



ISTAGE DANCE ACADEMY

Program and Audition Information

Incoming Class: Fall 2017

Thank you for your interest in the Dance Academy program at Imagination Stage!

The Dance Academy is designed as an intensive training opportunity for students in grades 6 -12 who are interested in an advanced course of study in dance. During the Fall semester dancers focus their work on Ballet technique. During the Spring semester, dancers begin to explore Contemporary and Modern Dance while continuing their training in Ballet technique. Imagination Stage recommends that dancers take both Fall and Spring semesters, as a year-long experience. However, we will welcome new students in the Spring. The Spring semester culminates with a performance in the Reeve Theatre where the class shares their skills and growth in a choreographed presentation.

AUDITIONS: While year-round classes and Summer productions are open to all students, Dance Academy spaces are open only to students selected through an audition process. Candidates should have foundational dance class experience.

COMMITMENT: Due to the intensive and ensemble nature of the program, dancers must have consistent and dependable attendance and participate with focus and dedication, missing no more than 2 classes per semester.

AUDITION PROCESS:

There is no need to prepare anything ahead of time for your audition. Your audition will be conducted in a group setting consisting of warm up, technique work (barre, foot, center work, etc) followed by a short combination. Dancers should audition in proper dance attire including ballet or soft jazz shoes (no sneakers please).

Requirements for selection into the IStage Dance Academy include advanced-beginner to intermediate skills in the following areas:

- Previous dance background (dance classes, musical theatre etc...)

- Demonstration of ability in the areas of flexibility, strength, balance, lines (the beautiful stretch and length of arms and legs), and physical dexterity

- How accurately and quickly the dancer learns and retains choreography

Please email or call Marcia Howard (mhoward@imaginationstage.org /301-280-1643) to ask any questions and to schedule an audition.