Prairie View A&M University’s Performing Dance Company

Classic Dance Ensemble
Audition – Registration Packet

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Classic Dance Ensemble
Audition Requirements 2015 – 2016

Date: February 3, 2016
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.
Location: Leroy Moore Intramural Gymnasium
Suite #132
Open Dance Classes: Jan. 26th & 27th 2016 (Attendance is highly suggested)
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.

General Requirements for Auditions
- Experience/technique in two or more of the following genres of dance
- Execution of specific movement will include, but will not be limited to:
  *Split – Left/Right/Center  *Chassé  *Triplets  *Leg extensions (devant/derrière/à la seconde)
  *Turns: Pirouettes – Single/Double/Triple, Piqué Turns, Fouetté Turns, Turns en à la Seconde, Chaînés,
  *Leaps: Grand Jeté, en à la Seconde, switch leaps
  *Hitch Kicks  *Tilts & Tilt Jumps  *C-jumps  *Barrel  *Calypso  *Axel
  *Body Alignment during execution of movement

(The skills listed above are not mandatory for auditions but are highly encouraged)
- Emotional Color (Perfect technique without emotion makes it hard to engage and move your audience.)
- Strength and Endurance
- Attire
  A.) Hair: Make sure hair is pulled back neatly out of face (Bun or secure ponytail is suggested)
  B.) Ladies: Leotard or fitted tank top, unitard shorts, boy shorts accompanied with tights, leggings, jazz pants, bare feet and/or ballet/jazz shoes (Color – Black or Dark Blue, flesh tone tights)
  C.) Males: Biker shorts, unitard shorts, Black / White T-Shirt, Black tights, bare feet and/or black ballet/jazz shoes

Note: (Judges will need to be able to see the frame and alignment of the dancers’ body during movement)

Returning Company Members
Expectations and standards are rated on a higher scale. If you have been a member of Classic Dance Ensemble for at least one year (two consecutive) semesters, you will have the option to schedule a meeting time with the Dance Director for an interview regarding spring 2016. You will also be judged on attitude, integrity, and the work ethic that was portrayed during the fall 2015 school year. Your attendance is required at company auditions.

Note: Interview deadline is January 28, 2016 by 3:00 P.M. Please schedule during the dance director’s office hours.
Audition Eligibility

✓ Classic Dance Ensemble Application
✓ Signed Agreement Letter
✓ Waiver of Liability, signed by a legal guardian/parent if under 18 years of age
✓ Proof that you are a current student – Award letter from PVAMU for incoming students
✓ Copy of updated insurance card (Company Members Only)

Needful Items

✓ Dance bag (keep all of your belongings together) Any belongings left in the studio goes to lost and found, and will be discarded after 3 consecutive days.
✓ Small towel
✓ Water bottle (Gatorade/Powerade, etc.) Note: food and beverages are not allowed in the studio but water or sports drinks are acceptable.
✓ Dance attire and make up (Presentable for auditions)

Note: Students auditioning for Classic Dance Ensemble will be notified the day of auditions if they will become a company member. There will be two cuts during auditions. When filling out the application, please leave the (audition #) line blank. Waivers of liability forms are located in the dance studio (Leroy Moore Intramural Gymnasium, Suite 132).
I, (print) ________________________________, submit this application to the Classic Dance Ensemble director for a position with Prairie View A&M University’s performing dance company, Classic Dance Ensemble. By submitting this application, I understand and agree to the following:

✔ Please check all open fields. Once you have carefully read and completed the application agreement please sign, date and return to the dance director before the given deadline.

____ I will be a full-time student, taking a minimum of 12 credit hours for undergraduate or six hours for graduate students at Prairie View A&M University during the fall 2015 semester

____ I must maintain a 2.5 GPA and will hereby release my academic transcripts to the executive dance director

____ I understand that I must be in good standing with Prairie View A&M University or my high school and not on any forms of academic or disciplinary probation

____ I have no health or physical deficiencies, which would hinder my ability to perform as a CDE member or which might cause performing as a CDE member to be unsafe to my health or the wellbeing of my fellow company members.

____ I must turn in all paperwork to the dance director no later than February 3, 2016 by 5:30 p.m.
  ✔ CDE Application
  ✔ CDE Application Agreement
  ✔ Waiver of Liability, signed by legal guardian/parent if under 18
  ✔ Copy of PVAMU Acceptance letter or proof of current student

____ If selected and I accept a company position, I understand that I will be required to attend and participate in all rehearsals, meetings, on and off campus functions, fund raisers and performances.

____ I understand that I am agreeing to the commitment of one semester (Spring 2016) and will have to undergo another audition process for two consecutive semesters.
I understand that I am committing my non-academic time to Classic Dance Ensemble and will not place CDE secondary to any other non-academic activity. (Please notify the dance director of your work and/or class schedule) I understand that with the exception of my academics, my commitment to CDE takes first priority over all other activities. This includes last minute performances and unscheduled performances.

I am responsible for a $30.00 refundable costume fee and company dues (will cover 2 semesters)

I understand and agree to be financially responsible for all items needed that will not be provided to me after becoming a member of Classic Dance Ensemble

I understand and accept that failure to meet any of the requirements listed above will result in my disqualification from consideration for Classic Dance Ensemble.

I understand that I am an official representative of Prairie View A&M University and the Health and Human Performance Department. I will always conduct myself in a manner to uphold that character, tradition and integrity of PVAMU.

I understand that I will receive and sign a DANCER CONTRACT after acceptance into Classic Dance Ensemble which will list the terms and conditions of CDE in further detail.

I accept and understand that the decisions of the judges and director will be final.

Signature: ____________________________  Date: ____________________________
Classic Dance Ensemble
Audition Application

Name: __________________________ Date: __________________________

Current Address: ________________________________________________
Street
City                      State                      zip code

Permanent Address: _______________________________________________
Street
City                      State                      zip code

Email: __________________________ Student ID #: __________________

Phone: __________________________ Date of Birth: __________________

Emergency Contact (Name): __________________________________________

Relationship: __________________ Primary Number: __________________

Years of dance experience:   ____ less than one year   ____ 1- 2 years   ____ 3 or more years

Explain previous dance experience: _________________________________

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I am a dance minor   ____ Yes   ____ No

List any other extracurricular activities you may be involved in: ________________________

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Why should you be a member of Classic Dance Ensemble?