

## Description of Classes

### Performance Dance Classes:

This class is an exciting, fun mix of different dance styles including jazz, theater dance, hip hop, modern, salsa, hula, African, lyrical, and many more. We begin with warm up, go across the floor learning new steps, go to the center to learn and practice choreography, free dance at the end, and finish with “the squeeze” in which we hold hands and pass the squeeze around the circle. All of the dances we learn in Performance Dance we will perform at various shows and festivals in Brooklyn. Technique, style, stage presence, skills, self-esteem, and enjoyment are the main focus of Performance Dance.

### Hip Hop:

UpBring’s hip hop class will teach basic hip hop and breakdance moves to upbeat, current, and “old-school” hip hop music. We will combine our moves into choreography and create cohesive, unique, hip hop dance pieces. All of the dances we learn in Hip Hop we will perform at various shows and festivals in Brooklyn. This class will be very fun and will work up a big sweat every time!

### Touring Company:

The Mission of the Touring Company division of UpBring Dance Company is to form a repertoire of dance pieces to be performed in various dance festivals, theme parks, and in various opportunities in the tri-state area. Touring Company rehearsals are both rigorous and physically demanding, requiring an advanced level of dedication, commitment, maturity and responsibility. We will choreograph our dance pieces with focus on performance skills, style, and technique. In order for us to be prepared to perform and tour, we must maintain a high level of discipline in rehearsals. Touring Company dancers work with various guest choreographers as well as UpBring staff. By audition only.

### TnT:

TnT is Touring in Training. TnT is a component of Touring Company. It’s an opportunity for younger dancers to join Touring Company in traveling to theme parks, concerts, and special events to perform more challenging pieces. It is also a special opportunity to work with some of the freshest and most exciting teachers and choreographers in NYC as part of our new guest choreographer program. TnT is by audition only (and open only to currently enrolled students). Dancers will be chosen because they display an advanced level of ability and dedication. TnT dancers will attend rehearsals every Tuesday from 5:30-7 pm. They will learn and perform existing Touring Company repertoire pieces and learn new pieces choreographed specifically for them. Rehearsals are more rigorous than regular UpBring classes with the expectation that dancers come with a positive attitude, dedication, and skill. Auditions will be held Tuesday, September 2, 5:30 pm for boys and girls ages 6 - 10. Those who are up for the challenge are encouraged to audition.

### Toddler Dance:

There are two toddler classes: Tuesdays at 11:00 for 2-3 year olds (and their guardians) and Wednesdays at 11:00 for 3-4 year olds (no guardians). We stretch, do jumps, turns, and kicks across the floor, and learn a full dance piece that we perform at the end of the year in fabulous costumes. This is a wonderful way to enter the world of movement for every boy and girl.

### Musical Theater:

Learn to sing, dance, and act, all in the process of putting on a great show. Meeting once a week, students will learn musical theater skills and techniques in the context of a full length musical. Taught by professional music directors, director, and choreographers, this new class will be an exciting and nurturing way to enjoy being part of a production to be performed in June.

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## **Policies**

\*Students are responsible for wearing appropriate attire for dance. This includes sweats, leggings, leotards, loose pants, etc.. UpBring dancers must have dance shoes for class in order to practice balance, turns, and jumps safely and properly. Girls should have a hair tie with them in class.

\*All students should have a water bottle with them in class. There is no food allowed in the Micro Museum save for an apple or other non-crumbs creating snack.

\*UpBring Dance Company is not responsible for lost or stolen items. Please make sure you have all of your personal belongings with you when you leave the studio.

\*UpBring reserves the right to dismiss any child from the company who is physically/verbally abusive, damages Micro Museum property, or acts in any inappropriate or disruptive manner while participating in UpBring classes. If such behavior occurs during a class, the child will be asked to sit down and his/her parents/guardians will be called.

\*TC and TnT Policy: Touring Company and TnT dancers must attend every class. If there is more than one unexcused absence/trimester, it is possible the dancer's part will be rearranged or cut. If a dancer is ill or is not able to make class for any reason, UpBring must receive a phone call. If a TC or TnT dancer misses a class, it is his/her responsibility to learn the material from a fellow dancer in time for the next class. TC and TnT dancers must maintain a high level of discipline and dance etiquette. Their behavior in class must be focused and they must be ready to learn with a positive attitude toward teachers and fellow dancers. They must practice their dances during the week before the next class. UpBring reserves the right to ask a dancer to leave TC or TnT if he/she are not holding up to these standards.