



EVERYTHING YOU EVER WANTED TO KNOW ABOUT... ...YOUR BALLET 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 nametag and have your picture taken.
- 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 ballet class taught by one of the panelists and observed by the others.
- After the class, individual 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.
- 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.

What to prepare:

- Your solo piece should be short and should exhibit choreography that best demonstrates how you move within the classical ballet vocabulary. The piece should be one to two minutes in length. You will need to bring any accompanying music on a CD (no cassette tapes accepted).
- 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 *Attend the School/How to Apply* page. Read the Audition/Portfolio Review Rubrics to see how you can begin preparing for your audition. If you do not have internet access, please call (505) 310-4195 to have the document sent to you.

What to bring:

1. Completed Medical and Media Release Form
2. Dress code: girls – black leotard and pink tights, bring ballet and pointe shoes; boys – white top, black tights and ballet shoes
3. A small snack and water bottle
4. Patience and a positive attitude
5. Your passion for dance

We look forward to meeting you!

Please call (505) 310-4195 with any further questions or concerns.