

# TRIP Dance Company

The TRIP Dance Company is entering its eleventh year of existence with a mission to offer young dancers the opportunity to perfect dance skills in the areas of Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Modern, and Hip Hop. It also provides opportunities for the dancers to compete at regional New England competitions and take classes from world famous teachers at conventions. TRIP stands for Technique, Rehearse, Implement and Perform, four empowering words serving as a model for learning dance skills.

New this year, auditions will be held in June. This will allow the dancers a longer rehearsal season and additional preparation time before our first competition in December.

- **Monday, June 13<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00 pm will be auditions for ages 8-11**
- **Tuesday, June 14<sup>th</sup> 4:00-6:00 pm will be for ages 12 and up**

An 8-11 year old dancer is eligible to audition for TRIP if she or he takes 4 dance classes per week with one class being ballet and a second being jazz.

Dancers 12 and older must take 5 classes and those classes must include at least 2 ballet classes and one jazz class per week.

Dancers will be evaluated in multiple dance combinations during the audition. An audition fee of \$25.00 per dancer is due by the day of audition and can be paid in cash or a check made payable to "TRIP".

The process of auditioning can and should be a positive and educational experience for every child. However, as with any audition or try-out, not all who audition will be chosen for a place in the company. If you are invited to join the company, it should be noted that not all dancers are in the same dances. Whether you are in one dance or five dances, TRIP provides tremendous benefit for the dancer in the forms of additional dance instruction, opportunities to learn challenging choreography, exploration of dance as a competitive sport, and the camaraderie of being part of the company. **Final placement decisions are solely at the discretion of the artistic director.**

Although, exact rehearsal times have yet to be determined, a commitment to rehearsals is essential for any TRIP dance company member. Dancers should plan on Sunday rehearsals, except during Nutcracker season, as well as additional rehearsals during the week. Once the company is chosen, exact rehearsal times will be posted. Prior to accepting your position with the company, please be sure you can commit to attending TRIP rehearsals. Each year we ask parents and dancers to sign a contract as a demonstration of their commitment to the rights, rules and responsibilities of being a TRIP member.

**There will be a parent informational meeting at the Stowe Dance Academy on Sunday, August 28, 2011 (time TBA)**

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