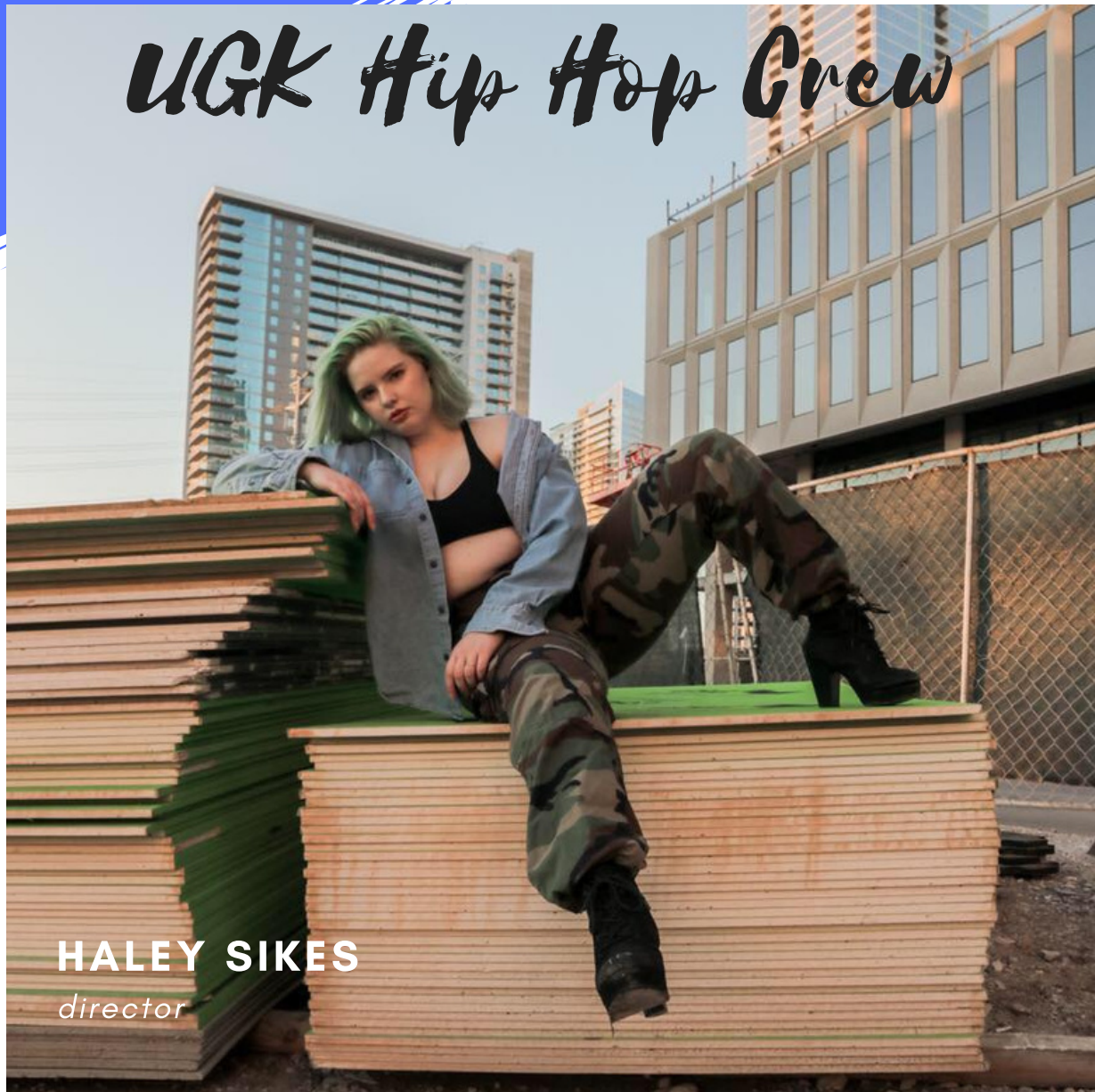




At Balance Dance Studios

2021-2022 INFORMATION

UGK Hip Hop Crew



HALEY SIKES
director

Haley Sikes is a dancer, performer, choreographer, and teacher based out of the Austin area. She started dancing at the age of three, training in many different styles, with a focus on hip hop. Haley has been teaching dance for the past five years, has choreographed for many dance crews all over Texas, and has been a dancer for local artists. Haley grows as a teacher by pushing her students to be the best people they can be. She has a fresh new view that she uses to spark creativity among other young artists.

Who We Are

TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL

Our Mission

UGK is a competitive youth Hip Hop and street style crew, at Balance Dance studios! Directed by Haley Sikes, UGK trains dancers to be entertaining performers, while growing teamwork skills. We perform at various events, competitions, and dance conventions across Texas, and hold many prestigious titles. For dancers ages 5-18, UGK focuses on building the youth community in Austin, and exposing more kids to hip hop and street culture. If you are interested in joining for our upcoming 2021-22 season, check out the link below.

