



Houston Dance Consortium

Membership Structure

There are so many ways that membership in Houston Dance Consortium can benefit you and your community. Our non-profit organization is here to serve you with a community of fellow dance professionals and pre-professionals that will become your trusted advisors, friends, fellow performers, associates, resources, and contributors to your dance career. In the world of dance, sometimes the passion is there, but we just don't know how to pursue it...we aim to bring opportunity to you to pursue your dance goals. We are recruiting membership from professors, dancers, studio owners, teachers, choreographers, and other non-profit dance professionals. We strive to build a network of community involvement within schools, other non-profit community organizations, and local subsidized branches of childcare services to offer dance education to lower income youth. We aim to fund opportunities for future dancers in the form of scholarships as well.

We rely on grants, donations, and membership contributions to fuel our efforts towards these causes. Contributions can be made via monetary, service hours, or in-kind donation. Membership commitments are necessary for the consortium to be able to provide enough value to impact your dance world.

Individual Bronze Member Benefits:

***Access to monthly members only dance meetings** - Held at a local studio, our members will come together to synergize through a warm-up and dance session followed by discussion of a pre-selected topic presented either by a guest or a fellow member, and open forum to close the event. These are basically free master classes and networking events!

***Network of fellow dancers / teachers** – Membership will open a network of people and organizations that you can get to know better through your participation in member events and communications. Having a common bond and commitment is a great stepping stone to collaboration and partnerships.

***First pick for teaching opportunities** – We will look to the people that we have helped train and that we know are the right fit for any community outreach teaching jobs that the consortium obtains. We will also be able to pick teachers for Master Classes at member studios.

***First pick for performances or choreography opportunities** – The network of dancers that are part of Houston Dance Consortium will be the best resource for choreographers, producers, and directors of local performances and projects. We aim to connect you to these opportunities.

***Discounted event tickets and master classes** – Any events and Master Classes hosted by HDC will offer discounted entry fees for its members. We aim to have at least one per quarter.

***Discounted studio rental rate** – HDC will work with local studios to negotiate discounted rates for its members to rent studio space. HDC calls MoveNation Dance Academy home, but seeks partnership with many studios in Houston and Surrounding areas.

Individual Rose Gold Member Benefits:

Rose Gold level members receive all of the benefits of a Bronze Membership and the following additional benefits:



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***Voting Rights** – You hold the power to shape the organization from a standpoint of what events and projects we undertake, how we run meetings, meeting topics, where we hold events, and other decisions.

Organization Bronze Member Benefits:

An organization can send members of its organization to participate as individual members and receive the Individual Bronze level benefits as listed above. In addition, Organizations receive the following benefits from HDC:

*Venue Hosting by Houston Dance Consortium – will host your performance or event through our non-profit at a discounted rate.

*Increase Traffic to your studio – Hosting meetings at your studio will increase foot traffic and awareness of your location within the dance community.

*Joint Group Projects – Participate in larger scale projects and offer your students opportunities to perform at a higher caliber than you can offer alone.

Organization Rose Gold Member Benefits:

An organization at this level receives all of the benefits of an Organization Bronze level as well as the following benefits:

***Voting Rights** – You hold the power to shape the organization from a standpoint of what events and projects we undertake, how we run meetings, meeting topics, where we hold events, and other decisions. (Organizations have one vote per membership, voting rights do not extend to members of the organization.) Organizations can also vote upon decisions related to studio use/involvement, such as discount rate for rentals, number of members associated with organization max, future membership level rates.

Membership Fees/Service:

Membership contributions are pertinent to the success of our operations. We rely heavily on your membership fees or service hours to pay for our venues, staff, administrative and overhead costs, any facility rentals, sponsorships, paid guest speakers/teachers, and so much more. We aim to keep the cost low and provide the maximum benefit for your contribution. We understand the financial constraints of young artists and students and we accept volunteer service hours in lieu of monetary fees. Starting in Fall of 2025, potential members who have attended one meeting, shown an interest in becoming a member, and have contributed 3 hours of volunteer service may be granted bronze membership status and retain that status as long as they continue to pay or volunteer 3 hours a month (this is in addition to the required 8 hours per year for bronze membership). Membership levels can be upgraded throughout the year. Members must renew their membership the following year as it does not automatically roll over.



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Introductory Year:

Bronze Membership Level:

At this membership level, you have access to all of the membership benefits listed above and are required to perform the duties listed below in addition to your paid fee. This level does not have voting rights within the consortium, but we highly value your participation and feedback.

An introductory Individual bronze membership level rate is only \$30 monthly or \$330 for the year if paid upfront. An introductory Organization membership rate is only \$60 monthly or \$660 annually if paid upfront.

Membership Duties:

Participate in 6 monthly meetings minimum

Volunteer 8 hours per year

Rose Gold Membership Level:

At this membership level, you have access to all of the membership benefits listed above and are required to perform the duties listed below in addition to your paid fee. This level of membership allows you to help shape the opportunities that the consortium focuses on by giving you voting rights within the consortium for events, guests, and discussion topics.

An introductory Individual rose gold membership level rate is only \$40 monthly or \$440 for the year if paid upfront. An introductory Organization membership rate is only \$100 monthly or \$1,100 annually if paid upfront.

Membership Duties:

Participate in 3 monthly meetings minimum

Volunteer 2 hours per year