

# 2024 TROUPE CONTRACT

**PLEASE RETURN ATTACHED FORM BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR TO SECURE YOUR CHILD'S PLACE IN TROUPE FOR 2024.**

Eisteddfods are dance competitions where students enter as troupes, solos and duos/trios in various styles of dance. Eisteddfods are a great opportunity for students to perform and meet new people in a fun environment. A high level of commitment is required to be part of the troupe – please see details below. A reminder that we always have **3 weeks of holidays** between terms, to give families the chance to book trips away after the eisteddfod in the first week.

There will be a \$75 troupe levy added to Term 1 invoices – this will cover extra costs for the whole year.

## TROUPE EISTEDDFODS

***Please note that students must be available to perform at the eisteddfods listed below.***

1. Sale eisteddfod **ALL AGES** – Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> – Sun 7<sup>th</sup> April (first week of school holidays after Easter)
2. East Gippsland eisteddfod, Bairnsdale **ALL AGES** – Sun 16<sup>th</sup> June
3. Morwell eisteddfod **ALL AGES** – Fri 28<sup>th</sup> June – Sun 7<sup>th</sup> July (first week of school holidays – Open Troupe will perform all troupes, other age groups will only perform 2-3 troupes)
4. Traralgon eisteddfod **ALL AGES** – Fri 20<sup>th</sup> – Sun 29<sup>th</sup> September (first week of school holidays – troupes normally all on first weekend except Open Jazz Troupe)

## TROUPE AGE GROUPS 2024

Leaps and Bounds will have the following troupe age groups in 2024 as per the timetable. All current troupe members will move up an age group for 2024.

- 8 & Under Troupe (Test 1 or 2 Ballet, Beginner for other styles)
- 10 & Under Troupe (Test 3 or Bronze Medal Ballet, Junior for other styles)
- 12 & Under Troupe (Bronze Star or Silver Medal Ballet, Intermediate for other styles)
- 14 & Under Troupe (Silver Star or Gold Medal, Senior for other styles)
- Open Troupe (Elementary or Advanced Ballet, Advanced for other styles)

## TROUPE REQUIREMENTS

- 8 & Under Troupe students must be enrolled in **ballet** to be part of the troupe.
- 10 & Under, 12 & Under, 14 & Under and Open Troupe students must be enrolled in **ballet and jazz** to be part of the troupe.
- Students enrolled in ballet, jazz and tap receive troupe class free.
- Troupe students cannot miss more than two ballet classes, two jazz classes and two troupe classes per term to maintain their spot in the troupe. If students are unwell they should attempt to watch the class and provide a note (this is then not counted as a lesson missed).
- There will occasionally be extra troupe rehearsals held on a weekend before the eisteddfod or to learn new troupes at the beginning of a term.

## SOLOS/DUOS/TRIOS – PRIVATE LESSONS

- Students wanting to perform solos or duos/trios at eisteddfods are required to take weekly private lessons. The private lesson timetable will be organised and emailed to parents next year before Term 1 begins. Please let us know if your child is stopping their private lessons next year so that lessons are not scheduled for your child.
- Students **MUST** be part of troupe in order to enter solos/duos/trios.
- Private lessons will be invoiced twice per term and will be charged at \$28 per half hour. 15 minute lessons may be used for those with fewer routines to rehearse.
- **NEW IN 2024** – new solo/duo/trio routines will incur a \$75 fee which will be passed directly on to the teacher, to cover music selection/purchase/editing and choreography. Old routines being passed on will not incur this fee.
- Parents are responsible for entering students into the eisteddfods for solos/duos/trios – we will pass on entry information for each eisteddfod via email. Students can enter these routines at Sale, Yarram (ballot), Bairnsdale, Morwell and Traralgon eisteddfods plus others that may pop up throughout the year.
- Students are only allowed to learn ONE new solo and ONE new duo/trio per term. Parents should advise us ASAP of any new requests for Term 1 2024 if it has not be done already.
- Students will need a costume for each solo/duo/trio item that they learn. Costumes must be approved before purchasing. Leaps and Bounds will no longer be hiring costumes for NEW routines. Anything already being hired can still be used and there may be routines that require a specific costume from us. We will advise on a case-by-case basis.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding eisteddfods. We look forward to another great year of eisteddfods in 2024!

**LEAPS AND BOUNDS**  
**TROUPE CONTRACT 2024**

*Please return before end of year – one form per family*

**Child 1**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Troupe age group: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read the requirements above.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*PARENT SIGNATURE*

**Child 2**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Troupe age group: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read the requirements above.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*PARENT SIGNATURE*

**Child 3**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Troupe age group: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read the requirements above.*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*PARENT SIGNATURE*

**Child 4**

Student Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Student DOB: \_\_\_\_\_

Troupe age group: \_\_\_\_\_

*I have read the requirements above.*

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*PARENT SIGNATURE*