

Ajkun Ballet Theatre Summer Program

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the unparalleled opportunity for **Professional Dancers, Dance Students** and **Dance Teachers** to join The Company for the milestone combination of **Intensive Training** and **Performance Opportunities**.

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JULY 21 - AUGUST 18, 2012

JULY 20 – AUGUST 17, 2013

JULY 26 – AUGUST 23, 2014

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

The program comprises of advanced **Training** and hands-on understanding of the company's **Production & Performance** time, fully allowing participants to experience subjects not conventionally accessible in a study setting. This program best suits dance students, professional dancers and dance teachers intending to pursue a professional career, to enhance their preparation and to further their careers in the industry. Participants reside in our supervised living accommodation and are fully assisted from our Staff during their staying. Young Dancers please visit our **YOUNGS** page online, from EDUCATION menu.

TRAINING AND PERFORMANCE INFORMATION

Dancers joining our program are challenged and inspired to achieve the very best thru four high-level daily classes, in a nurturing environment considerate of age and dance level and then to convey their skills during performances. We believe in the importance of providing strong ballet, pointe and repertory training that broaden in modern dance techniques and an injury prevention-physical strengthening plan (IPSP) in support of a healthful and long career in the field. Determinant to the success of young artists, the inspirational relationship with our Company Dancers, who mentor and perform alongside Participants on a daily basis, and the opportunity to be part of the creative process of our Residential Choreographers.

Specialty classes expose participants to subjects critical and instrumental to the success of a professional dancer. For a complete Faculty & Staff List log online and click THE COMPANY - menu, THE ARTISTS - submenu.

CURRICULUM DAILY CLASSES: BALLET TECHNIQUE, POINTE, PARTNERING, PAS DE DEUX, VARIATIONS, AJKUNBT REPERTORY, MODERN DANCE, STAGING & PERFORMING, LABORATORY CHOREOGRAPHIC, PILATES OPTIONAL ONE TO ONE SESSIONS

SPECIALTY CLASSES: INJURY PREVENTION, NUTRITION, WORKPLACE AWARENESS, REPERTORY'S HISTORY, MAKE UP, CAREER PREPARATION & PROFESSIONAL NETWORKING, LIFE ON A TOUR.

PERFORMANCES: Our performance schedule allows participants to learn many aspects of a company's life, from touring to public speaking. Thru lectures and active cooperation with our production staff, dancers are thoroughly guided and exposed to the specific requirements of a professional career. Our Wardrobe provides performance costumes. **PUBLIC PERFORMANCES** are sided by: **ART IN EDUCATION** Events, followed by question/answer period with the audience, **PRESS PRESENTATION**, discovering promotional topics, **SHOWCASES** for potential donors to a participant's career, **OPEN REHEARSALS** for a targeted audience leading to potential contract opportunities. Log on PERFORMANCE menu and click IN SUMMER to learn more.

PROGRAM OUTLETS

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Dancers seeking for employment typically embark in an expensive audition tour that often overlooks organizations not internationally renowned. Equally, Dance Companies may overlook some dancers in the short time of an audition. The Ajkun Ballet Theatre created a network to serve as a platform for dancers to broaden their exposure across the globe. Our organization is worldwide regarded by dance companies as a primary source to explore some the world finest artists for employment openings. For a list of companies who employed AjkunBT Alumni & Artists, visit our ALUMNI page, accessible online from the menu EDUCATION.

WORLDWIDE PROMOTION

The AjkunBT Press & Communication Division promotes all Company Artists & Trainees on a global scale. Trainees are referred by our Artistic Staff, based on several weeks of training & performance, and supported by the international reputation of our Artistic Directors. The network created by AjkunBT Arts Administrators, Artists, Alumni, Patrons and Partners along with our partnerships with many Dance Companies helps our Trainees to move effortlessly toward a professional career.

Website: www.ajkunbt.org

Watch The Company perform on: www.youtube.com/AjkunBT

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STAYING INFORMATION

The Ajkun Ballet Theatre is truly committed to make your staying with us an unforgettable one. The international environment of our Program, the expertise of our Staff and their welcoming warmth, the extraordinary venues that are home to our Company, the variety of scenarios that only New York has to offer, all contribute to create life lasting experiences and memories.

LIVING ACCOMMODATION

Our fully monitored living facilities provide accommodation from two days previous commencement of the classes thru the night following the last event. Friendly property and company staffs are on premises at all times and available 24/7 to address your concerns. Additional supervision for minors is provided.

COMPANY TOUR TRAVEL

Travel is provided by Charter Bus, when requested by our performance tour.

MEDICAL

A certified nurse, licensed physical therapists and an orthopedic unit will be made available if needed.

ADDITIONAL SERVICES

A list of Optional Services to make your staying more enjoyable will be made available to enrolled participants.

ADMISSION PROCESS

The repertory performed for the season dictates the number of positions available, typically 20 DANCERS and 2 DANCE TEACHERS.

Minimum age for Dancers is 14 years old and for Dance Teachers is 18 years old.

Participation is granted on a first-come, first-serve basis to exhaustion of places available to candidates of any citizenship who can demonstrate to have mastered a strong ballet technique and have the physical prerequisite to sustain an intense daily training and rehearsals. To maintain the remarkable artistic standard required by our Company, positions may be divided for countries. Official application deadline is April 30th. Past experience indicates that all positions are filled previous deadline. Applications are accepted as early as THREE YEARS in advance to the intended year of participation. Due to the high volume of worldwide applications **Early Registration is Strongly Recommended.**

QUALIFICATION PROCESS

Candidates are admitted thru an **Audition***. Audition Options: **in person** or by **dvd**.

Auditionees must send in the registration fee along with the Audition Form and fee to preserve the availability of their spot. The registration fee is reimbursed in the only case acceptance is denied.

Successful candidates will be provided with a complete informational package and guided by our Staff thru the process leading to officially becoming a **SUMMER TRAINEE TO THE AJKUN BALLET THEATRE COMPANY.**

* IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE UNITED STATES LAW AND THE AJKUN BALLET THEATRE'S NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY, THERE ARE UP TO 3 POSITIONS EVERY YEAR GRANTED WITHOUT AN AUDITION.

TUITION

US\$ 2,780 inclusive of classes, costumes, accommodation, performance tour transportation for the 4 weeks is payable in full upon acceptance or in four installments. Registration fee is US\$65.

SCHOLARSHIPS

The AjkunBT Fund may award Summer Trainees with Educational Grants or International Exchange Grants up to the annual budget for dancers of US\$130,000.

SEASON TRAINEESHIP

The Company offers 10 fulltime positions to professional dancers who intend to benefit from career's enhancement as provided by participation to Ajkun Ballet Theatre 's performing season.

Please visit our online TRAINEE page accessible from the menu EDUCATION for more information.

WE WELCOME ALL INQUIRIES. Email requests at Ajkun@aol.com insure a time effective answer.

All postal correspondence for our Trainee Programs must be addressed to:

AjkunBT Trainee – Admission Office, 193 Cross Street, BX-NY 10464-1225 USA

Connect with our Dancers on www.MySpace.com/AjkunBT and www.FaceBook.com/AjkunBT