



Dear Parents and Students,

It is my pleasure to welcome you to the Center for the Arts Dance Department! It is our mission to offer students a rigorous and well-rounded dance education that provides them with all the necessary tools to pursue a profession in the field of dance. Students will learn to intertwine areas of physical practice, creative exploration, and theoretical inquiry as we aid them in becoming socially conscious and informed global artists.

Here are some dates to remember and tips to help you and your student with his or her audition.

Dates to Remember

January 15, 2021 Online Audition Submissions Due

February 6, 2021 Virtual Live Audition Portion

Auditions

What we look for:

We want passionate movers who are eager to learn several dance styles and techniques. CFA students will need to be curious minded, driven students, who are able to work well in groups and collaborate with their peers.

What to expect:

Video Submission:

- Please watch the demonstration video made for you by current CFA Dance students!
- You will perform a series of movements, based on the dance style of your choice. The CFA Dance program is a predominantly modern/ contemporary based program, so we will be using terminology that comes from those techniques. However, we encourage you to show us your own style and personality in your dance phrases, as long as it contains all the necessary components listed in audition instructions.
- For Dance, it is preferred that all phrases are filmed horizontally, and show your full body.
- *Adobe Premiere Rush is a free App available for Smart Phones that makes editing video very easy if you wish to combine separate portions into one video like we did.*

Virtual Live Audition:

- Be prepared to perform parts of your audition phrase again, as part of the live portion. In order to see how you receive feedback, we will make some suggestions, and ask you to apply them during our virtual live audition portion.
- We will also give you some improvisation prompts to see your creativity in action.
- Be sure you have space to move and good lighting so we can see you!

What to wear:

- Fitted dance clothes or fitted athletic wear in neutral colors
 - o Please no bright colors or prints
- Hair up and out of the face

Tips:

- Always respect the people, the space, and the work being done!
- Give it your best. We don't expect you to be perfect, but we want you to be passionate! Even if you don't know something, keep moving. Don't give up!
- Have fun! We want to see that you enjoy what you are doing.
- Ask questions. If something is unclear, don't be afraid to ask! It shows us you are invested.

Please feel free to email me at tlniermeyer@henrico.k12.va.us if you have and further questions, comments or concerns, or call the CFA office at 804-228-2718.

Additional information can be found on the CFA Website: <http://blogs.henrico.k12.va.us/cfa>

I hope to be dancing with you soon!

Best,

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