



## **VAM Studios**

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### **“VIP’s” (*VAM in Performance*) YOUTH PERFORMANCE GROUP**

#### **REHEARSAL TIMES:**

Every Saturday 3:30pm - 4:30pm

#### **IMPORTANT DATES:**

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| September 15           | - <b>3:00pm Mandatory Parent Orientation Meeting</b>             |
| September 22           | - 1st VIP rehearsal  |
| Sept. 2018 - Jan. 2019 | - Community performances TBD                                     |
| November 17*           | - Full Run-Through – VAM Winter Show at VAM Studios              |
| November 24*           | - Rehearsal – VAM Winter Show at VAM Studios                     |
| November 30*           | - MANDATORY Dress Rehearsal – VAM Winter Show at VAM             |
| December 1*            | - SHOW DAY! Dress & Tech Rehearsal<br>& VAM Winter Show at BPH** |
| December 2*            | - SHOW DAY! VAM Winter Show at BPH**                             |
| Dec. 23 - Jan. 2       | - Winter Break   |
| January 27, 2019       | - Last day of Fall Semester                                      |

*\*For students participating in the Winter Show*

*\*\*Broadway Performance Hall - 1625 Broadway, Seattle*

#### **ABOUT THE GROUP**

The VAM Studios youth group, VAM in Performance (VIP’s) is a group where passionate dancers can take their dancing to a higher level. The VIP experience provides a pre-professional training environment where dancers have the opportunity to

perform in public and community events throughout the year. Participants will learn choreography, teamwork, commitment to excellence, and the discipline to accomplish challenging goals and excel in their dance and performance. The rewards of their hard work and dedication will be shared with the community through their performances and outreach events with the goal of spreading joy and inspiring others.

### **TECHNIQUE CLASSES**

It is necessary for students to study proper technique to ensure their healthy growth and development. Students are required to study at least 2 different dance styles and attend a minimum of 4 hours of technique classes a week to participate in the VAM Performance Group. (For example: 2 hours of ballet and 2 hours of tap technique per week.) We offer a variety of classes which fulfill this requirement. Teachers will work with you at the beginning of the school year to determine which classes are right for you. Regular attendance at these classes will be a requirement to remain in the VAM Performance Group.

### **IT'S A TEAM!**

It is important that each dancer and family understand that the VAM Performance Group functions as a team. Choreography is set around the students within their levels. When students are not present, it affects the entire team. Consistent attendance and proper attitudes are essential to participate in this group.

### **ATTENDANCE**

Rehearsals must be a priority. If more than two technique classes are missed during a session, or if a rehearsal or performance is missed, a student may be ineligible to participate in an upcoming performance. In some cases, a student may be dismissed from the group. There are no make-ups and students will be removed from the material they miss.

### **COMMUNICATION**

Please read everything that is sent home. Please read all emails. Be aware of dates, performances, call times, and costumes needed. You will receive a schedule at the start of each session with performances, rehearsals, and details. The week before an event, all pertinent information will be sent home. Please do not send emails requesting early details. They will be sent as soon as they become available.

### **ATTIRE**

VAM Performance Group sets a high standard for the school. Make sure to wear proper dance attire to your classes. Please take care of costumes and dancewear as they will be used all year.

### **REGISTRATION FEE**

The VAM Performance Group registration fee is \$250 per student/semester; \$500 for the full school year. (Includes performance group jacket). Other costs the fee covers includes but is not limited to: choreographer fees, costumes, sets, props, transportation, event participation fees, etc.

\*NOTE: *This fee is not for the Performance Group Class*

**SIGNATURES**

By signing below, I understand and agree to all that is required of me in order to be in the VAM Performance Group. I understand that if I do not maintain my commitment, I may not be allowed to continue in the VAM Performance Group.

Parent: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Student: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_