

2019 MYAF Dance/Choreography Guidelines

PURPOSE

The statewide dance adjudication process attempts to identify gifted high school dance and choreography students with the goal of challenging and stimulating those selected through their participation in master classes, workshops, and performances at the Festival.

SPONSORING ORGANIZATIONS

The Michigan Dance Council
Michigan Youth Arts Association

GUIDELINES

CRITERIA:

- Any Michigan high school, private studio or community organization that holds a current organizational membership to the Michigan Dance Council may apply for the Ensemble adjudication.
- All student choreographers whose school/studio holds a current MDC (organizational) membership may apply. Student choreographers must ALSO have an individual Michigan Dance Council Student Membership.
- All student performers must be in grades 9-12 and hold an individual MDC Student Membership to participate in the adjudication process and festival.
- All MDC memberships must be current through May 12, 2019.

Number of Submissions:

- Each high school or studio may submit no more than one ensemble and one student work for adjudication.
- Directors with more than one company from the same studio/school will be allowed to adjudicate no more than one additional piece. This piece can be either ensemble or student choreography.

Length and Content:

- Choreography must not exceed 6 minutes.
- The title of the work should be appropriate to the intent of the piece, rather than just the title of the music.
- Choreographers are encouraged to explore accompaniment for the piece that reaches beyond the confines of popular music and to experiment with movement styles beyond popular forms.
- The choreographic intent of the piece should be clearly and fully developed.

- In student choreography submissions, all choreography must be solely the work of the student.

Please Note: DVD submissions are not permitted. You must adjudicate in person (live).

PROCESS FOR SUBMISSION

MDC uses an Online Submission Process for applications for MYAF.

All forms (MDC Membership, Adjudication Submission Applications and Cast List Forms) are located on the MDC website: www.michigandance.org

Online Submission Due Date: December 7, 2018

- ◆ Your organization's membership fees, applications and cast list form must be submitted online by Friday, December 7, 2018.
- ◆ Please submit one payment per studio or school, regardless of number of works submitted.
- ◆ New or renewed Michigan Dance Council student memberships must be submitted online by December 7, 2018.
- ◆ All MDC memberships must be current through 5/12/19 in order to adjudicate and attend the festival. Therefore, you are **REQUIRED** to submit all student membership payments by the December 7, 2018 deadline.
- ◆ Initial **Cast List forms** must be included with application due **December 7, 2018**. Final **Cast List Forms** must be submitted via email by **January 12, 2019** to Dance Division Directors Murphy and Lajiness.

Cast List Details for 2019:

Your cast list is part of the process for submission:

Cast List Forms must be submitted with your MYAF Dance Division Application Form.

FINAL Cast List Forms should be emailed to the Dance Division coordinators by **January 12, 2019**.

- You will need a Cast List Form for **each piece** that you are submitting.
- Please include all requested details, including MDC membership order # and MDC expiration date for each student.
- You must include a designated understudy for each dance submitted.
- Notification of any cast member changes prior to the adjudication date, must be emailed to the MYAF Dance Division Coordinators:

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MDC Student Memberships for Student Choreographers & Performers Due: December 7, 2018

MDC Student Memberships

MDC Student memberships for choreographers & performers must be current **through May 12, 2019.**

- **Step One:** Each student must go to www.michigandance.org and go to pull-down menu under “Membership”
- **Step Two:** Each student completes the membership form (click the submit button) and pays for the membership in the 2nd section of the application (“Step Two”). They will receive a confirmation email one both parts are complete- one for the application itself and one receipt confirming payment (Square payment). *Your Square payment receipt will include the order number (for example, Order # 21788). This number will serve as your payment confirmation receipt number.*
- **Step Three:** The student forwards both confirmation emails to the director, to verify that all steps have been completed. Director verifies information provided by each student and forwards a corrected version to MDC.
- **Step Four:** Director collects each student’s payment confirmation number (and payment date and enters them into the Cast List Form. Scan or attach Cast List Form and email Dance Directors.

Directors also have the option of paying all student membership fees at once.

How to pay for the student memberships all at one time:

- **Step One:** Each student must go to www.michigandance.org and go to the pull-down menu under “Membership”
- **Step Two:** Each student completes the membership form (click the submit button). They will receive a confirmation email for receipt if the application itself.
- **Step Three:** the student forwards confirmation email to the Director, who in turn, creates a Student Information List comprised of information provided by each student.
- **Step Four:** Director fills out a membership form under her/his name (click the submit button) on behalf of the students and pays for the # of memberships needed in the 2nd. Section of the online application.
- **Step Five:** Director completes Cast List Form and sends it and the Student Information list (see above) to MDC. If the school requires an invoice for payment, MDC will provide the school/institution with an invoice based on the information provided. We cannot provide an invoice prior to receipt of Student Information list. In order to prevent the loss or misdirection of mail,

please provide us with the name/address of the district personnel responsible for issuing checks.

