

Companies

THE CHARLESTON YOUTH COMPANY began in 1978 with one company of students grades 5-12 and has grown to encompass six companies. Membership in each of the performing companies is based on a yearly audition that includes dance, drama and vocal.

TECHNICAL COMPANY These talented students donate their creativity and time on weekends under the direction of master craftsmen to create, design, paint, and build sets. They learn all aspects of stagecraft and serve as the deck crew for the shows as well as follow spot operators.

FRESHMAN COMPANY The company was added in 2013 to begin our total dream for a learning program for students in grades 1-12. They are exposed to the best in vocal, dance and drama technique in an hour long class each week. Parents, family members and friends are invited twice a year to their recital in our studio. Class size is limited to 12 students in grades 1 – 3, and they are selected through our audition process.

SOPHOMORE COMPANY The addition of this company, grades 3 – 5, has allowed us to continue to develop the performers in the beginning levels of performance in vocal, dance, and drama . This company performs a few numbers in each production. They rehearse one day a week .

JUNIOR COMPANY The Junior Company, grades 5-8, meets one day per week and several Saturdays per semester. They are showcased in one major section of each production. Instruction focuses on learning performance skills and stage presence with an emphasis on higher levels of dance, drama and vocal.

JUNIOR ELITE COMPANY This new program was started in 2018 where our top Jr Co members are placed before they move to Sr Co. They rehearse with Sr Co 1 day a week and two Saturdays a month with the option of coming 2 days a week. This company prepares students for the more rigorous demands of dance.

SENIOR COMPANY The emphasis of our premier company, grades 6-12, is on performance and stage presence. Advanced techniques in dance, drama and vocal are showcased with two major sections in each production. This company meets two days per week and one-two Saturdays per month.