



BACKSTAGE
signature team



2026-2027 Debut Team Information

The Debut Competition Team is for dancers in grades K-1 (as of September 1st, 2026) 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 routines: Tap & Jazz
- Attend one regional convention - Master classes on Saturday and Sunday.
- Perform Ballet, Tap, and Jazz dances in Year-End Spring Show.
- Purchase a minimum of 3 costumes and commit to Entry Fees for each competition routine.
- Compete at 2 local competitions (Spring 2027), 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 AND/OR pre-qualify through an assessment process to be eligible. More information about this assessment process can be found below.

If you received a postcard or email notifying you that your dancer has been recommended by a teacher for the Debut program OR if you are interested in Debut but are new to the studio or did not receive a recommendation:

1. Please sign up for the "Debut Assessments" class at <https://backstagedance.org/debut/>.
 - Sign Up Deadline = 6/1/26
2. Attend Debut Assessments, held June 1-12 – Must attend at least one of the two weeks for all four classes. Welcome to attend both weeks, too.

Assessment Class Times =

- Tuesdays, June 2 & 9 - Ballet: 4:30-5:15p AND Jazz: 5:15-6:00p
- Thursdays, June 4 & 11 - Tap: 4:45-5:30p AND Dancer Development: 5:45-6:30p

3. Assessment Fee for NEW students = \$100
Assessment Fee for recommended students = N/A - including with June tuition.

Results will be communicated via email within two weeks of the Assessment Weeks.

For any questions, please email us at: team@backstagedance.org.