Ballet Video Audition Instructions

Barre
Your camera must be placed so that the Adjudicator has a side view of your work. For female identifying students, pointe shoes must be worn in the center after the adagio enchainment.

You are only required to show one side of each exercise at barre. Please keep the combinations short with clearly executed enchainment. Barre should include plié, battement tendu, dégagé, rond de jambe par terre, fondu, frappé, rond de jambe en l’air a la seconde, développé with grand rond de jambe at 90 degrees, petit battement, and grand battement combinations in this order.

Center work should include
Camera should be as close to center of your space as possible giving the adjudicator a clear en face perspective on your work.

1. An adagio with a brief balance in a pose(s) at 90 degrees on demi-pointe, a grand pirouette such as a la seconde or in arabesque or attitude.
2. Battement tendu with battement jete (this can include pirouettes).
3. A waltz/turning combination that demonstrates multiple pirouettes en dehors from fourth position and en dedans.
4. For female identifying students, please show a combination en pointe that demonstrates (a) échappé, détourné, relevé passé, etc. showing the use of both a roll up and a spring up onto the pointes. Additionally, please show one exercise (b) that includes four to seven relevés in first arabesque and Piqué Développé that ends in a small or large pose.
5. Sautés in first, second, and changement.
6. A petit allegro that includes assemble, jeté, and brisé. This should be repeated with batterie throughout.
7. Medium allegro with sissonne fermé and sissonne ouverte.
8. A grand allegro enchainment that shows Jeté entrelacé (tour jeté) and grand jeté.
9. Coda, for female identifying students, either fouettes or a diagonal of pique turns. For male identifying students, please show a second allegro that demonstrates faille assemble, double tour en l’air, and entre chat six.

The entire video should be 15-20 minutes long. Please keep your enchainment short and clear. Please be sure to title the linked video with your first and last name. If you are submitting a private link, you must include a password.

Thank you for following the instructions. This will assist us in evaluating everyone on similar work and make the virtual audition close to what students are asked to do during the in-person auditions.

Attire
All dancers should wear solid-colored tights with either a solid colored leotard or tightly fitted shirt that allows the adjudicators to clearly see the body. Please no skirts or leg warmers. Female identifying students will wear pointe shoes immediately after the adagio through the end of the video audition, male identifying students will wear ballet slippers throughout.

These instructions were approved by the Director of Recruiting for the Ballet Program on 10/04/2022.