

DANCE MASTERS OF AMERICA, INC.

TEACHER'S TRAINING SCHOOL 2016

State University of New York At Buffalo

Welcome to the Dance Masters of America's Teacher's Training School. We are very excited about our Teachers Training Program and are delighted that you will be joining us this year to learn and grow as a teacher and a dancer and to make wonderful life long friends. We hope this letter will answer many of your questions about our Program. We know you will find your week at S.U.N.Y Buffalo an inspiring and memorable one. Everyone involved is dedicated to the love of dance and the thirst for knowledge.

REGISTRATION:

- Monday July 31, 2017 ONLY from 5:00 PM – 7:00PM at GREINER HALL – If you have air travel problems please contact Joanne Zavisca at 734-216-1953
- There will be NO registration on the morning of classes (August 1, 2017)
- Photo ID will be required to pick up your packet.

During registration:

- You will receive your TTS Packets
- You will need to purchase a parking pass if you are driving
- You can pick up your pre-ordered TTS T-shirts
- You be allowed to drop exams from the schedule- There is no on site exam registration

CONTACT INFORMATION ONCE YOU ARRIVE ON CAMPUS:

Mailing address is:

Grenier Hall
C/O Dance Masters of America
Buffalo, New York 14261-0008
Phone: (716) 645-8900

ORIENTATION MEETING:

There is a mandatory orientation meeting for all levels on Tuesday August 1, 2017 from 8:00AM to 8:40AM in the Center for the Arts Drama Theatre. After the meeting grades 1, 2, 3 and 4 will view the Tap DVD for their grade level.

INTENSIVE COURSES:

In addition to our regular classes TTS will be offering an Intensive Study Program during our evening optional time. Musical Theatre (Lynn Fomato) and Hip Hop (Richard Ashworth) are the intensives this year. Class size is limited to 30 per class which will be assigned on a first come first serve basis, determined by post mark date. All applications must be submitted with full payment, including the Intensive Fee. There are no refunds for the Intensive Study Program. NOTE: **Attendees who are testing this year will not be allowed to register for any Intensives.**

COLLEGE CREDITS:

Forms will be available for college credits at registration. It is a one (1) credit hour course. Undergraduate credit is \$275.00. This is payable to Dance Masters of America at the time of registration and is available to U.S. citizens only. Credit cost is subject to change so do not fill out your check before hand.

GENERAL INFORMATION

AIRPORT:

If you are flying you should fly into the Greater Buffalo International Airport, which is approximately 10 minutes from the campus. A cab is the best form of transportation to the University. The cost is approximately \$35.00.

ATTENDANCE:

Attendance and participation is mandatory for all classes except optionals. Students are allowed three excused absences that must be evaluated by the administration. Any absence beyond three will prevent the student from receiving certification for that current level. **NO ONE WILL BE EXCUSED FROM THE LAST THREE CLASSES OF THE PROGRAM.**

BANQUET:

The banquet will be held on Saturday August 5th at 7:00 PM in the Center for the Arts Atrium. Summer dress or dressy pants and blouse would be appropriate.

BRING:

- Notebook, writing material and any workbooks or supplementary reading material that you have.
- You will need to bring **TOWELS AND WASH CLOTHS**. You may want to bring an extra blanket, alarm clock, and laundry detergent.

COMMONS:

Open daily across from the student union. These are some of the stores that located at the Commons: Burger King, Campus Café, Campus Pizza, Starbucks, Sub Shoppe, Young Chow, Campus Tees, CVS, Makin' Copies, and University bookstore.

DIRECTIONS:

From the New York Thruway (I-90) take exit 50 to the Youngman Expressway (I-290). Exit the Youngman/290 at Millersport Highway North (Exit 5B). Continue on Millersport to the Coventry Entrance to the State University. Follow Coventry onto the University Campus. Coventry ends in a traffic loop immediately in front of the Center for the Arts. Specific directions from any location can be found online at: <http://www.buffalo.edu/directions>

DORMS:

We are housed in the new Greiner Hall dorms. These dorms are totally AIR CONDITIONED, have washers and dryers on each floor and lounges with seating and wide screen television.

DRESS CODE:

All female participants must be attired under the following guidelines:

- Dancewear Leotard, dance skirts or dancewear shorts, jazz pants and dancewear t-shirt.
- No bare mid-drifts.
- Tights Footed, footless or stirrup tights.
- Cover-ups Permitted **ONLY** for the beginning of class and **MUST BE WORN OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM.**
- Shoes Appropriate for each class.

All male participants must be attired under the following guidelines:

- Dancewear Leotard or dancewear t-shirt, dancewear jazz pants.
- Shoes Appropriate for each class

KEYS AND SWIPE CARDS:

Dorm keys and swipe cards will be issued at the time of registration. A fee of \$40.00 will be charged for each key and \$25.00 for each building access card that is not returned at the time of check-out.

MEALS:

Three meals a day will be provided in the Atrium, located in the Center for the Arts. A wristband will be worn as a meal pass. There are no meals served on Monday, July 31st, the first day of registration. Meals begin on Tuesday morning at 7:15am with breakfast.

MENTORING: Post Graduates will be available to mentor anyone who feels that they need more personal attention in any of the core subjects. There will be a meeting in the Atrium at 7:00pm on Tuesday August 1st so that contact info can be exchanged and mentoring times can be established.

PTA CLASSES: Practice, Theory and Application classes are available to all grade levels. These classes are to provide a finer breakdown of dance practice, theory and application and a review of vocabulary. They are offered as a supplement to the core classes in tap and ballet.

PARTICIPATION:

Students are to fully participate in all classes unless a written excuse has been evaluated by the Administration before registration will be accepted. If injured after registration and before June 1st the student is to notify the National Treasurer before making travel plans. All written excuse must be supported by a doctor's recommendation. All pregnant students must have a certificate from their doctor allowing them to fully participate in the program. **NOTE: There are no refunds after June 1st even with a written excuse for injury.**

PARKING:

Parking passes are available at registration. \$15.00 for the week.

SMOKING & ALCOHOL

Smoking is not permitted in any buildings on campus. Alcoholic beverages/illegal drugs are not permitted any where on the campus. Violation of this ruling will result in immediate expulsion from Teachers Training School.

STUDY GUIDES:

All grades will receive a new set of study material.

T-SHIRTS:

TTS t-shirts must be pre-ordered.

VIDEO:

You are permitted to video during class time only as a compliment to note taking. You may not sit and video an entire class. **YOU MAY NOT VIDEO THE ENTIRE INTENSIVE STUDIES. IF YOU ARE A REGISTERED PARTICIPANT YOU MAY VIDEO SMALL SECTIONS AS A COMPLIMENT TO NOTE TAKING AND THOSE VIDEOS MUST BE TAKEN FROM THE STAGE.**

WATER: You are welcome to bring a water bottle into the classrooms. WATER ONLY!

If you need any future assistance please email Charleen (dmatreas@bellsouth.net)