

State Ballet Theatre of Ukraine's 2021 tour of "Swan Lake"

Children's Cast AUDITION INFORMATION

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Children's cast Audition for the State Ballet Theatre of Ukraine's 2021 tour of "Swan Lake". Once you have reviewed this entire packet and have made the decision for your dancer to audition, the following items are to be turned into the Information Desk on the audition date.

Those chosen for the cast will be notified right away after the audition:

- Contact Sheet / Audition Form
- Cast Member Contract
- \$200 Production Fee (Cash or Check only written to CMDI) Attached to the contract with \$10 Audition Fee included in the check or separate.

(Please note: Turning in the completed forms does not guarantee acceptance as a cast member, it only guarantees the opportunity to audition. No one will be allowed to audition without completed forms.)

OPPORTUNITY and COMMITMENT

The State Ballet Theatre of Ukraine's 2021 tour production of "Swan Lake" presented by Classical Arts Entertainment, CAE is a wonderful opportunity for ballet students to take a part in a quality show that is confirmed to happen closer to your town at the Joliet's Rialto Square Theatre to be exact!

Audition Director and Choreographer of the children's parts, Mr Altin Naska, is integral to the success of the student dancers who perform beside the pros in the production of Swan Lake! His team of ballet professionals will audition and rehearse over 200 local ballet students this coming winter season through the troupe's Illinois tour, helping to prepare them for their debut alongside State Ballet Theatre of Ukraine's professional company of 55 professional Ukrainian dancers.

Being selected as a cast member is an honor and a privilege. Children's cast will rehearse with Mr. Naska and his team, wear exquisite costumes, and appear on a lavish set at the beautiful 2,000 seats **Joliet's Rialto Square Theatre on Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 7:30 pm**

This is also a commitment and a responsibility that requires a high level of dedication from both the performer and the performer's parents/guardian. Before auditioning, potential cast members must consider all other activities in which they may be involved and be willing to put their commitment to the production above and beyond those activities that may conflict with the rehearsal and performance requirements associated with "Swan Lake." Please bear in mind while making the decision to audition that being a cast member is not just another extracurricular activity.

Dozens of people; performers, directors, choreographer as well as the performance itself, are negatively affected if all cast members are not demonstrating the same level of commitment.

ABOUT THE DANCE COMPANY

The company is recognized as one of the most prestigious institutions of classical ballet in Ukraine. It can boast a hugely varied repertoire, carrying the honor and task to preserve the great Ukrainian dances' precious heritage. A part of the company's collection has always been the great masterpieces of classical ballet, from "Sylphide" by Bournonville, to "Giselle" by Adam, "Don Quixote" and "La Bayadère" by Minkus, "Sleeping Beauty," "The Nutcracker" and "Swan Lake" by Tchaikovsky, "Cinderella" by Prokofiev to the various twentieth-century ballets by Stravinsky, Falla, and Shchedrin. Due to the many tours worldwide, The State Ballet Theater of Ukraine has earned a first-class international reputation.

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AUDITION PROCESS

AUDITION ROLES

• Peasants • Jesters • Neapolitan Suite • Russian Suite • Swans

Selected dancers for these roles will be notified after the audition.

AUDITION: Dancers do not need to prepare audition material. The audition material is based on general classical dance technique, skills, and choreographic style. Younger students must be able to follow directions well and be able to participate in the entire duration of the audition process without parental presence or involvement.

REQUIRED ATTIRE: Black leotard, pink ballet tights, well-fitted pink ballet slippers, hair swept up and back off face and in bun.

APPLICATION FORMS and FEES

Please be prepared to pay all the required fees before the audition process.

Each applicant must pay \$200 Production and \$10 Audition Fee NON-REFUNDABLE before the audition. If applicant is not selected, the Production Fee will be returned after audition.

The Production and Audition Fees includes the following costs:

Rehearsals, costume rentals, traveling and other administration costs.

CAST MEMBER ACCEPTANCE & ROLE ANNOUNCEMENT

Cast Member acceptance announcement will be right after audition.

Role announcement will be after completion of all auditions.

REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:

Weekly rehearsals will be on Saturday afternoons starting Sep. 11th at P D A .

STAGE REHEARSAL WITH THE TROUPE

Thursday, November 11, 2021 at 4pm at the Rialto Square Theatre, Joliet, IL

PERFORMANCE TIME and LOCATION

Thursday, November 11th, 2021 at 7:30pm, Rialto Square Theatre, Joliet, IL

TICKETS

We will be providing Group Discounted Tickets (up to 20% off) for Families and Friends

Also, you can purchase your tickets as soon as your child is accepted as a cast member by calling Ticketmaster at (312) 559-1212 or online at ticketmaster.com

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STUDENT PERFORMER AGREEMENT INFORMATION

Commitment time is September 11th – November 11th, 2021

ATTENDANCE

- There may be no more than two absences from rehearsal. Any student missing more than three rehearsal classes will be removed from the cast. (Extenuating circumstances, such as injury or illness should be discussed with the director). Please take into consideration once again the students load of activities outside and how it could impact the students' ability to participate.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Please provide a current e-mail address and phone number so, we can send you important info.

ROLE ANNOUNCEMENT

- Roles for specific parts will be announced by September 5th.

STAGE ETIQUETTE

- Students should exhibit good behavior at the studio and the theatre by being on time, available to their teacher and the director and keeping quiet at backstage.

CALL

- When checking your schedule of rehearsals and performance, "Call" means the time you must arrive at the studio or theatre.
- On the day of the performance, performers are required to check in with Security at the designated stage entrance.

MAKE-UP

- Specific directions for stage make-up will be given prior to the performance.

COSTUMES

- Costumes will be worn on two **Mandatory Dress Rehearsals Oct. 30 and Nov. 6** and will be returned after the performance without any damage before the students are released to their parents. Eating and drinking (water excluded) are prohibited when costumes are on!

You are responsible to provide your own leotards, tights, and ballet slippers. (Specifics TBA)

VIDEOTAPING / PHOTOGRAPHING / MERCHANDISE

- Videotaping and photographing the performance by unauthorized person is prohibited. CAE will videotape and will provide a professional photographer to take pictures with a ballerina prior to performance. Information on purchasing a performance DVD, booking a picture with ballerina and ordering a T-shirt with an original artwork image of a ballerina and a student dancer's name will be emailed after auditions.

PRODUCTION FEE

- A Production Fee of \$200.00 must be paid in full during the Audition enrollment.
Cash or check only written to CMDI.

The Production Fee includes the following costs:

- Rehearsals, costume rentals, studio rentals, traveling and other administration costs.

There will be no refunds if you leave or are replaced for any reason.

Please be advised that Chicago Music and Dance International is in conjunction with the Classical Arts Entertainment in regard to the 2021 "Swan Lake" production and in order to make this a success, we must enforce all rules and regulations as mentioned. Thank you for your co-operation!

Altin Naska

Children's Cast Director

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November 11th at 7:30pm Rialto Square Theatre