in 3 contests per year

\$25 per family - Dazzler Showcase

\$35 per family - Dazzler Showcase DVD

Costumes:

Because the costumes are worn so frequently, the Dazzler costumes cost more than the recital costumes.

Approximately \$75-\$85 each

Master Classes:

I feel that the excitement and knowledge gained from these out of town teachers is invaluable to the dancer's training and motivation.

\$25 each Master Class, not more than 4

Optional:

Dazzler Warm-Up (pants and jacket), approximately \$100

Dazzler T-shirt, approximately \$20



Parent Responsibilities

It is the responsibility of the parent to be aware of Dazzler rehearsals, competitions, performances, and master classes. Please read all of the schedules and notes sent home. The parent should check the Dazzler notebook to make sure they have received all of the notes and schedules. This information should be available on our website, www.earlecobbdancestudio.com. It is also the responsibility of the parent to make sure your Dazzler is on time for rehearsals and performances. Please keep all talk at the studio and at competitions positive in regards to not only our Earle Cobb dancers, but about other studios as well.



Dazzler

Audition Information

2010



This year we will be teaching the audition combinations (tap & jazz) on Monday, August 16, 2010. This will give everyone almost a week to practice. I am hoping this gives each dancer the opportunity to really perform and shine at the audition.



Monday, August 16, 2010- Learn the Combinations (Mandatory)

4:30-5:45pm Ages 6-11, Learn tap & jazz audition combinations

5:45-7:00pm Ages 12-14, Learn tap & jazz audition combinations

7:00-8:00pm Ages 15-18, Learn tap & jazz audition combinations

Parents will be allowed to video the combinations at the end of each practice on Monday.



Friday, August 20, 2010 – Review the Combinations (Optional)

6:00-6:45pm Ages 6-11

6:45-7:30pm Ages 12-18



Saturday, August 21, 2010 – Auditions!

10:00am-11:30 Ages 6-11

11:30-1:00pm Ages 12-14

2:00-3:15 Ages 15-18 (these dancers will audition individually, not in groups)

If you are interested in auditioning for Dazzlers, but have a conflict with the audition date please contact Dena at Earle Cobb, 493-9611.

At the audition, wear your favorite leotard and tights (no skirts, shorts or pants.) Keep your hair out of your face and look really neat and put together. Please arrive 30 minutes before your audition time to register and warm up. Bring all of your dance shoes.

This year there will be a \$10 audition fee for all dancers. This fee is payable to Earle Cobb and can be paid on Monday or Saturday. This small fee will help offset the cost of the judges and teaching staff needed to run the audition.

Bring a great smile and a positive attitude!
