Dancer Auditions Policies and Procedures

It is a department policy that all choreographers should hold an open audition before casting a piece that will be produced by the department. Proper advance notice (flyers, announcements in class) is expected. Every attempt should be made to schedule auditions at times that have minimal conflicts with classes and to accommodate dancers who are unable to attend auditions because of class or work conflicts. Shared auditions are strongly encouraged. This policy is designed to ensure that performance opportunities are made available to as many dance majors as possible and that dancers and choreographers learn proper audition techniques. Though we cannot guarantee that every student will be cast in a dance every year, it is important for all of us to cultivate artistic generosity and openness toward our colleagues in the department.

The audition process in this institution should promote both professional behavior and educationally sound experience. These values are based on fairness, full-disclosure, and personal and artistic integrity. If there are any questions about audition procedures, please contact the Director of Dance BEFORE making audition plans.

1. All student dances produced by the department must be auditioned publicly.
2. If a dance is being co-choreographed by all of its performers, an audition is not necessary, but notice of such a plan and the cast list must be given to the Director of Dance.
3. Choreographers are welcome to schedule and announce auditions at their convenience. The department will work to schedule collective auditions when it is useful to choreographers planning to make work, but students are welcome to establish alternative dates.
4. Cast lists must be posted on the 3rd floor bulletin board following the audition process and must be copied to the Director of Dance.

Students should regularly check the bulletin board on the 3rd floor for announcement of other auditions throughout the year.

Choreographers for all departmentally produced performances must be current dance majors and all performers must be enrolled in CU classes either with degree-seeking status or through the ACCESS program. If there is a compelling artistic reason to engage off-campus performers the choice must be approved by the faculty prior to casting the dance.