



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

Registration now open!

NUVO Memphis, TN October 14th - 16th

**DanceMakers Nashville, TN November 18th -
20th**



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 NUVO and DanceMakers?

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.

NUVO convention dates and location: October 14th - 16th, 2022 in Memphis, TN. Available for students ages 5+. Cost is \$275 for each dancer for the two day convention. **Families need to register and pay in full by September 1st.** Students can register by searching *CSU NUVO* in the parent portal.

*Because of generous donations, CenterStage is able to offer students scholarship up to 50% of the tuition price. Scholarship is limited, please reach out to Natalie immediately.

Hotel information and schedule details will be provided as soon as CS receives them.

DanceMakers convention dates and location: November 18th - 20th in Nashville. Available for students ages 3+. Cost is \$260 for each dancer for the two day convention. **Families need to register and pay in full by October 1st.** Students can register by searching *CSU DanceMakers* in the parent portal.

Hotel information and schedule details will be provided as soon as CS receives them.

What about Hollywood Vibe?

Unfortunately it looks like Hollywood Vibe wasn't able to book Nashville this year :(It might be for the best, as we always run into winter weather in early February.

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 NUVO or DanceMakers. If students are interested in competing at other competitions, CS can set that up!
- ✓ Students must attend and pay for a weekly private lesson to learn and polish their choreography with an instructor. There is also a competition submission fee.
- ✓ 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 immediately! Dances take some time to choreograph, teach, and polish for competition!