

2024 Riverside Dance Festival Information
July 22 – August 3, 2024

Audition Information:

Interested Applicants, aged 10+, must complete a video audition in order to be considered for The Riverside Dance Festival. There are no application deadlines, however space is extremely limited to make sure each participant gets the individualized attention our program has become known for. Additionally applicants submitting applications and payments by May 12 will receive a 20% discount on tuition and 10% discount on room and board.

Students who participated in the Riverside Dance Festival in 2022 or 2023 do not have to submit video footage as part of their audition provided they can prove they have been training throughout the 2023-2024 school year.

To Audition:

Submit an application form (Signed by a Parent/Guardian) and a link to a YouTube (or other video sharing service) video showing student in Ballet Class (Especially Barre) and Modern/Contemporary Class (No performance footage please), or for alumni of the last two years, proof of continued dance training. Audition Videos should not exceed fifteen (15) minutes in length. When filming your audition please consider the dress code requirements: solid color leotard/pink or black convertible tights for ladies; white t-shirt/black tights or shorts for gentleman with long hair secured up and off the face.

Email your audition materials to adams@riversidetheatre.com

All applicants will be notified of their acceptance on a rolling basis. Remember, space is extremely limited. Apply early!

Tuition assistance is available to qualified students. This is a separate application that must be submitted online. See the link on our website for details.

Cost of Program (through May 12):

Tuition: \$400
Room and Board: \$1800

Cost of Program (May 13-July 19; provided space is available):

Tuition: \$500
Room and Board: \$2000

Tuition is non-refundable unless we cancel the program. Room and Board may be refundable up to a few weeks prior to arrival. All payments will be made online (accepted students will receive links to pay).

Apprentice Program:

As in previous years we will consider college-aged dancers for our apprentice program. Apprentices are often tasked with working more closely with the invited company/RDF staff in order to make valuable professional connections for future employment. To be considered for this program, simply indicate interest in your application materials.

Riverside Dance Festival Information:

The Riverside Dance Festival is a unique experience in Intensive Summer Study presented by Riverside Theatre and Ballet Vero Beach. Accepted students will experience day-to-day life with Pigeonwing Dance. Students will have the opportunity to take daily technique classes in Ballet and Contemporary Dance forms from Pigeonwing and Riverside's own distinguished faculty, they will also participate in master classes, open rehearsals, and work towards the creation of their own work to be performed alongside Pigeonwing in a mixed repertory concert to culminate the festival.

About Pigeonwing Dance:

Under the direction of 2020 Guggenheim Fellow Gabrielle Lamb, Pigeonwing Dance (PWD) performs choreography that provokes curiosity in lovers of both crossword puzzles and cat videos. Improvisatory abandon is counterbalanced by meticulous calculation, revealing intricate architectures where fleeting moments of resolution open into new wonderings. Described by The New Yorker as "eccentric...playful...curious", PWD has been presented by, among others, Bryant Park, the 92Y Harkness Dance Festival, and Symphony Space, where they became the first dance company commissioned by Selected Shorts.

Sample Daily Schedule

	Group A	Group B	Apprentice
10:00-11:30	Ballet	Contemporary	Company Class
11:30-1:00	Contemporary	Ballet	Class
1:00-2:00	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch
2:00-6:00	Rehearsals	Rehearsals	Rehearsals
7:00-10:00			Company Rehearsals

Boarding Program Information:

A complete chaperoned Boarding/Meals plan is available for students who wish to take advantage of it. Students will be provided extended stay accommodations with fully equipped kitchens. Our background checked chaperones will assist students with grocery shopping and meal prep. Transportation to and from the festival each day will be provided and a full range of evening and weekend activities will be planned. All activities/meals are included in the price of the room and board package and may *possibly* include:

- Beach Trips
- A Visit to The Vero Beach Museum of Art
- A Visit to McKee Botanical Garden
- Movie Night
- Outlet Shopping at Vero Fashion Outlets
- Dinner At Beachfront Restaurants

Check-In for the Boarding Program is the afternoon of July 21, and Check-Out is August 3.

Getting to Vero Beach:

The airports closest to Vero Beach are Orlando (MCO), Palm Beach (PBI), and Melbourne (MLB). Airport pick-up *may* be arranged with RDF for an extra fee. Please make sure to contact adams@riversidetheatre.com *before* making flight reservations if you are expecting to arrange airport pick-up through RDF.