WHAT IS LA DANCE COMPANY?

LADC is Morgan Street's student dance company! This non-profit organization was founded in 1998 to create more opportunities for our students to expand their dance education and have the "dance company experience." In our 20+ years, we have traveled to take class from teachers in big cities like New York, Los Angeles, and Houston; we have brought our work to many conventions and competitions; and most importantly we have given back and performed in our wonderful community spreading our love for dance!

WHAT DOES LA DANCE COMPANY DO?

We dance! LADC can be viewed as bonus training and performance opportunities for your insatiable dancer. Each summer LADC hires choreographers (in house, local, and sometimes nationally renown) to set work on our company. The dancers then rehearse through the fall and perform at competition, at local events, or (most recently) on the stage of LADC's very own performance "A Date with Dance." Company members are also involved in a weekly "Company Class." This bonus class is a mix of strength and technique training as well as rehearsal time.

WHY SHOULD MY DANCER JOIN LA DANCE COMPANY?

We find it of utmost importance to promote the ART of dance and to contribute towards diversifying your child's dance education. With LADC we are able to learn different styles and concepts and step outside of the studio once in a while to view the art of dance at different angles. AND YOU GET TO DO IT ALL WITH YOUR BEST DANCE BUDS! The camaraderie and the bonding we have witnessed in our company dancers is such a gift. Working so closely with your friends and sharing a passion for dance creates friends for life!

WHAT IS THE REHEARSAL & PERFORMANCE PROCESS?

LADC dancers will attend 2-4 day long "choreography sessions" over the summer with LADC's choreographers. In these sessions the dancers will learn their entire number. Choreographers will then rehearse this number throughout the fall in weekly sessions (very similar to the dance revue process). In the spring, dancers will then perform these numbers at competition, at "A Date with Dance", and finally will perform in MSDC's dance revue at the end of the year.

COMPETITION:

We will generally hit 2-3 competitions per year (depending on which company you are in). Some in Lafayette, some out of town!

A DATE WITH DANCE:

This is LADC's very own special recital in March performed at the Acadiana Center for the Arts in downtown Lafayette!

WHAT IS THE PAYMENT PROCESS?

In order to pay for our choreographers and our out-of-studio experiences, LADC requires a "Company Fee." This company fee covers Membership, Choreography Sessions, Company class, and costumes. The amount of this fee is given upon acceptance into the company and can be paid in 1 lump sum, 2 payments, or monthly. Fundraising events are held over the course of the season beginning in the summer to help cover the cost of choreographers and performance venues.

If you are interested in LADC and have further questions, please email Ms. Whitney – <u>whitney@morganstreetdance.com</u>