



## Summer Intensive Frequently Asked Questions

### **What do I need to bring to the audition?**

To audition for the Summer Intensive you will need a headshot, an arabesque photo, \$35.00 audition fee (cash or check only) and an Audition Registration form. This form can be downloaded from the website or filled out at the audition site. Students under 18 must have a parent or guardian sign their audition form. Dancers who wish to be considered for the Professional Division must submit a dance resume and a letter of recommendation from a ballet instructor. The letter should be sent to Kathryn Warakomsky at [Kathy@texasballet.org](mailto:Kathy@texasballet.org) or 1540 Mall Circle, Fort Worth, TX 76116 or brought to the audition. Dancers that audition for the Professional Division during the Audition Tour may be asked to attend the Summer Intensive or a follow-up audition at Texas Ballet Theater for further consideration.

### **What if I cannot attend a scheduled audition?**

You may submit a video audition by DVD or YouTube link, accompanied by the DVD submission form on the Summer Intensive webpage. All submissions are **due by Wednesday, March 1, 2017**, and must include the completed application, DVD or YouTube link, arabesque photo and \$40.00 audition fee. You may send cash or check with your application or include your Credit Card information.

### **How soon will I find out the results of my audition?**

Audition results are sent via e-mail within 7 business days of the audition date. At that time, you will receive a registration form to be completed and sent in with a deposit to secure your spot.

### **What if I am younger than 12 years old?**

Texas Ballet Theater cannot be responsible for housing students under 12 years of age at the time of the program. Students who are 11 years old at the time of the audition but will be 12 by June 25 may audition. In most cases, students who will be 11 at the time of the program will not be considered.

### **How is level placement determined for the summer program?**

Texas Ballet Theater Summer Intensive has 4 levels, and placement is at the discretion of the Artistic Staff. Levels are decided based on ability instead of age, as determined by the Artistic Staff, and proper evaluation of dancers may take the first few days of the intensive. Students are placed where the Artistic Staff feels they will grow the most. Our program is ballet focused, and therefore a student will not be moved to a different level for other classes offered such as jazz, modern, etc. Students who feel they have been inappropriately placed may ask for a review of their placement by the Artistic Staff after the first week of classes. All discussions regarding placement must be between the student and Artistic Staff, and not the parents and Artistic Staff/Head Chaperone. Regardless of level placement, students will always grow and learn with an open mind and a good attitude.

### **How large are the classes during the summer?**

Classes are approximately 25-30 students per level.

### **Are there classes on Saturdays?**

Saturday classes are usually limited to half the day, including a technique class and one other class. Some exceptions apply.

### **What is a typical day like?**

Students usually start with ballet technique class each morning. Classes in Variations, Repertoire, Modern, Character, Jazz, Broadway, Pilates and Latin will rotate each day until approximately 6:00pm. Class times and break times will vary from day to day, and a schedule will be posted daily.

### **What is the Dance Building like?**

Built in 1921 and renovated in 2011, the Dance building, renamed Erma Lowe Hall is centrally located on the TCU campus. The building has high ceilings and lots of natural light with three large studios and ample space for the dancers to relax in between classes. One of the studios is able to transform into a mini-theater complete with curtains, lighting and seating. For more information, visit <http://www.dance.tcu.edu/facilities.asp>.

### **Where are resident students housed?**

Residents are housed on the campus of Texas Christian University in Clark Hall, immediately adjacent to the Dance Building.

### **Do I have to live in the residence hall?**

No, students may choose to commute from home or find alternate housing on their own.

### **Can I request a roommate?**

We will consider requests but cannot guarantee all requests will be honored. Age and curfew group are considered when assigning roommates.

### **Are there extra fees other than tuition and housing?**

Group activity outings are planned for each weekend of the intensive. A student may choose to pay the Activity Fee and participate in all activities, or they may choose to opt out of weekend activities and remain on campus. More information on specific activities and prices can be found in the Student Guide.

### **Can I apply for a scholarship or financial aid?**

Texas Ballet Theater Staff awards a limited number of merit scholarships for the summer program. Students are considered during the audition process. If offered, these scholarships are announced at the time of the student's acceptance. If a tuition or dorm scholarship is not noted in your child's acceptance letter, this indicates that your child was not awarded a merit-based scholarship. Limited financial aid is available based on need and assistance cannot be guaranteed.

### **Is there a performance at the end of the program?**

Yes. If you choose to attend the five-week program there are two Showcase performances on the last day, Friday, July 28. All 5-week students will be eligible to participate in both performances; however, not everyone will perform all their pieces in both shows. Students learn Ballet repertoire and/or Variations as well as Modern, Latin and Broadway choreography. Parents and friends are invited to watch the performance in the in-studio theater of Erma Lowe Hall inside the TCU School for Classical and Contemporary Dance. These performances are not open to the public and vouchers are needed for entry. More information will be found in the Student Guide. If you choose the three-week session, there is no showcase but you may invite family and friends to observe classes on Friday, July 14 and Saturday, July 15.

### **Does Texas Ballet Theater School have a year-round program?**

Yes. The Texas Ballet Theater School Professional Division prepares advanced dancers for a professional ballet career. Admittance to this program is by audition or invitation only. Students at the Summer Intensive will have an opportunity to be considered for this program. Professional Division classes are held five days a week followed by Pointe, Variations/Repertoire and/or rehearsal. No housing is available during the school year, and students must make their own arrangements for housing, transportation and completion of high school courses. Texas Ballet Theater School also has an after school year-round program for all ages. Professional Division students are encouraged to enroll in these evening classes but it is not required.

### **Can I get a job with TBT?**

The Summer Intensive is a great entry point into the Texas Ballet Theater Company. A position with the Company is by invitation only. The Artistic Staff chooses approximately 1-6 students from the Summer Intensive for a trainee or apprentice position with the company depending on what is available at that time.

### **If I get injured and have to leave the program, will I get my money back?**

Unfortunately, there are no refunds for the program. Travel insurance is highly recommended.

### **Can I leave the dorm/studio alone?**

During the day we request that all students, both residents and commuters, remain in the Dance Building from their first class to their last class. The Dance Building includes a small kitchen with a sink, refrigerator and microwave for commuter students to prepare lunch. After classes, resident students must abide by the rules set forth by the Summer Staff regarding leaving the dorm. Students ages 12 – 14 are ONLY permitted to leave the dorm with a chaperone. Students ages 15 – 17 are permitted to leave the dorm with a buddy. Students ages 18 and older are permitted to leave campus alone after notifying a chaperone.

### **If I am accepted, when will I receive the Student Guide and more information on the program?**

Accepted students will receive a registration form. The Student Guide will be sent out in approximately mid-February to those students who have registered, and includes more program information, medical forms, and the like.