

TRYOUT PACKET/INFORMATION **AUDITION DATES: April 25th – 28th in Lego Gym**

MISSION

The Inertia Program is dedicated in developing young men and women with active and creative minds, a sense of understanding and compassion for others, and the courage to act on their beliefs. Through all elements of dance education, Inertia stresses excellence in the classroom and the total development of each student: spiritual, moral, intellectual, social, emotional, and physical.

In following this goal, Inertia has become an integral and respect program, not only in HISD but the Houston dance scene. Inertia strives to achieve:

- Creative and entertaining body of work guided by the mission Inertia.
- Educating young men and women from various walks of life about discipline and excellence in the classroom.
- Collaborating with other artists and companies, including, but not limited to musicians, lighting designers, costume designers, set designers, filmmakers, and other choreographers. Offering teaching and choreographic opportunities at festivals, studios, and public schools both private and public.

Inertia aspires to create the total theater experience that is satisfying to the most existential mind while also being compelling to the general audience. What makes the Inertia program unique is the integration of technology in our classrooms, class projects and theater productions, given that Westside High School is a magnet school for integrated technology.

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

- A COPY OF YOUR MOST RECENT REPORT CARD
- APPLICATION/INFORMATION SHEET/QUESTIONNAIRE COMPLETELY FILLED OUT
- PREFERENCE SHEET COMPLETED
- SIGNED COPY OF STATEMENT OF PERMISSION AND PARTICIPATION RELEASE
- ATTIRE: Girls: Leotard and/or tights, foot-undies and jazz shoes are optional
Boys: Sweatpants and sneakers.

WHAT TO KNOW

- Judges, the group trying out, the director, director's designated helpers, and administrators are the only individuals allowed in the designated tryout area. **Parents, friends and/or other family members are not allowed in the tryout area at any time during the tryouts.**
- Wear appropriately sized clothing.
- No gum or food during instructional and audition time.
- Results will be posted on www.inertiadanceco.com

INERTIA INFORMATION SHEET AND QUESTIONNAIRE

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Parent Phone: _____

Email: _____ Parent Email: _____

Current Grade Level: _____ Birthdate: _____

Current School Attended: _____

Current Dance Instructor: _____

Years of Dance Experience: _____

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Describe the dance style(s) in which you are most experienced:

Where have you danced in the past (School? Studio?) Are you still involved?

What are your strengths?

What are your weaknesses?

What could you bring to the team as a new member of Inertia Dance Company?

What makes you unique?

What three words would your friends use to describe your personality?

If you are not selected for Inertia, do you want to be considered for Inertia 2?

Yes _____ No _____

Preference Sheet- Westside Dance Auditions

Student Name: _____

Rank the following options in order of which class you want to be in. #1 is your first choice (the class you want to be in the most). Leave blank any class that you would not be in no matter what the circumstances. PE/Fine Art/Elective must be one of your choices.

_____ Inertia Dance Company (COED – after school commitment is a must; several evening/weekend performances and competitions; required to pay fees – 4th Period)

_____ Inertia Two (Only female – several evening/weekend performances; a couple of competitions; a few practices; required to pay fees - 6th Period)

_____ Advance Dance (required to participate and perform in Westside Dance concerts; no competitions; no after school practices - 5th Period)

_____ Break Dance (Mostly male; required to participate and perform in Westside Dance concerts; no competitions; no after school practices – 2nd Period)

_____ Hip-Hop (COED; required to participate and perform in Westside Dance concerts; no competitions; no after school practices – 5th Period)

_____ Beginning Dance (COED; required to participate and perform in Westside Dance concerts; no competitions; no after school practices – 3rd Period)

_____ Non-Performance Dance/PE Dance Aerobics (no after school commitments, no fees, no competitions, no performances, no after school practices; just a dance class)

_____ PE/Fine Art/Elective (talk to your dean)

The audition will determine placement. Students are NOT guaranteed any particular placement.

I have read and understand the above information. I will support my child's participation in any of the classes that he/she marked as a choice with our time and my finances.

Parent signature: _____

Student signature: _____

Participation Release:

I give permission for my child _____

To participate in the Audition process for the 2016-17 Inertia Dance Company at Westside High School. During the audition, participants will be engaging in dance activity, aerobic activity, and movements that require strength and agility. I understand that, while safety measures will be in place for the duration of the audition process, accidents and/or injury may occur.

I am fully aware of the special dangers and risks inherent in participating in the activity, including physical injury, death, or other consequences arising or resulting from the activity. I agree to accept full responsibility for such risks. I agree to accept responsibility for all implied risks and possible acts of negligence by other persons and/or agents of Westside High School/HISD. I further agree to advise activity planners of any physical or mental limitations my minor child may have.

I agree to be fully responsible for the property of my minor child as related to this activity.

In consideration of my voluntary application and as a requirement to participate in this activity, I hereby release and indemnify Westside High School/HISD and their staff and students of any and all liability, claims and causes of actions arising out of or in any way connected with my participation in this activity offered at Westside High School/HISD.

In the event of an emergency, I also agree to allow any medical personnel the opportunity to treat a illness, injury, or any other medical condition of my minor child. I agree to accept full responsibility for any medical costs which may result from my participation and for any treatment for any injury sustained while taking part in the program.

I have read this release and indemnification agreement and understand its meaning. This release is intended to bind by heirs, representatives, successors, assigns and administrators.

Participant Name _____

Participant Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Name _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Emergency Contact Phone Number _____

Date _____

****Please note that the Audition process will be closed to the public, family members and friends. No recording of the process will be permitted.**

****The decision of the judges charged will be final.**