



Ignite! Dance Festival

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Ignite! Dance Festival **Gala Concert Application Submission Guidelines**

Thank you for your interest in the Ignite! Festival Gala Concert. Please take a few moments to complete this application to be considered for the Ignite! Festival Gala Concert. The *Ignite! Festival Gala Concert* takes place the evening of Saturday, September 21, 2024 and is open to dancers from studios and schools across the region who register for the *Ignite! Dance Festival*. While the work of this year's Festival is focused on providing arts experiences for students in grades 5-12, *Ignite! Festival* recognizes the work of dance educators and dance school & studio owners who serve our youngest dancers. Therefore, *Ignite! Festival* is opening 4 performance slots on the *Ignite! 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.

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. Studios may submit up to 2 works of choreography for consideration to be included on the *Ignite! Gala Concert*, for a total stage time of 10 minutes or less per organization. Please complete an application form for EACH WORK SUBMITTED and indicate on your application form your 1st and 2nd choice, should only one of your works be selected for performance. *Ignite! Festival Gala Concert* will take place in the CCA Main Stage on a state of the art portable sprung dance floor with professional vinyl Marley topper. Stage Dimensions: 24 x 36 feet. Sound and lighting systems & dressing rooms provided. 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 3, 2024. Dance Teachers who are interested in submitting a work that includes elementary aged dancers, please complete this form and know that we have 4 slots available on a first come basis.

The *Ignite! Festival* will send notice to directors of acceptance to the Gala concert by September 6, 2024.

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. Each organization/studio/school may submit up to 2 pieces of choreography for the Gala concert (Total time allocation per studio/organization is 10 minutes of stage time). If an organization submits more than one work for Ignite! Gala, please indicate your priority selection on your application form. In the spirit of equity we hope to include a diverse concert that elevates many genres and styles of dance from many different organizations. As time on the concert permits, The Festival reserves the right to invite organizations to present 2 works on *Ignite! Gala Concert*. Selection of 2nd work from an Organization: Priority will be given to works representing diversity of cast, choreographers and genre.
3. Works must be between 3-8 minutes in length. Works longer than 7 minutes will not be accepted.
4. Large ensemble work is encouraged. Solo works will not be considered.
5. 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?
6. Artist's Statement: Each application must be accompanied by a brief statement that identifies the choreographic intent and themes of the work.
7. Deadline: All applications and support materials must be submitted by September 3, 2024. Choreographers who complete the application process will be selected for the *Ignite! 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 6, 2024.
8. All dancers must be available for a spacing rehearsal: Saturday, September 21 between 7:00-8:50 am. *Groups local to Chattanooga may be offered an alternative slot for rehearsal during the week leading up to the Festival. Directors will be notified of alternative rehearsal options as soon as possible.



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9. 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.

10. Find the Link to the TN Youth Dance Festival Gala Concert Application at this link:
<https://forms.gle/1zbBNZ8Jt43de1ET6>

11. Best of luck! If you have questions about this application, please email us:
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