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Tennessee Youth Dance Festival **Gala Concert Application Submission Guidelines**

The Tennessee Youth Dance Festival Gala Concert is open to dancers from studios and schools across the state of Tennessee who register for the Festival. While the work of this year's Festival is focused on providing master classes for students in grades 6-12, The Tennessee Dance Festival recognizes the work of dance educators and dance School & Studio owners with our youngest dancers. Therefore, The Festival is opening 4 performance slots on the Youth Gala Concert to dancers who are in grades 1-5. Works must be original choreography by Dance Studio or School instructors, mentors or guest teachers. The Festival Gala Concert will be held on Saturday, Oct. 22, 2022 at 7:00 pm at Chattanooga Center for Creative Arts. Tech rehearsal will take place between 3:30-4:50 pm on the day of the event.

Applications will be reviewed as they are received and works that fit within the criteria will be invited to participate on a first received basis until all slots are filled. Simple lighting cues will be provided. Music must be attached as a .WAV file in the application below. *ALL DANCERS PERFORMING IN YOUR WORK MUST BE REGISTERED FOR THE FESTIVAL NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 25, 2022* Dance Teachers who are interested in submitting a work that includes elementary aged dancers, please complete this form and know that we only have 4 slots available on a first come basis.

Questions? Please email us: tnyouthdancefest@gmail.com

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1. Works must be fully choreographed by Studio or School personnel or guest artists..
 2. Works must be between 3-7 minutes in length. Works longer than 7 minutes will not be accepted.
 3. Large ensemble work is encouraged. Solo works will not be considered.
 4. Studio or School Mission Statement: Each application must be accompanied by the Studio or School's Mission Statement. How does the work submitted support the dancers and the mission of the Studio or School?



5. Artist's Statement: Each application must be accompanied by a brief statement that identifies the choreographic intent and themes of the work.

6. Deadline: All applications and support materials must be submitted by September 25, 2022. Choreographers who complete the application process will be selected for the Youth Festival Gala Concert in the order applications are received. Choreographers must submit a video of their completed work via private YouTube or Vimeo Link. Each entry should be clearly labeled with the title of the work, choreographer's name and studio or school name. All choreographers will receive notification of acceptance by September 30, 2022.

7. All dancers must be available for a spacing rehearsal: Saturday, October 22 between 3:30-4:50 pm.

8. Each work will be allotted a 10-minute spacing rehearsal only. Music should be uploaded on the application form with a backup copy DOWNLOADED AS A .WAV file and made available on a flash drive for the rehearsal. Use of STREAMING SITES such as Spotify, YouTube, Apple Music will not be allowed to access music files for the rehearsal or performance.

Find the Link to the TN Youth Dance Festival Gala Concert Application [HERE](#)

12. Best of luck! If you have questions about this application, please email us: tnyouthdancefest@gmail.com