



Registration now open!

DanceMakers November 20th - 22nd
Vibe Hollywood February 19th - 21st

**Let's take it to the next
level!**



Presents the dance convention opportunities!

What is a dance convention?

Dance conventions give aspiring dancers the opportunity to take class from industry professionals around the country and sometimes the world. Additionally, it is a chance to work with other dancers and take new genres!

CenterStage chooses to attend certain dance conventions during the year that we feel are symbiotic with the culture at CenterStage. We look for conventions that celebrate technique and passion for dance, and that aren't solely about competition and bringing home a trophy. It is important to us that our students embrace the classroom, the love of technique, and the passion for dance as well as being kind and encouraging to others.

Is a dance convention right for my student?

- ✓ Do you have a hard time getting your child to leave after class is over?
- ✓ Does your child dance everywhere they go?
- ✓ Is your child reasoning with you why and how they can take more dance classes?

Dance conventions are for you!

Why DanceMakers and Hollywood Vibe?

The instructors of these conventions are closely tied with the performing arts group, The Young Americans. Three of the four owners, David & Laurie Klein, and Natalie Hudson are former Young Americans. Because of this connection, we trust these dance

conventions to inspire and uplift our students. Many of our CS instructors have worked with CenterStage because of the connection to The Young Americans: Matt Kennedy, Rachel Cozart, Jason Liebson, and Christian Wilken.

DanceMakers convention dates and location: November 20th - 22nd, 2020 in Nashville. Available for students ages 7+. Cost is \$260 for each dancer for the two day convention. **Families need to register and pay in full by October 20th.** Students can register by searching *CSU DanceMakers* in the parent portal.

For any families interested in the convention, but not quite comfortable attending in person, DanceMakers is offering DM Digital. Students will still register through CenterStage and will receive a code to access convention content via the internet for the Nashville weekend. Cost is also \$260. Please let us know if this is the best option for you!

DM Covid Protocol:

- ✓ Working with event space to have larger or more ballrooms to accommodate social distancing.
- ✓ **All attendees are required to wear a mask while in public spaces including pre-function space, convention classrooms and competition setting.** For convention, dancers are able to remove their masks once inside their classroom and are dancing. For competition, dancers will not be required to wear masks while performing or as they travel from dressing room to backstage, but are welcome to! They must stay with their team at all times. Our staff will be assisting with social distancing between studios. If your dancers choose to wear masks while performing there will be no point deductions. All of the DanceMakers staff, crew and faculty will be wearing masks as a preventative measure. It will be up to the discretion of the faculty if they will be wearing their masks while teaching.
- ✓ DanceMakers will now have industry forward thermal temperature scanners at each ballroom door for additional safety measures. **All attendees will be required to have their temperature taken at the door before entering the ballrooms for convention and competition.** Once you have been cleared you will receive a stamp that is good for admittance for that day only. This stamp will gain you access to all DanceMakers activities along with your designated wristband.
- ✓ All attendees will be required to sign a Covid-19 waiver. Our admin team will be contacting all studios directly to execute this process once your registration is completed.
- ✓ DanceMakers will be a cashless event including registration, merchandise and photo booth purchases.
- ✓ DanceMakers and all venues will be continuously cleaning throughout the event to support a safe environment. This includes throughout the entire hotel, event

- space, registration, merchandise and photo booths in our pre-function space as well as all stages.
- ✓ Classroom water stations will not be provided due to safety protocols. Please come prepared.
 - ✓ Classrooms will be limited to registered dancers and teachers only. No observers will be allowed in the convention ballrooms in order to limit the amount of people in each room. The exception to this will be our Camp Dance classroom. We ask that each studio only have one observer in this room, but understand with this age group if that is not possible. We are planning accordingly to have larger ballrooms available.

Hollywood Vibe convention dates and location: February 19th - 21st at the Sheraton Music City in Nashville. Available for students ages 7+. Cost is \$265 for each dancer for the two day convention. **Families need to register and pay in full by December 1st.** Students can register by searching *CSU Hollywood Vibe* in the parent portal.

