



## 2017-2018 Auditions

### Student Company, Boys Scholarship & Youth America Grand Prix

**Eisenhower Dance Center** offers many wonderful opportunities for our students who would like to further their dance education. Student Company, Youth America Grand Prix and our Boys Scholarship program do just that. In this packet, you will find information regarding all three programs. **Auditions for all three opportunities** for the 2017-2018 school year will be held on Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> from 9am – 12pm in Birmingham from 1pm – 4pm in Rochester. **Students may attend either audition.** There will be a **\$10 audition fee** that can be paid by cash, check or card on file. We welcome all Center students, new or returning, to audition for one of our Student Companies and Boys Scholarship. Current Student company members ages 9 and up may audition for YAGP. Please see below for audition times.

**\*\*\*\*New for all students accepted into a student company for the 2017-2018 season is a mandatory back to school boot camp. Classes will run August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>, 29<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>, 2017. All student company members are required to attend three out of the four days. The schedule is as follows:**

<b>4:30-5:45pm</b>	<b>Ballet</b>
<b>5:45-7:00pm</b>	<b>Modern</b>
<b>7:00-9:00pm</b>	<b>EDYE Rehearsal (Rochester location only)</b>

**\$25.00/day or \$75.00 to register for all four days**

We look forward to seeing you there!

## **2017-2018 Audition Schedule:**

*Please arrive early. Ladies wear a leotard and tights with hair in a bun, gentlemen wear black convertible tights or leggings and a t-shirt tucked in.*

### **Birmingham- Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

<b>Ages</b>	<b>Student Company &amp; Boys Scholarship Audition</b>	<b>YAGP Audition</b>
7-9	9-9:30am	*Students who are 9, may audition in the 10-12 age group
<b>Ages</b>	<b>Student Company &amp; Boys Scholarship Audition</b>	<b>YAGP Audition</b>
7-9	1:00-1:30pm	*Students who are 9, may audition in the 10-12 age group
10-12	1:30-2:00pm	2:00-2:30pm
13 and up	2:30-3:15pm	3:15-4:00pm

### **Rochester – Sunday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>**

\*\* Please be warmed up and ready to learn material, bring all shoes including pointe. There will be studios open for you to warm up in 30 minutes prior to the audition.

We are very excited to offer these opportunities to our students. Please read through the information carefully and contact Christina Tasco at [tasco@eisenhowerdance.org](mailto:tasco@eisenhowerdance.org) or Jen Koralewski at [koralewski@eisenhowerdance.org](mailto:koralewski@eisenhowerdance.org) with questions.

## 2017-2018 Student Company Information

### Audition Information

Students will learn movement combinations in a variety of styles, so should be prepared to move with dance shoes and bare feet. Ladies 13 and up, please bring your pointe shoes. Judges will be looking for technique and performance quality. Students' past attendance and classroom behavior will also be considered. Audition results will be announced by May 15, 2017. All decisions are final.

### About Our Student Companies

**Kids Creating** is for students who love to create and perform. The students in this company learn the basics of dance and are encouraged to use their inspiration and creativity to add their own flare to the dances they are learning. The Eisenhower Dance Center was the first in the area to offer creative movement classes that nurture the child's imagination. The activities in this company are age-appropriate and the curriculum is designed to encourage participation in the choreographic process. Kids Creating performs in pre-show concerts with Eisenhower Dance, special projects with the professional company and in the Eisenhower Dance Center annual Spring Showcase. Dancers in Kids Creating are required to take a Ballet and Contemporary class.

The dancers in **M.Y. Move** will train in Ballet and Contemporary dance. The company performs in pre-show concerts at Eisenhower Dance performances, community performances, and special projects with the professional company, and in the Eisenhower Dance Center annual Spring Showcase. Dancers in M.Y. Move are required to attend their appropriate level Ballet class and Contemporary class.

