DANCE AUDITION BY VIDEO

The SCA Dance Program both highly recommends and prefers an in-person audition. We request that students attend the audition in person whenever possible. (Realistically we can evaluate each other best in person.) Video auditions are only accepted if the applicant cannot travel to an audition (i.e. lives more than 250 km. away from Vancouver) or under extenuating circumstances.

Please create one document that includes the following:

1. Your name, telephone number, address and email, SFU student number or application reference number

2. A cover letter, introducing yourself and describing your dance background and reasons for applying to the Dance program at SFU.

3. A recommendation from a dance instructor.


Along with the document, please submit a dance audition by video in one of the following ways:

- PREFERERRED METHOD: Post a video on YouTube or Vimeo protected by a password
- Mail a USB thumb-drive with a .MOV, .AVI or V4V file.

The video should contain:

1. A brief shot of your face and full body -- clearly introducing yourself (stating your name and location) to the camera.

2. Current excerpts from a technique class and include: barre work, centre floor (can include floorwork) and locomotor work, including jumps. Highlight short sequences that demonstrate your technical level, alignment and physicality. (*Note: it is not necessary to show both sides of barre exercises or centre combinations—i.e. show combinations on alternate sides.)

3. Please film your barre exercises in profile (and begin with plies)

4. Your centre work can be filmed facing the camera except for those steps that move across the floor.

5. An excerpt of yourself performing a set piece of choreography or an improvisation. Be sure to identify the choreographer that is being featured—whether it is your own work or work of another’s.
   Note: if more than one dancer is in the piece, write a clear description that identifies which dancer you are.

*The video should be a maximum of 10 minutes.

Remember that this is a Contemporary Dance Program. If possible, both modern/contemporary techniques and ballet work should be included in your video. Ultimately, your audition video should best represent your dance background and yourself as a dancer. Finally, you should be clothed appropriately.
in leotard and tights, or similar, so that the faculty can see the alignment of your body clearly in movement. No skirts, loose fitting clothes or leg warmers are allowed.

Once we have received and reviewed the video, we will arrange for an interview with the faculty via Skype.

Note: Advanced standing is rare, unless a student has transfer credit in dance from a college or university or a substantial career as a professional dancer in the field. The video audition will only help to determine entry into the program. If advanced standing is appropriate, it will be considered during the first week of classes, once the faculty have had a chance to see you dance in person.

Deadline to submit documents and video: (March 15, 2016) - Change date?

Please email the document and YouTube or Vimeo link and password to sca_apply@sfu.ca or mail the thumb drive along with the hard copy of the document to:

Dance Video Audition  
School for the Contemporary Arts  
Simon Fraser University  
149 West Hastings Street  
Vancouver, BC  
V6B 1H4