

YOUNG CANADIANS DANCE AUDITIONS 2025-2026 SEASON

Process

All individuals auditioning to become a dancer with the Young Canadians must submit a headshot, a video introduction as well as attend an in-person dance audition.

Stage 1 Introduction and Headshot

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• Deadline for submissions is Wednesday, May 28

Stage 2 Attend in-person audition for dance/movement

• Sunday, June 1 (exact times TBC)

Stage 3 Selected Individuals will be asked to participate in a callback audition on July 15 and 16

**Please ensure you have also completed the online registration form: <u>https://calgarystampede-iinbf.formstack.com/forms/young_canadian_audition_registration</u>

Introduction and Headshot

Introduction

- Name
- Where you are from
- Previous dance experience
- Why you would like to be a Young Canadian

Uploading Your Introduction and Headshot

- Upload your video and headshot to: <u>https://forms.gle/1YL7fK87JmWxvZzV7</u>
- Email <u>ycauditions@calgarystampede.com</u> to confirm your submission was received

In Person Auditions

Sunday, June 1, 2025

Seniors (ages 15 – 21)

- Check-in: TBD
- Audition: TBD

Wednesday, September 4, 2024 Intermediates (ages 12 – 15)

- Check-in: TBD
- Audition: TBD

On the day of your audition please check in at the registration desk where you will be assigned your audition number.



Audition Requirements

Intermediates (ages 12 – 15)

Recommended 2 years of dance training

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Candidates will be auditioned in a master class setting in front of an audition panel. Be prepared to be asked to do a jazz barre, flexibility component, across the floor and a short combination.

After the initial audition segment candidates may be moved into smaller groups to evaluate technical ability, overall execution, and performance capabilities. Candidates may be taught short combinations in a group format during this time for evaluation.

The audition panel may be examining how candidates function in a group environment and perform as part of a team.

Note: Dancers are not required to prepare a dance routine in advance.

What are we looking for?

We are looking for individuals who adapt well to new situations, learn quickly and are not afraid to step outside of their comfort zone. Remember to be yourself and to have fun. Treat it like a class. The audition is also a great opportunity for you to see if YC is a good fit for you.

What should I wear?

- Black bodysuit or form fitting t-shirt/tank top and black leggings or form fitting tank/t-shirt and tight shorts/pants
- Jazz shoes are required
- Hair should be in a bun or neatly styled and pulled up and off the face

**Baggy clothing and hats are not permitted. No bare midriff or short shorts.



Where is the in-person audition location?

The Young Canadians Studio is located at the TransAlta Performing Arts Studios at Stampede Park, 1302 6 St SE.

Parking

Please use the 11th Avenue Parking Lot.

Google Map Link



General Questions

Can my parents and friends hang out with me during the auditions?

This is a closed event. Only participants auditioning will be able to enter the building. Parents/guardians will be directed to sit at the BMO Amphitheatre or wait in their vehicle.

Where do I park?

Please use the 11th Avenue Parking Lot (see map above). All Calgary Stampede Parking Lots are managed by Calgary Parking Authority.

Can I audition for both Dance and Vocal divisions?

Yes, you can audition for both. Candidates will need to register for both the Dance and Vocal auditions and attend both auditions.

What are the training hours if I am accepted? Intermediates

• Minimum three days per week (Wednesday evenings, Friday evenings, Saturdays and alternate Sundays)

Seniors

 Minimum three days per week (Tuesday evenings, Thursday evenings, Saturdays and alternate Sundays)

For more information or if you are having difficulty with your submission, please email: <u>ycauditions@calgarystampede.com</u>

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