The dancers in **Collage Dance Company** will train in Ballet and Contemporary dance. The company performs in pre-show concerts at Eisenhower Dance performances, community performances and special projects with the professional company, and in the Eisenhower Dance Center annual Spring Showcase. Dancers in Collage Dance Company are required to attend two ballet classes and their appropriate level Contemporary class.

The dancers in **Co-Motion** will train extensively in Ballet and Contemporary dance. The company performs in pre-show concerts at Eisenhower Dance performances, community performances, and special projects with the professional company, and in the Eisenhower Dance Center annual Spring Showcase. Additionally, dancers in this company receive two master classes per year and work with a reputable guest choreographer sets a piece on the company. Dancers in Co-Motion are required to take at least 2 Ballet classes per week as well as their appropriate level Contemporary class.

**Center Dance Ensemble** is comprised of high school age students and is the Center's most advanced *Student Company*. Dancers in this company participate in community events, the Eisenhower Dance Center annual Spring Showcase, and will perform up to four times a year with the Eisenhower Dance professional company. Additionally, dancers in CDE are offered two master classes per year and work with two distinguished guest choreographers throughout the year. Dancers in CDE are required to take 3 Ballet classes per week as well as their appropriate level Contemporary class.

### **Parent Involvement for Student Companies**

As a parent of a Student Company member, you will be required to volunteer backstage at one Eisenhower Dance pre-show concert and one Spring Showcase and/or Dress Rehearsal. There will be a **mandatory Student Company meeting on August 21<sup>st</sup> at 6:30pm in Rochester or August 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:30pm in Birmingham**. You may attend either location with your child. At this parent meeting signed contracts and student company fees are due.



## Youth America Grand Prix Auditions

**Youth America Grand Prix (YAGP)** is the world's largest student ballet and contemporary competition. The competition is held annually around the world, and is open to dance students of all nationalities 9-19 years old. YAGP also offers master classes with world-class dance instructors. Eisenhower Dance Center offers students the chance to attend YAGP and experience the thrill of attending such a prestigious ballet competition.

### Audition Information:

**Students should prepare a one-minute contemporary solo to perform in front of the adjudication panel. The adjudicators will be looking at technique and performance quality, not choreography. Students may bring their music on a cd or ipod. All students will also perform a ballet variation that will be taught in the beginning of the audition.**

**Audition results will be announced prior to June 1st. If your child is chosen to be a part of YAGP, the YAGP Coordinators will match them with a teacher who will choreograph/set a piece for them.**

**If accepted, students have the option to choose how many ballet and/or contemporary variations they would like to adjudicate at YAGP.**

### Commitment:

Youth America Grand Prix is a wonderful growing experience for the students but also a large time and financial commitment. Below are the YAGP dance requirements. YAGP fee's involve: travel costs, private lessons, costumes, registration fees and administrative fees.

### **Dance Requirements**

- All YAGP participants are required to take three ballet classes per week.
- Participants should meet with their teacher/choreographer for a private lesson **at least** once every two weeks.
- When not meeting with their teacher/choreographer, dancers are expected to rehearse their choreography with another teacher. You will not be allowed to rehearse/run pieces during regular class time. Your choreographer will provide you with two copies of your music and you are responsible for bringing your music to all rehearsals. Contact the Center Directors for available studio space. We encourage each dancer to rehearse their choreography every day.



## Boys Scholarship Program

Eisenhower Dance Center understands the importance of fostering a boy's love and excitement for dance. Our male students train in a fun, safe and nurturing environment and have numerous opportunities to performance and grow into confident, skilled dancers.

Eisenhower Dance Center will be offering a limited number of scholarships to boys who have the drive and dedication to further their dance education. All boys who receive the scholarship must enroll in their appropriate level ballet class and have consistent attendance throughout the year.

### Audition Information

Students will learn movement combinations in a variety of styles, so should be prepared to move with dance shoes and bare feet. Judges will be looking for technique and performance quality. Students' past attendance and classroom behavior will also be considered. Students are expected to join a student company in order to receive a scholarship. Audition results will be announced by May 15<sup>th</sup>. All decisions are final.

