STEPS ACADEMY
AUDITION VIDEO TIPS

Introduction
The proper presentation and formatting of your summer intensive audition video serves as a first impression for our adjudication panel. Please make sure to review the helpful information below which will set you up for success.

Attire
Make sure you are wearing form fitting clothes that are appropriate for each style. Ballet is best presented with a leotard and tights or a form-fitting athletic shirt and tights. For jazz, dancers may wear a full length top and athletic shorts, pants, or leggings. While black attire is encouraged, make sure that you are distinguishable from your background in the video. You may choose to wear something to help you stand out in the space. Hair should be neat, polished, and appropriate for each style.

Spacing
Our audition combinations can be modified to be completed in most spaces. If you do not have access to a traditional dance studio, make sure to prepare your space appropriately. This may include moving aside furniture or other obstacles to prepare. We strongly recommend that the pointe option only be completed on a suitable dance floor.

Lighting
Make sure that your space is well lit from the front. Excessive backlight or facing away from the sun can cause the dancer to appear in silhouette. An additional front light or ring light can be useful especially at night.

Filming
Please film your videos using a horizontal (landscape) orientation. Ensure that your camera is located far enough away from your dance space so that we can clearly see your entire body in the frame including when you jump and travel side to side. For the best sound quality, use the downloadable sound files on our audition page rather than playing the demonstration videos through your speakers.

Editing
You should film your ballet combination and jazz combination as two separate video files. On our Acceptd form, there are two unique file upload questions. There is no need to include any title cards or slate your name.