

Intermediate/Advanced (ages 9-15) Division Frequently Asked Questions

Is the orientation mandatory?

Yes, the orientation scheduled for Sunday, July 16th from 4:00-6:00pm at Oakland University, Varner Hall is mandatory.

Where is the Intermediate/Advanced division located?

All classes are held in rooms 109 and 132 Varner Hall on the campus of Oakland University. The Gala Performance will be held on the campus of Oakland University in Varner Recital Hall. The NDF Choreography Showcase will be held at the Eisenhower Dance Center located at 103 South Street in Rochester, MI.

Can scholarship money be used toward room and board?

Scholarship money awarded is for dance tuition only and cannot be used for room and board.

What is the Choreography Showcase?

The choreography showcase is an adjudication for established choreographers ages 18 and older who have been selected to have their work shown as part of NDF. All participants will receive a free ticket to view one of the Showcase performances. The choreography showcase will be held July 29th and 30th.

Is lunch provided?

No participants should bring a lunch. A refrigerator and microwave are available for use. Snacks and water are available for purchase.

Is there a dress code?

Intermediate/advanced division dancers should wear ballet pink tights with leotards for ballet and leotards/tanks with tights or shorts for jazz and contemporary classes. Participants should bring ballet, pointe (if applicable) and jazz shoes.

How will classes be split?

Classes will be split up based on level. Placement is decided on the first day of the Festival.

Is pointe included in daily classes?

Pointe work is optional and may be included in the daily ballet classes.

What might a typical day look like?

9:00-10:30 Contemporary Classes

10:30-12:30 Repertory

12:30-1:00 Lunch

1:30-3:00 Ballet Class
3:00-3:30 Variety Class
3:30-4:30 Choreography Workshop

What is Choreography Workshop?

Choreography Workshop will introduce students to both the exploration of the choreographic process and the basic tools used in choreography. Students will learn through improvisations, assignments, class discussions, and the completion of a final piece. Journals will also play an important role in the learning process, for they will be a place where each student will record material discussed in class and personal thoughts and reflections on the creative process of choreography.

What will be included in Variety?

Variety class sessions may include stretch, hip-hop, jazz combos, partnering, variations, among other styles and genres.

Will written evaluations be given to students attending NDF?

Due to the number of students and faculty involved written evaluations will not be handed out. Instructors will be giving feedback on a daily basis during all classes.

Who will be teaching classes at NDF?

Members of the Eisenhower Dance Company as well as a variety of other guest artists will make up the faculty of the NDF Intermediate/Advanced Division.

Is there a sick or injured policy?

Sick or injured students should observe class unless they have a fever or if they are contagious. No refunds are given for illness or injury.

Where is the dance studio located?

The studios are located on the first floor of Varner Hall on the campus of Oakland University.

Where and when is the gala performance?

NDF will host a gala performance held in Varner Recital Hall on the Campus of Oakland University on July 28th at 7:30pm. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

How much are tickets to the Gala Performance?

Tickets are \$5 for general admission.

Will the dancers be wearing costumes?

No. Dancers should have available a pair of black dance shorts, a black leotard or tank and a colored leotard or tank. The choreographers will decide on a performance “costume”.

When is dress rehearsal?

Dress rehearsal will be on Friday, July 28th beginning at 4:30pm at Varner Recital Hall on the campus of Oakland University. Dancers may be excused at early from their regular classes on this day. A detailed schedule will be available at orientation.

What is a lecture?

On designated days dancers will have lunch with a NDF guest artist and be able to ask questions and engage in a dialog with the artist. Specific subjects relating to dance and choreography may be discussed on certain days.

When will lunch lectures occur?

Lunch lectures will be held on Tuesday and Thursday of each week. Dancers should plan on bringing a lunch on those days.

What type of repertory will the dancers be doing?

Repertory will be contemporary based.

How many students will be in a class or a piece of repertory?

We estimate between 10-20 dancers in each piece.

Are the NDF weekend classes required?

Yes, the NDF weekend classes are considered part of the festival and students should plan on attending.

Is the performance required?

The gala performance is not a requirement, however the participant must inform the choreographer on the first day of class if they do not plan to participate.

How do I register for housing?

You can register for room and board by the Eisenhower Dance Center 248-609-0371

How do I know my student is being properly supervised?

NDF provides chaperones for the students staying in the dorms.

What should I bring to the dorms?

- iPod & charger
- Cell phone & charger

- Cards or small games for dorms
- Spending money for shopping
- Sunglasses
- Umbrella
- Alarm clock
- Water bottle
- Dance bag
- Kleenex
- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, hair brush, deodorant, soap, shampoo and conditioner, eye glasses and contacts if needed, etc.)
- Snacks
- Casual wear: shorts, T-shirts, Jeans for evening activities
- Nice outfit for a play or concert event
- PJ's
- Comfortable walking shoes
- Sweatshirt
- Jacket
- Linens

Advanced/Professional (ages 16 and over) Division Frequently Asked Questions

Is the orientation mandatory?

Yes, the orientation scheduled for Sunday, July 16th from 4:00-6:00pm at Oakland University, Varner Hall is mandatory.

Where is the dance studio located?

The dance studio is located at 103 South Street, Rochester MI 40307.

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What is the dress code for the advanced division?

Students should dress with respect to their art form; leotards, tights, appropriate length athletic shorts, active wear, etc.

What does a typical day look like?

9:00-10:30 Ballet or Composition

10:30-12:00 Contemporary or Composition

12:00-1:00 Lunch

1:00-3:00 Emerging Choreographers rehearsal

3:00-4:00 Jazz Technique or Choreography feedback session

4:00-6:00 Master choreographers repertory rehearsal

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When can I see my dancer perform?

NDF will conclude with a gala performance held in Varner Recital Hall on the Campus of Oakland University on July 28th at 7:30pm. Tickets will be available for purchase at the door.

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Can we leave the studio for lunch?

Yes unless there is a lunch lecture scheduled for that day. Dancers are dismissed for lunch at 12:00pm and need to be back and ready to dance by 12:55pm.

What type of repertory will the dancers be doing?

Repertory will be contemporary based.

How many students will be in a class or a piece of repertory?

We estimate between 10-20 dancers in each piece.

How are dancers chosen for repertory pieces?

Choreographers will select dancers for their pieces after a short "audition".

Who will be teaching classes at NDF?

Classes at NDF will be taught by guest artists from around the country as well as Eisenhower Dance Company members.

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Who are the emerging choreographers?

Emerging choreographers are students participating in NDF who have been selected to choreograph on their peers during the Festival. Selection is based on an application that is submitted by April 15th, 2017. Emerging Choreographers will be under the guidance of our experienced instructors who will be present during all rehearsals.

Who can apply to be an Emerging Choreographer?

Any NDF participant ages 16 or older can apply.

Do I need previous choreography experience to apply to be an Emerging Choreographer?

You do not need to have previous experience to be selected. Selection is based on many factors including dance background and references.

What happens if I am not selected to be an Emerging Choreographer?

If you are not selected to be an Emerging Choreographer you will still be offered opportunities to create and learn valuable composition skills from Master Choreographers through specific classes and feedback sessions.