

Mélange and Repertory Dance Companies

2020 Information Packet

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ON Performing IN A PANDEMIC

The truth is that no one knows what the coming months hold. And that includes the dance company faculty: at this time, it is impossible to know exactly how our productions will come to life. *What we DO know, however, is that we are committed to ensuring that the show must go on, and we will follow all CDC and SHS protocols to ensure that all students and staff are safe.* All of the dance faculty are collaborating intensely to create multiple plans and options for production this fall. *Here is what we do know, for certain, at this time:*

1) WE WILL STAY SAFE.

While you may be thinking that this is impossible, remember that Dance is all about problem solving and creativity. At the onset rehearsals will meet both in virtually. When it is safe to meet in person, we will follow all CDC and SHS protocols for safety, including, but not limited to practicing and reinforcing good hygiene, cleaning shared equipment, social distancing, mask wearing, maximum number of people in the space, etc. *Rather than focusing on what we can't do, we are exploring new opportunities and innovation in choreography and we invite you to do the same!*

2) WE WILL BE FLEXIBLE.

Just as we are unable to tell you the audition protocol at this time, there will be many unknowns as we proceed throughout the process. *This requires all faculty, students, and guardians, to remain open minded and flexible.* If this process isn't for you at this time, we understand. The pandemic will pass, and there will be more performances in your future. And while we encourage everyone to be involved, we also recognize that this is a challenging and stressful time for everyone.

3) OUR VISION

The first semester will be a virtual learning and performance experience. Activities may include but are not limited to: compositional studies, virtual classes, and dance for camera work.

AUDITIONS TBD

What are the actual audition times, and how do I sign up?

As CDC and ISBE guidelines for re-opening schools are constantly evolving, we are not able to determine the best audition procedures at this time. *Once school begins we will determine how auditions will proceed. Please check SHS home and dance page for updates.*

QUESTIONS? CONTACT US

If you have any questions or concerns about auditions, performances, the schedule, after reading this information packet, please do not hesitate to contact us!

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