

DUPREE DANCE 2014 CONVENTION INFORMATION

Schedules

2-day Conventions

2-day Convention classes are held on Saturday and Sunday. Saturday classes run from 7:45 AM until 1:00 PM and Sunday classes run from 8 AM until 3 PM. Dancers who are registered in the Phaze 1 room have a lighter class schedule on each day. Exact class schedules are posted no later than a month prior to each event and may be found by clicking on the event page per each venue. Until that time, you may view a sample schedule of our 2-day event classes.

3-day Summer Intensive

Our 3-day Summer Intensive classes are on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. In addition to our normal class schedule content, many 'specialty classes' are offered during our Summer Intensive. Our Specialty Classes change from year to year and are formed around the specific Dupree faculty & guest instructors represented at each year's Summer Intensive. An exact class schedule for the Summer Intensive is posted no later than a month prior to the event. Until that time, you may view a sample schedule of our 3-day Summer Intensive.

Be sure to visit our Summer Intensive page under the Events tab to obtain more details about this fantastic workshop!

Class Levels & Guidelines

For each 2-day event, there are 5 levels of classes that dancers may be registered in. Each level has a designated hotel ballroom that the dancers take classes in during each day of the event. These levels include Phaze 1, Phaze 2, Phaze 3, Phaze 4 and the Assistant Teachers/Teachers room. Age guidelines are provided for each room, *but dancers final placement is at the teacher's or independent registrant's discretion and may be based on both the age and ability of each student.* If you have any questions regarding what level to place your dancer(s) in, please call Dupree Dance and we will gladly assist you in that process. During our Summer Intensive, Dupree offers classes for the Phaze 2, 3, 4 & Assistant/Teacher levels. Phaze 1 classes are not offered during the Summer Intensive.

The suggested age guideline for each class level is as follows:

Phaze 1 (age 4-7)

Phaze 2 (age 8-11)

Phaze 3 (age 12-14)

Phaze 4 (age 16 & up)

Assistant Teachers (age 16 & up)

Full Time Teachers (must be at least 18 years of age)

Dancers may choose to jump up or down a level after taking a class or two at our events by visiting the Dupree registration desk. If a dancer decides to change their class level (ballroom) at the event, we request that this be done by or before 10 AM on the first day of classes. Refunds are not given if a dancer decides to jump down a level, but dancers will be charged for an upgrade fee if the price of the classroom they are switching to is higher than the level they initially registered for.

Dancers registered in the Phaze 1, 2, 3 & 4 Rooms are *only* permitted to take classes in their designated ballroom throughout the weekend. They may not 'pick and choose' classes to attend at different levels. Assistant Teachers and Teachers are permitted to take classes in both the Teachers ballroom and any of the other classes throughout the weekend. Only registered Assistant Teachers and Teachers will be permitted to attend classes in the Teachers ballroom. The Teachers ballroom is closed to observers. The audition class in each ballroom is closed to observers & designated only for the dancers who are registered in that ballroom and who are wearing the appropriate colored wristband. Dancers may not audition in a ballroom in which they are not registered.

Convention Prices

	2 Day events	3 Day Summer Intensive
Phaze 1 Ballroom	\$75	N/A
Phaze 2 Ballroom	\$145	\$225
Phaze 3 Ballroom	\$175	\$255
Phaze 4 Ballroom	\$175	\$255
Assistant Teacher	\$185	\$270
Full Time Teacher (18 or up)	\$195	\$300
Observer Band	\$25	\$25

A \$10 fee per dancer will be added to registrations submitted after the registration deadline for each event. At-the door observer bands will be sold (space permitting) for \$35. So be sure to register early and pre-secure your observer bands!!

* Convention prices are subject to registration deadlines. A \$10 fee will be automatically added to registrations submitted after the registration deadline for each event. Registration deadlines may be found by clicking on the event page per each venue. At-the-door observer bands will be sold for \$35 only if space permits. Please review our Observer Bands & Regulations information.

Observer Bands & Regulations

The Dupree Dance observer policy is in place to protect the safety of the registered dancers and the integrity of each event. Our observer policy ensures that every person in the dancers' ballrooms is in direct association with our event and/or the registered dancers. Observers are not permitted in the Teacher Ballroom at any time. Observer bands **MUST** be worn throughout the entire event in order for observers to be permitted into the ballroom.

