



2024-2025 Descriptions of level placements:

It is expected that ALL company members show a consistent positive attitude and respect for fellow company members, staff, and guest artists.

Apprentices

Apprentice company members are at the start of their dance career and show an interest or desire in dance performance in a concert and theatrical setting. These dancers are eager to advance in their training and are comfortable learning through their mistakes. These dancers have been training in ballet for at least two years prior to joining RDC.

Petit Corps

Petit Corps dancers are dancers who show a serious interest in dance beyond the minimum requirements of one class per week. These dancers show proficiency in dance terminology and stage directions and demonstrate growth with ballet technique and ability to take direction. Dancers are typically ages 9+ and must exhibit all behaviors listed in the preceding company level.

Junior Corps

Junior Corps dancers are typically ages 11+ who have a strong understanding of ballet technique and terminology. Some Junior company members may be new to pointe technique but show strong understanding and skills in flat shoes. Dancers at this level must exhibit all behaviors listed in all preceding company levels.

Senior Corps

Senior Corps dancers are typically ages 14+ who are well versed in various dance techniques and terminology. Senior corps dancers have a strong work ethic and desire to be challenged and ability to apply and maintain corrections. A minimum of 2 years of consistent pointe work is required for this company level, and dancers must exhibit all behaviors listed in all preceding company levels.

Pre-Pros

The RDC Pre-Professional level is reserved for serious, dedicated, and well-rounded dancers who exhibit all behaviors listed in all preceding company levels and who show promise and potential for a future professional dance career. A strong understanding and command of pointe technique is required for this company level and dancers must demonstrate behaviors that make them a role model to all younger company members.