



EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT...

...YOUR CONTEMPORARY DANCE AUDITION

What to expect:

- Please arrive 30 minutes prior to your audition time. Come into the lobby of the building and sign in. You will be given a number and have a picture taken of you.
- You will be directed to the audition room where you will have a few minutes to stretch, meet the panel, and prepare for class. Parents/guardians will be invited to wait in the lobby once you go into the audition room.
- The first hour of your audition will be spent taking a dance class concentrating on modern dance and improvisational dance and may include some work at the ballet barre. The dance class will be taught by one of the panel members and observed by the others.
- After the dance class, individual solo presentations and interviews will be held with each applicant. We would like to find out more about you personally, particularly your interest and motivation to pursue advanced dance studies at NMSA.
- After your individual interview you will have a chance to gather your things and say farewell to the panel. You will be free to go once your interview is complete.
- If you are missing school in order to attend your audition, please ask for an excuse note at the sign-in table.

What to prepare:

- Your solo piece should be a short piece that demonstrates how you move best. The piece should be no longer than one minute. You can pick any style of dance: contemporary, flamenco, tap, jazz, hip hop, etc. You will need to bring any accompanying music on a CD (no cassette tapes accepted).
- Originally, you were asked to prepare photos in a dance pose. If you have had these photos taken please feel free to bring them. If you have not or will not have the chance to in the next few weeks, please do not worry. We will be taking your picture when you arrive.
- Although you will have a few minutes to warm up before class begins, it is recommended that you take some time to warm up before your arrival.
- For more information on what the panelists will be evaluating please visit our website at www.NMSchoolForTheArts.org and click on the Contemporary Dance Rubrics.

What to bring:

1. Completed Medical and Media Release Form
2. Dress code: girls – leotard or tank top, jazz pants or tight sweat pants, bare feet; boys – tank top, bicycle shorts or tight shorts, bare feet
3. CD for accompaniment of your solo piece
4. A small snack and water bottle
5. Patience and a positive attitude
6. Your passion for dance

We look forward to meeting you!

Please call (505) 920-0965 with any further questions or concerns.