

## FRANCHISE DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT



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Tutu School Franchises, LLC franchises the Tutu School system of dance and movement programs for children. The total investment necessary to begin operations of a Tutu School franchise is \$68,300 - \$135,200. This includes \$36,000 that must be paid to the franchisor or affiliate.

This disclosure document summarizes certain provisions of your franchise agreement and other information in plain English. Read this disclosure document and all agreements carefully. You must receive this disclosure documents at least 14 calendar days before you sign a binding agreement with, or make any payment to, the franchisor or affiliate in connection with the proposed franchise sale. Note, however, that no government agency has verified the information contained in this document.

You may wish to receive your disclosure document in another format that is more convenient to you. To discuss the availability of disclosures in different forms, contact Rachel McNee at 519 Bay Street, San Francisco, CA 94133 and (415) 734-8840.

The terms of your contract will govern your franchise relationship. Do not rely on the disclosure document alone to understand your contract. Read all of your contract carefully. Show your contract and this disclosure document to an advisor, like a lawyer or an accountant.

Buying a franchise is a complex investment. The information in this disclosure document can help you make up your mind. More information on franchising, such as <u>"A Consumer's Guide to Buying a Franchise</u>," which can help you understand how to use this disclosure document, is available for the Federal Trade Commission. You can contact the FTC at 1-877-FTC-HELP or by writing to the FTC at 600 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20580. You can also visit the FTC's home page at www.ftc.gov for additional information. Call your state agency or visit your public library for other sources of information on franchising.

There may also be laws on franchising in your state. Ask your state agencies about them.

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## STATE COVER PAGE

Your state may have a franchise law that requires a franchisor to register or file with a state franchise administrator before offering or selling in your state. REGISTRATION OF A FRANCHISE BY A STATE DOES NOT MEAN THAT THE STATE RECOMMENDS THE FRANCHISE OR HAS VERIFIED THE INFORMATION IN THIS DISCLOSURE DOCUMENT.

Call the state administrators listed in Exhibit D for information about the franchisor, or about franchising in your state.

MANY FRANCHISE AGREEMENTS DO NOT ALLOW YOU TO RENEW UNCONDITIONALLY AFTER THE INITIAL TERM EXPIRES. YOU MAY HAVE TO SIGN A NEW AGREEMENT WITH DIFFERENT TERMS AND CONDITIONS IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO OPERATE YOUR BUSINESS. BEFORE YOU BUY, CONSIDER WHAT RIGHTS YOU HAVE TO RENEW YOUR FRANCHISE, IF ANY, AND WHAT TERMS YOU MIGHT HAVE TO ACCEPT IN ORDER TO RENEW.

Please consider the following RISK FACTORS before you buy this franchise:

**Risk Factors** 

THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES THAT ALL DISAGREEMENTS BE SETTLED BY MEDIATION OR BY LITIGATION. IF YOU SUE THE FRANCHISOR YOU MUST DO SO IN THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA. OUT OF STATE LITIGATION MAY FORCE YOU TO ACCEPT A LESS FAVORABLE SETTLEMENT FOR DISPUTES. IT MAY ALSO COST MORE TO SUE IN CALIFORNIA THAN IN YOUR HOME STATE.

WITH CERTAIN EXCEPTIONS, THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT STATES THAT CALIFORNIA LAW GOVERNS THOSE AGREEMENTS, AND THIS LAW MAY NOT PROVIDE THE SAME PROTECTIONS AND BENEFITS AS LOCAL LAW. YOU MAY WANT TO COMPARE THESE LAWS.

THE FRANCHISE AGREEMENT REQUIRES THE FRANCHISEE'S SPOUSE TO CONSENT TO THE TRANSACTION AND WAIVE ANY RIGHT, NOW OR IN THE FUTURE, TO ASSERT A COMMUNITY PROPERTY OR QUASI COMMUNITY PROPERTY INTEREST IN THE FRANCHISE.

THE TUTU SCHOOL CONCEPT PRESENTS SUBSTANTIAL RISKS AND UNCERTAINTIES. SEE ITEM 1.

THERE MAY BE OTHER RISKS CONCERNING THIS FRANCHISE.

\*Some of these provisions may be superseded by certain state laws. Refer to Exhibit E for any addendum applicable to your state.



We may use the services of one or more FRANCHISE BROKERS or referral sources to assist us in selling our franchise. A franchise broker or referral source is <u>our</u> agent and represents us, not you. We pay this person a fee for selling our franchise or referring you to us. You should be sure to do your own investigation of the franchise.

Information about comparisons of franchisors is available. Call the state administrators listed in Exhibit D or your public library for sources of information.

Registration of this franchise with the state does not mean that the state recommends it or has verified the information in this Disclosure document. If you learn that anything in this Disclosure document is untrue, contact the Federal Trade Commission and state authority, if any (see Exhibit D).

Effective Date: See the next page for state effective dates.

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