



# BACKSTAGE

signature team



## 2025-2026 Debut Team Information

The Debut Competition Team is for dancers in grades K-1 (as of September 1st, 2025) who love to dance, are focused, passionate, and looking to ease into the competitive dance experience. This program is a great way for kids to build community, character and confidence, while also experiencing what the dance world has to offer.

### Debut Program Requirements:

- 12 hours of summer classes taken at Backstage Dance Studio in a variety of dance styles.
- Weekly School Year Class Commitment: 1.5-2 hours twice per week; training in Tap, Ballet, Jazz and Dancer Development classes: consistent attendance required.
- Compete two pieces: Tap & Jazz
- Attend one regional convention - Master classes on Saturday and Sunday.
- Perform Ballet, Tap, and Jazz dances in Backstage's Year-End Spring Show.
- Purchase a minimum of 3 costumes and commit to Entry Fees for each competition dance.
- Compete at 2 local competitions (Spring 2026), exact dates TBA.

Approximate Team Fees for the year are \$1,200 plus tuition.

### INTERESTED IN JOINING DEBUT?

Dancers wishing to be considered for Debut placement must have a teacher recommendation OR pre-qualify through an assessment process in order to be eligible. More information about this assessment process can be found below.

#### **Option 1: If you received an email notifying you that your dancer has been recommended for the Debut program by a Backstage teacher:**

We are offering two weeks of try-it-free classes from June 2nd-13th during which recommended dancers are strongly encouraged to attend the following classes during one of the weeks:

Mondays (June 2nd or June 9th) - Hip Hop: 4:15-5:00pm & Dancer Development: 5:00-5:45pm

Thursdays (June 5th or June 12th) - Ballet: 4:15-5:00pm & Tap: 5:00-5:45pm

These classes are not required, but are strongly encouraged as a way to get a feel for the program's weekly class load and for dancers to try out any new dance styles before they commit to the program for the year.

#### **Option 2: If you are interested in Debut but are new to the studio or did not receive a recommendation:**

Please sign up for the "Debut Assessments: June 2-13" class at [www.backstagedance.org](http://www.backstagedance.org). Dancers must attend at least one of the two classes offered for each listed below.

Assessments held June 2nd-13th:

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For any questions, please email us at: [team@backstagedance.org](mailto:team@backstagedance.org).