Observer bands are required for every attendee at our event age 7 and older. Non-registered siblings age 6 and under are free and do not require a band **ONLY** if they are accompanied and chaperoned by an adult observer and/or registered teacher at all times.

An \$25.00 observer band is required for each observer in the Phaze 2, 3 and 4 Ballrooms. A free observer band will be given to observers in the Phaze 1 ballroom only, but will be a different color than the paid observer bands. There will be a max of 2 gifted Phaze 1 observer bands per every 1 registered Phaze 1 dancer. The Phaze 1 colored observer band will only allow observers into the Phaze 1 classes, no exceptions. **NOTE:** If any parent observer or non-registered teacher has a dancer in the Phaze 1 ballroom and another dancer in the Phaze 2, 3 or 4 ballroom, he/she will still need to purchase a paid observer band to wear along with the Phaze 1 observer band provided by Dupree.

Dupree is not responsible for lost observer bands. At-the-door observer bands will cost \$35 and will be available only if space permits. At-the-door observer bands will be sold beginning at 8:30 AM on the first day of our event.

Our online registration will ask you to enter 2 separate numbers of observer bands. The first will be the number of requested Phaze 1 observer bands (limit of 2 per registered Phaze 1 dancer). Then second will be the number of paid observer bands for observers in the Phaze 2, 3 and 4 rooms.

It is highly recommended that you pre-purchase observer bands along with your studio's registration, as they will be sold at the event for \$35 only if space permits. Pre-purchased Observer bands will be included in the registration packet that the Owner/Director or independent registrant picks up on the first morning of the event.

Our competition is free of charge for all audience and no observer bands will be needed during this time. We will also not monitor for observer bands at 2:00 PM on Sunday during the Dancers Showcase, Faculty Routine and Scholarship Presentation. (During our Summer Intensive, this will begin at 2:30 PM.) Any and all parents/teachers who choose to not observe the classes are invited to watch and enjoy the dancers/faculty at this time. Registered dancers, teachers and/or any teachers who qualify for our "Free Teacher Offer" will be provided convention bands and do not require an observer band.

An Observer Policy will be emailed a few days prior to our event to all pre-registered studios as well as independent registrants.

Audition Classes / Scholarships

Dupree Dance awards approximately 25-30 scholarships per event. Scholarships are awarded in the Phaze 1 room, but there is not a 'formal audition' for this age level. A formal audition class is given for all registered dancers in the Phaze 2, 3 & 4 Ballrooms. Assistant Teachers will audition along with the Phaze 4 Ballroom. Auditions are closed to Observers and Teachers. Only registered students or registered Assistant Teachers wearing the appropriate colored wristband for their Audition are permitted into the Audition class.

Dancers will demonstrate 2-3 short combinations within their Audition class. This will consist of either new material or instructors may build upon material that has already been taught in a class prior to the Audition class. A group of finalists will be selected based on talent and work ethic. Out of our group of finalists, a select group of dancers from each classroom level will be awarded a convention tuition scholarship that may be used at any Dupree Dance event of their choice within 18 months of the date they receive their award. Dancers who are named 'finalists' will be recognized along with the scholarship recipients in each room during the Scholarship Presentation on Sunday at the conclusion of our event.

On many occasions, additional convention tuition scholarships may be awarded to students who demonstrated great potential and work ethic throughout the weekend. The additional scholarships are not always selected during the actual audition class per each room and may be nominated by one or more of our Dupree faculty members.

All Star Dancers

In addition to convention tuition scholarships, Dupree also selects 1-3 dancers from both the Phaze 3 and Phaze 4 rooms to be named “Dupree All Star Dancers of the Weekend”. These dancers receive a convention tuition scholarship to attend classes Dupree’s 3-day Summer Intensive in Chicago, Illinois. They are also invited to join the prestigious All Star Performance Team that is comprised of All Star winners from cities across the United States. All Star dancers are sent a choreography DVD in June and are responsible for learning the custom choreographed All Star routine on their own prior to their arrival at the Summer Intensive. During the Summer Intensive, they rehearse & stage the All Star routine and are featured in 2 All Star performances! The All Star Performance Team will be gifted customized t-shirts, loaned customized All Star costumes, receive a pizza party and are recognized throughout our Summer Intensive.

