

UH DANCE ENSEMBLE AUDITION INSTRUCTIONS FALL 2020

The audition consists of several components as listed below:

1) **Fill out, and submit, an audition application by [CLICKING HERE](#)**

2) **Create a SINGLE VIDEO that contains TWO components**

a. An introduction as to who you are (a personal statement)

Discuss what interests you, what inspires you, what scares you, and where your talents lie. You don't need to "dazzle"; I am simply interested in seeing and hearing who you are as a person and artist. This is for you to interpret. Talk candidly about a version of yourself that you dream up. Do not write down a statement and memorize it. Speak off the cuff, conversationally, and informally. Help me get to know you a bit better. There are no right or wrong presentations. If you want more guidance in choosing a topic to speak about, feel free to choose one of the following questions: 1. Describe a day in your past that did not go according to plan, and yet, if you could go back, what would you change? 2. Future alien archaeologists will learn all about the human race when they uncover a time capsule, the size of a microwave, that YOU packed full of things. What did you put in it? 3. Imagine you have your own small restaurant. Where is it? What is it called? What is the daily special? What kind of music do you play? How is the restaurant decorated? And so forth. Be creative!

b. A one-and-a-half to two-minute dance solo*

When choosing your audition material, please submit whatever you feel represents **you** the best. Although UH Dance Ensemble is contemporary dance based, it also embraces the rich diversity of other dance styles that are often incorporated by UH dance's invited guest artists. There is no specific style requirement for this particular video audition, however, please do not patch together existing pre-recorded material; nothing from a past school production, recital, or anything like that. Just turn on a camera and make a new video with the above required elements.

*Due to the current COVID-19 pandemic, there might be challenges with utilizing traditional spaces for filming one's solo, so outdoor areas for dance solos will be accepted as an alternative space. Please exercise caution and safety when determining a location for filming. In addition, make sure that there is adequate lighting for your solo, to help ensure the clarity of your video. Check the quality of your video before submitting!

3) **Upload your video online.** Your video should be uploaded to an online website service, using either YouTube or Vimeo. When doing so, create a private link of that video so that your audition is not made public. Making your video private is up to you, but please make sure that whatever link you send to the below email address works properly.

4) **Send an email to UHDANCINGVIDEOS@GMAIL.COM** using the subject "Digital Submission – Your Name", including the private (or public) link to your video.

THE DEADLINE FOR AUDITION APPLICATIONS AND VIDEO LINK EMAILS IS ON THURSDAY, AUGUST 20TH. RESULTS OF THE AUDITION WILL BE SENT NO LATER THAN MONDAY, AUGUST 24TH.

Thank you for your interest in UH Dance Ensemble!

Sincerely,



John Beasant III
UH Dance Ensemble Director 2020-2021