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Public Call for Dance Artists

Fermata Ballet Collective seeks dancers with strong ballet, contemporary, and/or modern backgrounds who have a passion for diversifying ballet and contributing to collaborative artistic opportunities through performance, dance creation, and community workshops.

About Fermata Ballet Collective:

FERMATA: symbol: ♯ definition: a pause or hold of unspecified length on a note or rest in musical notation

FBC was founded in June 2020 during the global pandemic and the societal movements that reignited the awareness of persistent racism within eurocentric structures. During this pause and shift in regular arts programming, FBC acted as a refuge for dancers who found their careers and projects on hold, providing opportunities to explore dance art in a respectful manner with a focus on inclusivity. Holding to our namesake of “fermata” meaning “pause”, we will continue to extend our services during the expected and unexpected pauses during a dancer’s career.

FBC’s ongoing mission is to diversify ballet in creating renewed paths within dance pedagogy and collaborative performance opportunities with the goal to safely house artists by acknowledging identity, personal experience, and creating enriching and inclusive programming, workshops, and events for dancers and the community.

Deviating from deeply held norms within traditional ballet environments, FBC will cultivate a collaborative approach with an egalitarian structure, foster an environment of inclusivity, and will not condone discrimination against any individual regarding race, color, ethnicity, nation origin, sex, gender, sexual orientation, pregnancy, appearance, religion, age, or ability or other protected classes.

Resident Artist Opportunity for 2024:

Fermata Ballet Collective is currently seeking passionate individuals with expertise in ballet, contemporary, and modern techniques to perform, choreograph, and lead workshops during the 2024 Season.

2024 Season

August 28, 29 & 30, 2024

Summer Series '24: a 3-day choreographic workshop for dancers, culminating with a Fermata Ballet Collective Performance & Gala

November 30 & December 1, 2024

Fall Works: a performance by FBC artists and guest artists at the Very Little Theater

December 18, 19 & 20, 2024

Winter Series '24: a 3-day choreographic workshop for community members of all levels and abilities, culminating with a Shared Space performance event

Responsibilities:

- Participate in Summer Series '24 and perform at the Gala (~9 hours)
- Participate in choreography, rehearsals, and perform in Fall Works (~10-15 hours)
- Participate in Winter Series '24 and perform at Shared Space (~9 hours)

Qualifications:

- Must be 18 years old by June 1, 2024
- Must be available on Sunday mornings and/or evenings for rehearsals as called
- Must firmly believe and act upon the values noted in our mission
- Demonstrate experience in dance performance, a willingness to engage with and create choreography, and lead classes/community events
- Ability to work collaboratively in an egalitarian, collective-oriented environment, contributing diverse perspectives and ideas to discussions and decision-making processes
- Reliable, punctual, able to communicate effectively in-person as well as through Zoom, Slack, and email

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Commitment:

- June 1- December 31, 2024, with possibility to renew contract for 2025
- Applicants should make sure that their activities with other dance organizations do not directly compete with scheduled FBC rehearsals, performances, or events. Applicants should make sure that a contract with FBC doesn't violate a previous commitment or non-compete clause with another dance studio, academy, or company.

Compensation:

- \$25/hour teaching
- \$25/per performance

How to Apply:

If you are interested in joining Fermata Ballet Collective as a resident artist, please submit a resume, a photo, a recent dance video of yourself (up to 5 minutes), along with a 250 word paragraph of interest outlining your motivation for joining Fermata Ballet Collective. There is no audition fee. Applications should be sent to fermat balletcollective@gmail.com by June 1st.

We look forward to welcoming dedicated individuals who share our commitment to diversifying ballet and fostering inclusivity in the dance community.

Thank you for your interest in supporting Fermata Ballet Collective's mission!

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