

# CAPITOL *Movement*

Building Better Lives Through Dance

## Pre-Professional Company FAQ's



### What type of program is this?

The Capitol Movement Pre-Professional Company is comprised of ambitious and dedicated dancers, ages 11-17, who want to build dance into a career. Most of the dancers in this company train with CMI in addition to other studios, high school dance programs, dance teams, etc. This company is structured to give dedicated dancers more performance opportunities and accelerated training in jazz/contemporary/lyrical and/or hip hop. We also welcome tappers!

### Do I have to attend the prep classes during the month of June?

Classes are encouraged, but they are not required. Hip hop is from 6:30-7:30 pm and technique (jazz/contemporary/lyrical) class is from 7:30-8:45 pm.

### When are auditions?

**Friday, July 8, 2016 from 6:30-9:15 pm at Capitol Movement Studio, Results, 315 G St, SE, Washington, DC** – registration opens at 6 pm. Decisions will be announced immediately after auditions. There is a \$25 audition fee (cash or credit only). You may register in advance at [www.capitolmovement.org](http://www.capitolmovement.org), or at the door.

### How will the audition be conducted?

Dancers will learn a piece of hip hop choreography and break into small groups to perform for the judges. All dancers will then be asked to do the same for contemporary choreography. Dancers are **not** expected to be exceptional in both genres, but should give their best to all the choreography. The 2016 Pre-Professional Company will be selected immediately after the final group dances and will be announced that evening, with **rehearsals beginning the next day**.

### What happens if I get in?

All selected dancers and a parent must attend a mandatory **Full Cast & Parent Meeting on Saturday, July 9 at 1:00 pm**. Here they will: 1) return signed contracts and 2) make the first installment for payment (see page 2 for payment information). Immediately after the Full Cast Meeting the entire cast will learn a group routine. Dancers will be released at **7:00 pm** (they will have a 15 minute dinner break at 4:30 pm).

### What happens if I don't get in?

Do not be discouraged! CMI welcomes you to take classes on Friday nights. Continue to further develop your technique. And don't lose your love for dance!

### How are dancers selected for pieces once they're in the Pre-Professional Company?

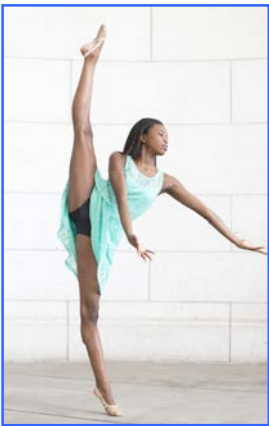
The choreographers and Pre-Professional Company Director will judge the audition and determine what dancers to place in each piece. Dancers must perform in 2 pieces at minimum and will not be placed into any more than 7 pieces.

### When are rehearsals?

**Company rehearsals are on a rotating basis every Saturday, beginning July 9<sup>th</sup> through November 2016 between 1:00 and 7:00 pm**, as well as some Friday and Sunday evenings. All rehearsals are mandatory the week of the show in November, no exceptions.

### What is the attendance policy?

Two absences will be allowed per piece. A third absence will require the dancer to change to an understudy of the piece. Dancers must continue to attend all rehearsals when they are understudies. Beyond the 5<sup>th</sup> absence the dancer will be terminated from the Company for the season. There can be no absences during the week of the show.



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### What are the requirements for participation?

Dancers need to keep up their technique in addition to the rehearsals. Cast must take 7 hours of classes per month, with at least 2 of those classes through Capitol Movement Studio. Classes are offered Friday nights beginning at 6:30 pm. Dancers will be randomly selected to submit monthly proof of attendance for any classes taken outside of CMI.

### How long is the Pre-Professional program?

The program runs for 6 months, beginning in early July and running through December 2016, with the opportunity for other performances in the winter and spring of 2017. The main production will be held the weekend before Thanksgiving with mandatory rehearsals including dates: November 12, 13, 18, 19, and 20.



### What do the payment fees cover?

The Pre-Professional Company rehearses six months out of the year. The fees cover the full six months of the Program, including:

- Weekly classes at Capitol Movement Studio – covers up to eight classes per month, for 6 months (up to \$720 value!)
- Rehearsals with highly acclaimed instructors to prepare for commissioned projects
- Performance featuring the Pre-Professional Company at a local Theater in November 2015 (covers costumes and theatre fees)
- Multiple performance opportunities at local events, galas, etc



### What is the payment plan?

The total cost of the program is \$900. There are 2 options for payment plans: 2- and 3- month installments. Those who select 2-month installments shall submit payments of \$450 on July 9 and August 12. Those who select 3-month installments shall submit payments of \$300 on July 9, August 12, and September 9.

### I'm not sure I can afford this program, are there scholarships available?

CMI provides program tuition scholarships for eligible dancers. Further details about eligibility and application guidelines can be found on our web site:

<http://capitolmovement.org/scholarships.shtml>

**Scholarship Applications deadline** is Thursday, June 2, 2016.



### I'd like to try out, but I'll be out of town or performing during the audition. Options?

If you have proof of travel or performance you may submit a **Virtual Audition Form**. Please contact Nicole at [Nicole@capitolmovement.org](mailto:Nicole@capitolmovement.org) to request a virtual audition. In addition to the form, you must submit a DVD or YouTube clip that includes regular leaps and sidestrides (both sides), 45 seconds of contemporary movement, and 45 seconds of hip hop movement.

**Virtual audition deadline** is Wednesday, July 6, 2016.



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