

# 2023 Requirements

## DANCE

Please be sure you follow all requirements related to your application. Failure to comply with any of the requirements listed below may result in disqualification during the review process and/or make your application ineligible for an award.

### World Dance Forms

World Dance Forms include dances for African, Classical Indian, Irish Step, Mexican Folkloric, and Spanish. Please see below for the requirements specific to the world dance category you are applying to. All videos must be recorded within the last year.

### African

#### Audition Requirements

- **A two (2) minute African Dance technique as follows:**
  - Clarity in the use of foot techniques.
  - Polyrhythm in movement as well as appropriate use of grounded and elevated movements.
  - Demonstrated command of African rhythmic complexity including correct use of syncopated movement.
  - Complex combinations of movement without excessive repetition.
  - Choreography including the following movement qualities: balance between percussive and sustained, flowing movement; full range of motion in the head, torso, back, arms and legs (especially fluidity of the spine).
  - Energetic but not rigid execution of movement.
  
- **A two (2) minute prepared solo piece of your choice with a clear beginning and ending.**

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## Media Submission Guidelines

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## Classical Indian

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- **A two (2) minute Classical Indian technique to include the following:**
  - Classical Indian Dance forms (for example, Bharata Natyam, Kuchipudi, Orissi, Kathak, Kathakali, Manipuri, or Mohini Attam)
  - Rhythmic dance phrases (tiramanams, jathis or bhangis etc. depending on the form) that display the dancer's technique in slow, medium and fast tempos, with emphasis on precise footwork, posture and breadth of movement.
  - A combination of abhinaya or expressive dance, with emphasis on the use of the face, eyes and hands combined with footwork and rhythmic dance.
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## Irish Step

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- **“Technique”:** A recording of Soft Shoe and Hard Show techniques as follows:
  - Perform a Reel (48 bars) or Slip Jig (40 bars), AND a Hornpipe (40 bars) or Treble Jig (48 bars).
  - One (1) video upload – please stop the recording for the changing of the shoes.
  - In all cases, the audition video should show that you are familiar with the techniques appropriate to the dance form.
- **“Solo”:** A two (2) minute prepared set dance piece of your choice with a clear beginning and ending.
  - Set dance must be in contrasting tempo to the hard shoe dance performed in the technique.

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- **A two (2) minute Mexican Folkloric technique as follows:**
  - The presentation of Danza Folklorica (Traditional) or Ballet Folklorico (Contemporary technique) should demonstrate examples of footwork, meaningful gestures and/or isolation intrinsic to the cultural dance form being presented.
  - In all cases, the audition video should show that you are familiar with the techniques appropriate to the dance form.
  - Show a clear understanding of the distinctive qualities of the chosen style of dance represented.
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## Spanish

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Spanish Dance includes Flamenco, Classical Spanish, Bolera School, and Folkloric dance.

- **Two (2) minutes maximum of World Dance technique as follows:**
  - Show a clear understanding of the distinctive qualities of the chosen style of dance represented.
  - Show combinations demonstrating changes of direction, use of space, speed and accents as well as flexibility of torso.
  - Emphasis on arm work. Include turns or pirouettes.
  - Show rhythmic footwork patterns increasing in speed, using arms and footwork at the same time (escobilla). Include countertime (contratiempo) and clapping (palmas). This needs to be done over a base rhythm, utilizing a recording, live musicians or palmas in order to hear the structure of the rhythm as it increases in speed.
  - If auditioning in Classical Spanish, Bolera School or Folkloric dance, it is required to demonstrate ability to play castanets in a variety of rhythmic patterns while continuing to move through space. If auditioning in Flamenco, demonstrating ability to play castanets in a variety of rhythmic patterns while continuing to move through space is a plus, but is optional in the technique video.
  - Folkloric combinations must include typical steps from the chosen region's dance. Bolera School combinations must be executed with castanets and include steps from the time period, and include batterie and pirouettes.
- **Two (2) minutes maximum of prepared solo piece of your choice.**
- **Total recording time should be four (4) minutes, allowing two (2) minutes for each.**

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