

## Summer DanceLab

### Frequently Asked Questions

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

To audition for the Summer DanceLab you will need to have your application fee, if you have not pre-registered, and attend one of our scheduled audition dates.

#### **What do I need to wear for the audition/Summer DanceLab?**

Students interested in auditioning for our summer program are suggested to wear the following audition attire.

Female:

- Black leotard (any style)
- Tights (non-shimmer)
- Ballet shoes (pink or flesh-colored/tan)

Male:

- White leotard
- Black tights
- Ballet shoes (black or white)

Don't have these items?

If you don't have these items, students may wear:

Female:

Camisole-style, solid color, fitted-shirt  
Dance shorts  
Black ankle socks

Male:

- White T-shirt (fitted) or Tank Top
- Black dance shorts
- Black ankle socks

What if I cannot attend a scheduled audition?

You can submit a video audition. For the video application and [submission](#) process see our Summer DanceLab webpage.



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

Audition results are announced - most times - at the end of an audition. If audition has many attendees, notice may be email 1 week after.

**What if I am younger than 7 years old?**

Summer DanceLab provides programs services for students seven to young adult.

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

Summer DanceLAB has 3 levels. A student's placement determined by the Program Director. A second evaluation of dancers may be taken during the first few days. Levels are decided based on ability and not age. Because of this, a student may be placed in a level with people younger than them. Students are placed where we feel students will gain the most.

Students will stay within respectful levels for entire program. Students who feel they have been Inappropriately placed may ask for a review of their placement by the Program Director within the first few days of classes. Regardless of level placement, students will learn new skills with an open mind and a good attitude.

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

Classes are approximately 20-30 students per level.

**Are there classes on Weekends?**

There are no classes on the weekends. However, the final Saturday holds rehearsals and our informal showing for families.

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

Yes. If you choose to attend the four-week program there is a informal in-studio performance on the last day. All four-week students will be eligible to participate in the performance. Parents and friends are invited to watch the performance in the in-studio performance. If you choose the one, two, or three-week session

there is no showcase but a class observation on the final day of classes.

**Is there a year round program?**

Yes. Ngoma Center For Dance offers weekend programming throughout the year for local residence. For more information please visit - <http://www.ngcfddt.org>

### **Can I get a job with Summer DanceLab?**

Yes. Yes Summer DanceLab has internships - paid and non-paid - available for candidates 19 - and up, who qualify. Also, Summer DanceLab is a great entry point into Dissonance Dance Theatre. A position with the Company is by audition only. Summer staff may choose students for a trainee or apprentice position with the company as well. Contact us for more information.

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

Classes are at the renowned Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center on University of Maryland's campus.

For more information visit - <http://theclarice.umd.edu/about-clarice>

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

A typical day may vary based off of the student's level placement. Remember, there are four levels of instruction. Each level will have a total of 5 daily classes starting at 8:30AM to 5:10PM. Classes by level;

Levels I-III include: classical ballet, jazz, modern, stretch/conditioning, contemporary ballet repertoire. Masterclasses in: African, hip-hop, nutrition, acting, and more...

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

We hope this doesn't happen. There are no refunds once program begins (see tuition page on our website). However, if student falls incapable of completing program, student will be considered for a refund of remaining weeks (Prorated tuition, minus 50%).

### **Can I live in a residence hall?**

Currently, Summer DanceLab is a day program only. No room & board provided. Many students have enjoyed attending Summer DanceLab while lodging with friends or family in their nearby homes or hotels.

Other housing options include AirBnb, Homestay.com, and College Park Marriott Hotel. Meal Plans are Available. Please ask Fran (Registrar) [registrar.ddtngoma@gmail.com](mailto:registrar.ddtngoma@gmail.com) for further details.

**Can I leave Summer DanceLab alone?**

During the day we request that all students, remain in the designated area of the Clarice Performing Arts Building from their first class to their last class. Students ages 18 and older are permitted to leave campus alone after notifying a chaperone. More details on leaving the building will be announced at the start of the program.

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

Summer DanceLab staff do not provide meals for students. Students must bring their own meals and snacks daily.

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

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