Hollywood Vibe is a new convention to us, but we've heard great things and are excited to participate! Anyone attending this workshop will most likely be communicating with Miss Ella... Mrs. Natalie might not be ready to dance much since Baby Hudson's due date is February 9th 😊

For those that are not ready and do not feel comfortable with the in person Convention, we will be offering a simulcast from the venue for classes. Each dancer participating would need to pay the convention of \$265. Only certain levels will be offered based upon demand. Please let us know if this is the best option for you!

Hollywood Vibe Covid Protocol:

- ✓ We will be working closely with each venue to stay within the guidance on capacity. Enrollment will be limited so that dancers will be able to maintain 6 ft. of separation. What once was a full ballroom of dancers, will now be at a 50-75% less capacity. Ballrooms will be gridded out to give dancers a visualization on their range of movement. Our faculty will be working together to format their classes so that they can respect this range. Across the floor and standing on sides for groups may not be an option.
- ✓ With limited attendance, we will no longer be able to offer Parent Observers in the Junior, Intermediate, Teen & Senior Ballrooms. Mini dancers will be limited to 1 studio representative or 1 Parent Only.
- ✓ Our Health & Safety Supervisor will conduct temperature checks on all staff and faculty each day.
- ✓ We will ask Dance Teachers to conduct temperature checks on each dancer each day turning in the appropriate paperwork with the recorded temperature

- ✓ Any Dancer or Teacher with a temperature of 100.4 or above will be asked not to attend.
- ✓ Face coverings will be required for anyone in the pre-function area, watching competition or in ballroom. Dancers will not need to wear face coverings while on stage performing. Dancers may be asked to wear face coverings while attending class.
- ✓ All Staff for HV & HDJ will be required to wear a face covering.
- ✓ We will set Hand Sanitizers at points of high traffic. Dancers will be asked to use when entering and exiting every ballroom. They will also be at merchandise & registration areas.
- ✓ Disposable Masks will also be available for anyone that needs one.
- ✓ We advise that each dancer create their own kit that contains their hand sanitizer, mask, and water bottle!
- ✓ To reduce the amount of dancers mingling at merchandise booths. Merchandise will be available for purchase online and available for pick up at the event!
- ✓ We will clean and sanitize equipment between each faculty member's classes
- ✓ Dancers will be asked to bring their own water bottles clearly marked with their name.
- ✓ Class Scheduling will be tiered or blocked so start and end times will vary. Thus reducing the amount of dancers who will be entering/exiting ballrooms and pre-function areas.
- ✓ Any attendee that has flu-like symptoms will be asked to not attend the event.
- ✓ All parents will need to certify that to the best of their knowledge, their dancer has been healthy 2 weeks preceding the event and not sick with any symptoms.

Is there an opportunity to compete?

We have had several students express an interest in taking their performance experience to the next level by competing. This is an option, but we do feel we need to be very clear about our expectations on the front end:

We are not a competitive dance studio. We are not becoming a competitive dance studio. We will not become a competitive dance studio.

We are so serious about this statement that students will compete under CenterStage University, not CenterStage Performing Arts Academy.

We feel that competition can produce healthy and positive experiences for a dancer if they are open and wanting to receive critique and feedback. We will continue to put our focus on equipping students in their dance, theatre, and vocal/music performance journeys, offering programs and opportunities for them to grow, at their own pace, here in Gallatin. Aligning with this mission, we are offering the competitive aspect for those who desire to grow from outside feedback and critique. We will continue to be a performing

arts academy that offers this for motivated students as an additional program, not as a competitive dance studio.

Student Info:

- ✓ Students are allowed to compete in one category as a soloist and/or duet.
- ✓ Students can compete as a soloist and in a duet.
- ✓ Students can compete at one or both conventions.
- ✓ Students must take part in the convention/classes. It is not an option to solely compete at DanceMakers or Hollywood Vibe.
- ✓ Students must attend and pay for a weekly private lesson to learn and polish their choreography with an instructor – or have won Miss Ella and Mrs. Natalie's choreography silent auction items from Give to Gallatin.
- ✓ Only instructors may choreograph and present a student at one of these conventions.
- ✓ We will require all parents and students to sign an additional agreement regarding behavior and competitive expectations. This is important to ensure all CS family has a positive and beneficial experience.
- ✓ If interested, please email Natalie@performcenterstage.com