

# Welcome to M.A.D.E. 2016/2017!

## **JR Company:**

Ages 8-11 (primarily 3rd grade-5th grade)

Dancers in this company will primarily enroll in the Sunflower courses (Level B), based on our recommendations. Company rehearsal will be Wednesdays at 5:00pm

## **SR Company:**

Ages 11-15 (primarily middle and high school)

Dancers in this company will primarily enroll in the Lilac and Violet Courses (Level C and D), based on our recommendations. Company rehearsal will be Thursdays at 6:30pm

Each semester our MADE company dancers will learn, and perform in, a minimum of two company dance pieces, choreographed by MADE faculty and guest artists. Dancers interested in sharing their artistic voice through choreography will also be given opportunities to develop and present their own work in the MADE company showcase in March.

## **Company Attire/Supplies:**

We will be using the MCDA tanks for community performances. Required tanks will be available at a discount to company members. New designs for the 2016/2017 season are in the works, including jackets and parent shirts.

*Specific MADE dance wear* \*Write your name on the inside of all your items

A high quality black legging

Black jazz shoes (no show socks if you'd prefer to wear socks inside your shoes)

A black camisole leotard (We recommend the Motionwear 2603- many of you already own this style from spring recital last season)

Items can be purchased at Boulder Body Wear for a 15% discount when mentioning MCDA.

## *Performance Kit*

Bobby pins and hair elastics that match hair color

Hairspray/hair gel

Makeup set (blush, lipstick, mascara and eyeshadow)

Nude undergarments

Safety pins

Notebook/journal dedicated to MADE

A bag dedicated to your dance supplies

## **MADE 2015/2016 Current Season Performances**

Saturday, September 17th, 2016 9:30am-12:00pm

Performance at Louisville Farmer's Market and Company Photo Shoot

Dancers should wear jeans, red shirts/tanks and tennis shoes for the photo shoot

Sunday, November 6th, 2016: Dance is For Everybody: Boulder Public Library Canyon Theatre

\*this could be Nov 5th but we've requested the 6th

Sunday, December 4th (or 3rd), 2016: Snowflake Soiree; Centaurus

Saturday or Sunday March 4th or 5th, 2017: MADE Showcase

\*MADE student choreography will be featured in this performance.

April 29th, 2017: MADE goes on Tour! Master Classes and Performance in Fort Collins

May 2017: MCDA Spring Benefit Concert

May 27th, 28th or 29th, 2017: Boulder Creek Fest OR Saturday June 3rd, 2017: Taste of Louisville

Summer 2017: Community Performance \*Culminating the MADE Summer 2017 intensive

### **MADE Special Events/Field Trips:**

Hip Hop/Breakin' Club: Meets once per month on Saturday 11:15am-12:15am  
(Scheduled fall dates Sept. 24th, October 22nd, Nov 19th) \*taught by hip hop master teacher Kevin O'Keefe \*MADE dancers will be pre-registered

Monday, September 5th, 2015 (am): Labor Day Parade: Downtown Louisville \*optional

Saturday, October 22nd, 2016: MADE Company Party (Bowling, Swimming)- following HH club

Saturday March 11th, 2017: 10am-Noon Broadway Connection Master Class  
(An American in Paris) \*MADE dancers will be pre-registered

March 11th 2pm: Group field trip to see An American In Paris at the Denver Center for Performing Arts

June 2017: MADE End of Season Company Picnic and Party

### **MADE Dancer Agreements/Requirements:**

MADE is a year long commitment

\*The 2016/2017 season commitment is August, 2016-early June, 2017

\*Participating or joining mid-season will only be on an individual basis, with previous approval by MADE directors Leslie Merrill and Mimi Ferrie

As a MADE Company Member you are agreeing to:

Attend and participate in ALL 2016/2017 performances and required events

Attend all required classes and rehearsals for participation in MADE

MADE Jr

1. Ballet (immediately before company rehearsal)
2. Technique class(es) of your choice
3. 1 MADE rehearsal per week

MADE Sr

1. Ballet
2. Contemporary and/or Jazz
3. Class(es) of your choice. We encourage tap and/or hip hop as rhythm forms
4. 1 MADE rehearsal per week

Summer:

Summer intensive(s) and 2 technique classes per week (when not out of town)

\*Please note that a few extra rehearsals (typically 1-3 per year) may be scheduled in preparation for a performance. Families/dancers would be notified in advance and would most likely be scheduled for a Friday or Saturday afternoon.

\*Illness and required school activities are excused absences for rehearsals and class. Please be considerate when signing up for extra school activities such as talent shows, school plays, sports, etc as those will not be considered excused absences and frequent absences have a negative effect on the company's ability to perform and rehearse at their best.

Parents: Please inform us ASAP if dancers will need to miss class or rehearsal. Performances are required.

### **How our fabulous MADE parents can help!!**

Stay informed!!! Check your email for MADE and MCDA information.

Connect with our

Facebook pages "Mountain Kids Louisville" and

"Mountain Contemporary Dance Arts"- a Facebook group page dedicated to MCDA information

Vimeo page: [vimeo.com/mcdadance](http://vimeo.com/mcdadance)

Instagram: [#mcdadance](https://www.instagram.com/mcdadance) [#mountaincontemporarydance](https://www.instagram.com/mountaincontemporarydance)

\*We'd like to start a company parent contact list for carpooling, communication, etc

Help us spread the word about MADE and the MCDA program. Please tell your friends, co-workers, other parents about our offerings. You are our very best resource for helping our program grow!!

Write up a testimonial for our new website or an online google review! We'd love to hear what you and your dancers enjoy about the program!

Volunteer to usher, sell flowers, or help set up during dance performances. We will contact you if we are looking for volunteers before a show.

Share ideas with us about future events, field trips, offerings you'd like to see for your dancers.

We do our VERY best to plan events and commitments in advance. Occasionally we have to make changes to rehearsals, classes or events. We appreciate your understanding and flexibility when these circumstances occur.

Chat with us. We love getting to know you as well as your dancers!

**Thank you! We look forward to a season full of joy, growth and dance!!!**

Mimi Ferrie, MADE Administrative Director and 2016/2017 MADE Jr. Lead Instructor

Leslie Merrill, MADE Artistic Director and 2016/2017 MADE Sr. Lead Instructor

**Questions?** Leave a message with the office staff (303) 665-8287 and Leslie or Mimi will get back in touch with you OR email us at

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