Notification: Once your organization's MDC membership fee, Adjudication Submission Form, Cast List Form, and Student Information list (as mentioned above) and fees are received, you can expect a letter via email stating your submission has been accepted.

Membership Status:

MDC memberships expire one calendar year from purchase. Check the date of your last membership payment to determine if your membership is up to date. If you are unsure about membership status, please enquire with an email to michigandancecouncil@gmail.com prior to submitting applications.

MYAF Dance Adjudication Day and Host Site:

When: Sunday, February 17, 2019

Where: Grand Rapids Ballet, Grand Rapids. MI

Dance Adjudication Day: Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs):

What is the Dance Adjudication Day Schedule? Once we've receive all submissions, a Dance Adjudication Day Schedule will be generated. A Warm-up/Green Room schedule will be provided as well. They will be emailed to the submitting director. Typically, Dance Adjudications commence at 8:30 a.m., finishing by 7 p.m.

What about Costumes? No costumes are to be worn at adjudications. However, bring one male and one female costume to be shown to judges at the adjudication. Requests for exceptions must be made in writing and sent via email to the Dance Division Coordinators. This request should be made two weeks in advance of adjudications.

Can we use Props/Sets? Please notify the Dance Division Coordinators regarding any prop or set usage. This request should be made by Dec. 7, 2018, along with your MYAF application.

Music: Ensemble and student choreography groups must bring performance music on a CD with only one track to the adjudication. A backup copy must be available. Music should not be used for spacing rehearsal. Please label your music.

Adjudication Room Policies:

- Only one adult representative: teacher/director/choreographer is permitted in adjudication room for spacing and introduction of piece and costume.
- One teacher/director per student choreographer will be allowed in the adjudication room to assist in piece introduction and costume display.
- Teachers and/or choreographers may not speak or gesture to the dancers during the adjudicating performance.
- No additional observers allowed in the adjudication room.

Adjudicator's Feedback

- After performing for the adjudicators, performers/choreographers receive immediate feedback from the panel.
- After your last dance has been adjudicated for the day, you are free to leave.

Festival Invitation:

- If your piece is selected, your students are the lucky participants of MYAF 2019.
- Accept and regret letters are emailed almost immediately.
- Outstanding groups will be invited to participate in the festival. **The decision of the adjudicator's panel is final.**
- Non-performing student choreographers whose pieces are selected by the adjudicators are also invited and encouraged to participate in all aspects of the festival.
- Designated understudies are expected to attend the festival and will participate in the multi-arts collaborative portions of the festival.

Festival Attendance Policy:

- The Dance component is a three-day event. Dancers must be present for all three days.
- It is mandatory for students to attend their pre-selected and assigned workshops, classes, tech rehearsals and festival activities in order to perform in the Dance Showcase Concert and/or Welcome Celebration. Violations will result in probation for that school/studio.

THE FESTIVAL

The Michigan Youth Arts Festival is a comprehensive art spectacular, culminating a nine-month search for the finest artistic talent in Michigan at the high school level. More than 250,000 students across the state are involved in the adjudication process that results in nearly 1,000 being invited to participate in the annual three-day event, held in May at Western Michigan University. **Participating** dancers are required to attend the Festival all three days, participate in workshops and master classes, attend rehearsals, and perform in the Dance Showcase.

The cost to attend is **\$230** per person and includes room and board.

Your student's fees for the Festival itself will be paid to and through **Michigan Youth Arts Association (MYAA)**. Dancers must stay on campus and are assigned a dorm room and cafeteria. Most dance directors stay in the dorm with their students. Students must have a chaperone. MYAA will provide specific guidelines for Chaperones.

MYAF Frequently Asked Questions (FAQs)

Why can't students just fill out a paper copy of Membership form?

Too often, handwritten forms are illegible or incomplete. This way, each application is in a database that can be accessed from anywhere. The additional step of the director creating a list based on that information should insure that all categories are complete, reducing the inaccuracies/omissions that have historically plagued this process.

What about those whose memberships are current?

Directors should enter expiration date for current students on the Cast List Form, just as they would for those memberships being renewed or purchased.

How do I know when my membership expired?

Memberships expire one calendar year from purchase or renewal. If unsure of that date, contact michigandancecouncil@gmail.com so they can check the roster to see when the membership was purchased. If you paid membership by check in the past, the date of the check or confirmation of receipt can be used as the membership purchase date. Enter the date that it expires (one calendar year later), based on that date. Our hope is by using the online process, we will have a more accurate database.

DANCE DIVISION CONTACT INFORMATION

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