

## 2021 Audition: VIDEO Instructions

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**Applicants are NOT expected to record their audition video in a dance studio.** Please find the largest and most suitable safe space in which to dance that is accessible to you at this time. **Videos do NOT need to be professionally recorded or produced;** filming on a smart phone and use of simple editing software (e.g. iMovie) is acceptable.

### STEP 1: WATCH & LEARN

- Watch the videos on the Video Audition webpage to learn all of the set audition exercises for your age group. Each level has two videos of **ballet exercises** (barre and centre), one video of **modern exercises**, and a written **improvisation task**.
- Learn and practice the exercises with attention to detail and musicality, to the best of your ability.
- Interpret the improvisation task to the best of your understanding and ability. You are welcome to practice your improvisation, however please do not choreograph any movement prior to recording your improvisation.
- Important: Please ensure you learn the videos and follow all directions for your appropriate age group (8-10, 11-13, or 14-19), as each group has a different set of exercises and improvisation task.
- Please do not submit any extra video material other than the content requested.

### STEP 2: PREPARE TO FILM

- Find a safe space that is suitable to record your video audition, ensuring that your entire body is visible on camera, including with arms extended overhead.
- For the best video quality, please ensure your body is visible in contrast to the background of your space, and that there is sufficient front-lighting so the body does not appear in silhouette.
- Access the music tracks for each exercise via the Spotify or YouTube links included on the Video Audition webpage. Note: If you do not have access to Spotify, you may dance to the audio from the demonstration videos.
- Dancers are expected to dress in the appropriate audition attire as detailed below:
  - o Ballet:
    - Girls: Leotard (any style/colour), pink or flesh-tone tights, pink or flesh-tone full sole or split-sole ballet slippers
    - Boys: Fitted t-shirt or tank top (any solid colour), black or navy boys'/men's ballet tights or leggings (footed or footless) with black, white or flesh-tone full sole or split-sole ballet slippers
    - Long hair must be secured off the face and neck into a bun, twist, braids, or other completely secure hairstyle
  - o Modern:
    - Girls: Leotard (any style/colour), pink, flesh-tone, or black footless tights with bare feet
    - Boys: Fitted t-shirt or tank top (any solid colour), black footless tights or leggings with bare feet
    - Long hair must be secured off the face and neck into a ponytail, braid, or other secure hairstyle
  - o Gender Neutral Dress Code Option:
    - If the dancer chooses, they may wear close-fitting, solid-colour dance attire not on this specified list. Hair must always be pulled securely away from the face and neck, and appropriate footwear must be worn.

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### STEP 3: DANCE & RECORD

- Perform and record the audition exercises, the improvisation task, and your dancer introduction (note: your introduction does not need to be filmed in your dancing space).
- We recommend you film in landscape (horizontal) orientation.
- Edit your footage into **one video in the following order**:
  1. **Dancer Introduction**: Your full name, age, location, which program(s) you are auditioning for (CCDT Company, CCDT Apprentice Program, and/or SunDance summer intensive), and a short explanation of why you would like to dance with CCDT
  2. **Ballet Barre & Centre Exercises**
  3. **Modern Exercises**
  4. **Improvisation Task**
- Note: Adding on-screen titles (e.g. the name of the exercise) to your video is not necessary; simply ensure that your video is edited in the correct order.

### STEP 4: UPLOAD & SUBMIT

**Video Submission Deadline:** Sunday March 14, 2021 at 11:59PM ET

- Upload your completed video audition to YouTube, Vimeo, or Google Drive with the title: **CCDT Video Audition 2021 - [Candidate Name]**
- Please test your video link to ensure we can view it (verify your sharing permissions and privacy)
- Submit your audition video link via email to [schoolofccdt@ccdt.org](mailto:schoolofccdt@ccdt.org) with the matching subject line: **CCDT Video Audition 2021 - [Candidate Name]**
- Include the video password (optional) in the body of your email, if applicable

Please refer back to the full 2021 Auditions Instructions document (available to download at [ccdt.org/auditions](http://ccdt.org/auditions)) for information regarding your audition results and invited callbacks (for CCDT's Company and Apprentice Programs only).

**QUESTIONS?** Contact us at [schoolofccdt@ccdt.org](mailto:schoolofccdt@ccdt.org).