



CENTER STAGE YOUNG PROFESSIONALS
A Pre-Professional Dance Company Based.
in Gallatin, TN.

Mission & Purpose

Center Stage Young Professionals (CSYP) is designed to bridge the gap between student and professional dancer by simulating the structure, expectations, and artistic demands of a working dance company.

Through weekly training, guest artist experiences, and the creation of a full-length narrative dance production, dancers will gain firsthand insight into the professional world and develop the discipline, artistry, and mindset required to succeed.

Curriculum

Weekly Technique Class (Wednesdays from 8-9:30pm *with occasional additional rehearsals on weekends*)

Rehearsals for a Full-Length Production (1–1.5 hours in length)

Guest Artist Workshops, Masterclasses & Guest Choreography

Performance Opportunities & Festival Submissions

Audition-Based Entry

CSYP maintains a high standard of professionalism. Dancers must audition before a panel of judges for unbiased evaluation.

Auditions are a key educational experience—teaching dancers the importance of:

Preparation
Presentation
Professional etiquette

Note: Not all dancers will be accepted, in keeping with real-world expectations.

Final Show

The season will culminate in a full-length narrative dance production, allowing dancers to experience every phase of performance—from concept to curtain call. *see other document for info on our inaugural show*

Artistic Maturity

CSYP will explore deeper, more mature themes in music, movement, and storytelling. The Artistic Director, Ella Hunter, and any guest choreographers will have creative freedom to select music, choreography, and themes. This may include songs with occasional explicit language, darker subject matter, and more mature movement.

While all choices will be thoughtfully curated for artistic integrity, dancers and families should be comfortable with a more professional, real-world artistic environment.

Who Is This For?

This program is open to the greater Nashville dance community, including:

- Alumni seeking advanced dance opportunities
- Local dancers interested in high-level performance
- Current Center Stage students who are serious about entering the dance world

If you're passionate, dedicated, and ready to grow—this company is for you!