



GUIDELINES FOR DANCE AUDITIONS by DVD

Dancers wishing to further their summer or year-round training at Connecticut's Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts may apply through DVD or YouTube, if it is not possible to attend an audition during our national tour or in our Torrington studios. (See listing of audition tour locations on our website, www.nutmegconservatory.org or in *Dance and Pointe Magazines*.) Females ages 11 - 18 and males to 21 are eligible. While you will want to prepare this audition with care, remember that Nutmeg is looking for potential and trainability, not for a finished dancer. We would also be happy to see that you enjoy the movement!

Attire: Females: dark leotard, pink tights & shoes, no skirt.

Males: white t-shirt, tights (grey, black or white) and matching shoes.

1. Open with a full body view, then a close up of you as you tell us your name, age, your teacher's name, and the name of your dance studio, city, and state.
2. Next, one, or two brief barre exercises as seen from a direct side view.
3. A center adagio that includes any of the following that are appropriate for your current level of training:
 - Grand plié, port de bras
 - Poses croisées, effacées and écartées, devant and derrière
 - Arabesque, penchée arabesque, attitude
 - Tour lent, balances on demi-pointe
 - Various pirouettes
4. A center or diagonal pirouette combination.
5. An allégre combination appropriate to your level of training.
6. A grand allégre combination (big jumps) as appropriate. This need not be complex -- Just show us that you love to leap!
7. Optional performance clip, variation or portion thereof. Pointe is recommended for female applicants, but not required.

Please keep to a total of 6-7 minutes. Mark your DVD clearly with your name, age, and contact information. Include the Nutmeg application form (which you may download through our website) and a check for the \$35.00 application fee. Package and send to:

Admissions Office
Nutmeg Conservatory for the Arts
58 Main Street
Torrington, CT 06790

We will try to reach you by telephone or email within ten business days of receiving your package. We thank you and your family for your interest in Nutmeg!