Free Full-Time Teacher Offer

Dupree Dance extends a Free Full-Time Teacher Offer to qualifying studio registrations. Assistant Teachers are not eligible for the Free Full-Time Teacher Offer. Only Full Time Teachers are eligible and must be at least 18 years of age.

FREE FULL TIME TEACHER OFFER:

Register 6-10 *PAID dancers → 1 Teacher attends for free
Register 11-20 *PAID dancers → 2 Teachers attend for free
Register 21-30 *PAID dancers → 3 Teachers attend for free
Register 31-40 *PAID dancers → 4 Teachers attend for free
Register 41 + *PAID dancers → ALL Teachers attend for free

** Students who attend on a Dupree Dance scholarship do NOT counted towards the total number of PAID dancers under the Free Teacher Offer.*

Complimentary Studio Owner/Director Breakfast

If you are registering as a studio and have the Owner and/or Director in attendance at our event, we would like to invite them to our private & complimentary Studio Owner/Director breakfast on Sunday morning from 7-8 AM in the hotel restaurant. During our Summer Intensive, the Owner/Director breakfast will be from 8-9 AM. Up to 2 Owner/Director names may be submitted for studio registrations during the online registration process. Name badges for the breakfast will be included in the Studio Registration Packets that are picked up at the beginning of each event.

The Owner/Director breakfast simply our way to say “thank you” to our valued supporters. The atmosphere is comfortable and allows owners/directors the opportunity to relax and network if they desire. It is also a time that Studio Packets are distributed by Dupree Dance. The Studio Packets contain valuable information regarding our Studio Loyalty Program and other upcoming Dupree Dance events. Owners/Directors who happen to miss our breakfast are encouraged to stop by the Dupree registration desk on Sunday to obtain their Studio Packet.

Studio Video Pass

If you are a Studio Owner/Director and are completing a Studio Registration with 10 or more registered students in Phaze 1-4 Rooms, you are eligible to receive one Dupree Dance Video Pass. Studio Video Passes are not available for purchase and will not be issued to independent registrants or to studios without at least 10 registered dancers from the Phaze 1, Phaze 2, Phaze 3 or Phaze 4 rooms. Assistant Teachers and Full-Time Teachers do not count towards the required 10-registered dancer minimum for the Studio Video Pass offer.

Use of the Studio Video Pass during the Convention

The Studio Video Pass will enable only a full time, registered teacher from your studio to videotape during convention classes. That teacher MUST be wearing your studios video pass along with her teacher ballroom registration band while videotaping. Assistant Teachers may NOT videotape. Students, observers, or anyone other than the registered Teacher with the required Video Pass may NOT use personal video cameras (including cell phone recorders) at *any* time in *any* ballroom during the convention classes.

Use of the Video Pass during the Competition

The Studio Video Pass also gives you the option of nominating 1 studio representative to wear your Video Pass and tape your routines *only* during competition. A designated area will be reserved for video pass holders during our competition. Independent registrants or studios that do not qualify for the Video Pass will not be permitted to videotape during competition.

In order to protect Dupree Dance, LLC, its Faculty, choreography, class content, as well as dancers taking classes throughout the weekend, each registered studio who qualifies for and requests a Video Pass MUST claim they have read and agree entirely to uphold each of the above Rules as well as additional Rules and Regulations listed below that are associated with use of the Video Pass.

- * Dupree Dance Video footage obtained from registered Teachers and/or Assistant Teachers may be used *only* by the registered studio's Faculty for referral to material taught during the workshop.
- * Video footage obtained during the Dupree Dance workshop may *not* be posted on Facebook, YouTube, Websites, or any other Web Pages or emails. Dupree Dance video footage is reserved *only* for registered Teachers from the qualified studio and any manner of its circulation is prohibited.
- * Video footage obtained during any Dupree Dance workshop may not be duplicated, reproduced or sold to any other studios, independent dancers, or *any* third party, despite their attendance at the Dupree Dance event where the video footage was taken.

A printable Video Pass Waiver may be obtained from our website under Convention Information.