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: September 2, 2015
Time: 5:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.
Location: Leroy Moore Intramural Gymnasium
        Suite #132
Open Dance Classes: Aug. 25th, 26th, 31st and Sept. 1st 2015 (Attendance is highly suggested)
Time: 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 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
(These skills are not mandatory for auditions but 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, 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 fill out the application and schedule a meeting time for a personal interview and present a 3 minute solo. You will also be judged on attitude, integrity, and the work ethic that was portrayed during the 2014 – 2015 school year. Your attendance is required at company auditions.

Note: Interview, registration packet, and solo audition deadline is September 1, 2015 by 6:00 P.M.

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**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).

Classic Dance Ensemble Application Agreement

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 well being of my fellow company members.
I must turn in all paperwork to the executive dance director no later than Wednesday, September 2, 2015 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 (FALL 2015) 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

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?