

Performance Ensembles

Grades 8-12



IStage Dance Theatre: Choreography and Performance

Incoming class: School Year 2024-2025

OVERVIEW: The IStage Dance Theatre program at Imagination Stage is a training and performance ensemble recommended for intermediate students in grades 8-12 with a strong foundation in dance. Dancers build upon technique in contemporary ballet and modern, as well as other dance styles, to strengthen and explore choreography and performance skills.

This program is a two-semester commitment with the spring semester culminating in an evening performance showcase choreography built throughout the year. IStage Dance Theatre is taught by Senior Dance Faculty artist, Ashlee McKinnon.

COMMITMENT: Because of the intensive and ensemble nature of the program, dancers are accepted with the understanding that they will remain committed to the program for the full two semesters with consistent attendance and participation.

- **Class Meeting Days/Times:** Thursdays from 6:30-8:30 p.m.
- **Class Schedule:**
 - Semester 1: September 12 – December 12
 - Semester 2: January 9- Performance
 - **Final Performance: May 15-16, 2025**
- **Tuition:** \$600 per semester (\$1200 for the year)



AUDITIONS: Acceptance to the class is by audition/approval from Ashlee McKinnon. The audition will be conducted in a group setting consisting of warm up, technique work (ballet and modern mainly) followed by a short combination. Dancers do not need to prepare anything ahead of time. We are looking for:

- Endurance, Rhythm, Coordination and Balance
- Understanding of dance terminology and choreography terms
- Learning and retaining choreography accurately

Dancers should wear comfortable dance attire, and can wear ballet slippers or soft jazz shoes (no sneakers please)

Audition Dates: Summer 2024 (dancers need only to attend one):

- Wednesday, August 21 (5:00-6:15p.m.)
- Thursday, August 29 (5:00-6:15p.m.)

To schedule an audition and receive more information, please email or call Ashlee McKinnon amckinnon@imaginationstage.org /301-280-1643).

