

Ballet Chelsea Mission Statement

Ballet Chelsea builds strong individuals through high caliber training and performance excellence while giving back to the audience that supports us through art education and community outreach

Each year, Ballet Chelsea selects **up to** 10 high school dancers who comprise the Professional Training Program (fewer dancers may be chosen). These dancers receive scholarship for extra training, numerous performance opportunities, free master classes and additional coaching. The successful candidate(s) must execute technical and artistic proficiency, demonstrate superior work ethic and dedication, and exemplify excellence in attitude, respect and decorum. Dancers must maintain a minimum grade point average to participate in the program.

Program Expectations: PTP dancers will

- Represent the company well, both personally and professionally, in person and through all forms of social media.
- Treat teachers, staff, other dancers, and parent volunteers with respect.
- Act as mentor to younger students and may assist with demonstrating, supervised teaching and rehearsal assistance.
- Enroll and attend a minimum of eight (PTP-1) or seven (PTP-2) weekly ballet/pointe/variation/partnering/conditioning classes, as approved by the Artistic Director. Additional ballet/pointe/conditioning classes may be taken tuition free.
- Attend all scheduled rehearsals, master classes and auditions that BC hosts. 2017/18 regularly scheduled classes and rehearsals may include Tuesday PTP Scholarship Class and Friday evening rehearsals, weekend rehearsals.
- Schedule an annual or biannual conference with the Artistic Director.
- Make up missed classes within the current semester. Two classes each semester are exempt.
- Participate in two major performances annually.
- Participate in all outreach performances unless excused by the Artistic Director.
- Participate in other performances including YAGP or MYAF unless excused by the Artistic Director.
- Make Ballet Chelsea's PTP program the primary extracurricular activity.

PTP Application Questions:

Please respond to the following questions and submit a typed and printed attachment with the BC PTP audition application. Dancers must also attend the Senior Company and PTP audition on 8/20/17.

1. Why do you want to join the Professional Training Program?
2. What can you bring to the Professional Training Program?
3. What do you hope to gain from the Professional Training Program?
4. Please describe your training background, including past summer intensive study, classes in the previous season and 2017 summer programming.
5. Please briefly discuss short term and long term goals in regards to dance.
6. Do you believe the Professional Training Program will impact your long term / post high school goals? If so, how?
7. Do you believe the Professional Training Program has value? If so, why? If not, why not?