Opportunities

Training from Local, National,
and International Choreographers
Competitive Growth
Local Performances
Convention Training
Industry Training
Team Bonding Experiences
Customized Training and Choreography
& More!

Audition Information

MAY 21-22 | \$25 AUDITION FEE

After having pre-registered, dancers should plan to arrive at the studio, no less than 15 minutes before their audition time, to check in, complete any remaining paperwork (an application should be fully completed ahead of time, along with headshot - please fill out thoughtfully so we can get to know your dancer), and to warm up. Dancers should wear their best hip-hop attire to auditions. Light makeup and hair accessories are acceptable. Dancers will learn a short combo and will be asked to freestyle as part of their audition.

LIL GROOVES AGES 5-8 | MAY 21 | 4:30-5:30pm

UNITE AGES 9-12 | MAY 22 | 5:00-6:00pm

KONNECT AGES 13-18 | MAY 22 | 6:30-8:00pm

For ages 5-8: May 21st: 4:15pm check in/warm up, 4:30-5:30pm- Dance Jam!

5:30pm Parent Pick-up (Director available to answer any parent questions)

For ages 9-12: May 22nd: 4:30pm check in/warm up, 5-5:45pm- Learn combo,

5:45-6:00pm- Review and audition the combo in small groups,

6:00pm- Parent Pick-up (Director available to answer any parent questions)

For ages 12-18: May 22nd: 6pm check in/warm up, 6:30-7:15pm- Learn combo,

7:15-8pm- Review and audition the combo in small groups, 8pm- Parent Pick-up

(Director available to answer any parent questions)

Evaluation:

Balance Dance Studios will bring in outside judges to evaluate auditioning dancers, and provide objective feedback for team placement. In addition, director feedback is considered, as well as past attendance, work ethic, attitude and performance quality (for returning company members). Judges and directors will share feedback after auditions and collaborate to determine the crew best suited to dancers' abilities, commitment level and expressed goals (per their application).

Results:

Dancers will be notified on Sunday, May 23rd, via email, of their audition results/placement. After that, one parent and dancer are REQUIRED to attend a mandatory 2x1 meeting with the director. between Wednesday-Saturday, May 26th-30th, to sign up for all summer and fall requirements, be measured, etc. Summer classes start Monday, June 7th, and end on July 30th.

The fall session begins on Monday, August 16th.

Registration is open online!
Click [HERE](#) to register!

DETAILS

Time Commitments

SUMMER AND FALL EXPECTATIONS

SUMMER TRAINING

5.21-5.22 AUDITIONS

6.29-7.1 HIP HOP WORKSHOP

7.26-7.30 AXIS INTENSIVE (Required if not doing Balance Intensive)

6.21-6.24 BALANCE INTENSIVE (required if not doing Axis)

7.30-8.1 CHOREOGRAPHY WEEK

COMPETITIONS & PERFORMANCES

OCTOBER: MONSTERS HOUSTON CONVENTION (optional)

DECEMBER TBD: TRAIL OF LIGHTS PERFORMANCE & WINTER SHOW

JANUARY: MONSTERS AUSTIN CONVENTION AND COMPETITION
(UNITE + KONNECT ONLY, LIL' GROOVES OPTIONAL)

MARCH: MONSTERS DALLAS A-LIST CONVENTION AND COMPETITION (optional event)

MARCH: ACT1 TALENT COMPETITION (TBD) - 1-2 LOCAL COMPETITIONS

MAY: SPRING RECITAL AND COMPANY SHOW

SUMMER AND FALL EXPECTATIONS

Summer Commitments: 8 hours of hip hop during the 8 week summer session
Recommended summer classes: ages 6-8 Tuesday 4-5pm, ages 9-11 Tuesday 5-6pm, ages 12+ Tuesday 7:30-8:30pm, ages 16+ Tuesday 8:30-9:30pm
Summer choreography weekend (July 30-August 1), team retreat (August 1), Hip Hop workshop (6/29-7/1), and Balance or Axis Intensive (Balance Intensive 6/21-24, Axis 7/26-7/30).

Fall Commitments:

Fall Commitments: Schedule (subject to change/draft*): Thursdays 4pm (LIL' GROOVES ages 5-8) 6pm (UNITE ages 9-11) or 7pm (KONNECT ages 12+) Rehearsal, plus one additional hip hop class.

Attendance Policy: Students are not allowed to have more than 3 absences per class per semester. All absences must be approved by the director prior to classes missed. All conventions and competitions are mandatory. No exceptions. Reblocking fees of \$150/piece will apply.