



## **ISTAGE DANCE THEATRE**

### **Program and Audition Information**

#### **Incoming ensemble: Fall 2016**

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

IStage Dance Theatre is an intensive training and performance program for students in grades 7-12 who demonstrate a strong foundation in dance technique. This program focuses on advanced technique work in contemporary ballet and modern dance. Students collaborate on choreography, character development, and performance skills in order to develop an original Dance Theatre performance.

**AUDITIONS:** IStage Dance Theatre students are accepted by audition and/or approval from Marcia Howard, the head of the dance department. Candidates must have intermediate to advanced dance skills and have prior dance training 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 Theatre Ensemble include intermediate to advanced skills in the following areas:

- Ability in the areas of flexibility, strength, balance, lines (the beautiful stretch and length of arms and legs), and physical dexterity.
- Coordination and interpretation of rhythm.
- Accurately and quickly learning and retaining choreography.

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