



***Pre-Professional Ensemble
Program Information***

2025-2026 Audition Information

Auditions for both our STLRC Youth Ensemble (Ages 8+) and STLRC Student Ensemble (Ages 14-25) will take place in the afternoon at St. Louis Academy of Dance:
9656 Olive Boulevard, St. Louis, MO.

Our Ensemble Auditions are meant to be an educational experience for all participants. We strongly encourage everyone who would like more audition experience to attend. We create a comfortable atmosphere and share tips for success for students to use in other auditions.

STLRC Youth Ensemble Auditions

Sign In: 2:45pm

Audition: 3:00-4:00pm

All dancers must RSVP to audition.

STLRC Student Ensemble Auditions

Sign In: 4:15pm

Audition: 4:30-6:00pm

All dancers must RSVP to audition.

What to Wear:

- **Top:** A fitted t-shirt, tank top, or leotard (nothing too loose). Avoid anything with logos or excessive designs. Bright, solid colors or simple patterns work best!
- **Bottoms:** Comfortable, form-fitting leggings, jazz pants, or shorts. Make sure they don't restrict movement—nothing too baggy or distracting.
- **Shoes:** Tap shoes are a must! Make sure they're in good condition and properly fitted. If you don't have tap shoes yet, please try to bring something with a sturdy sole (like a dance sneaker or low-heeled shoe) as a temporary option.
- **Hair:** Hair should be pulled back neatly in a ponytail, bun, or braid to keep it out of the face
- **No accessories:** Please avoid hats, jewelry, or anything that could be distracting.
- **Extras:** Bring a water bottle to stay hydrated and come prepared with a positive attitude!

Following the Youth & Student Ensemble Auditions, students will be contacted via email to confirm whether they have been selected for the program. If selected, students & families will receive a commitment letter, detailed program schedules, and information for setting up tuition payments. A virtual student/parent meeting will also be scheduled to welcome our 2025-2026 participants and answer any questions.

Know before you go:

Our Youth and Student Ensemble members are an elite community of local tap dancers with a shared passion to learn, preserve, and support the art of tap dance and its history.

Before you audition, we encourage you to read through the Program Outlines below and be sure you understand the level of commitment required to be successful in both our Youth & Student Ensemble programs.

If you are unsure whether to audition for the YOUTH Ensemble or the STUDENT Ensemble, and are on the cusp of the age and level requirements for both, we encourage you to attend both auditions.

Program Outline:**STLRC Youth (Ages 8+) Ensemble Activities & Important 2025-2026 Dates:**

Youth Ensemble members will participate in a mandatory summer boot camp and spend 5 weeks during the fall months, studying and rehearsing with members of our moSTLy TAP professional ensemble. Dancers will make progress in a variety of skills including tap dance technique, musicality, and performance. Dancers will also learn an original piece of choreography that will be performed during the run of STLRC's annual moSTLy Holidays Production at Missouri Baptist University.

Commitment Outline:

Note: All dates are subject to change.

Tuesday, August 5 from 4-6:30pm & Wednesday August 6 from 4:30-7:00pm
Team Building and Choreography Bootcamp
St. Louis Academy of Dance

Fridays, starting October 24, 2025, between 5:30-7:30pm:
Weekly Rehearsals
St. Louis Academy of Dance

Sunday, December 7, 2025:
In-studio dress rehearsal for moSTLy Holidays
Exact time TBD
St. Louis Academy of Dance

Thursday, December 11, 2025
Technical rehearsal for moSTLy Holidays Performance
Evening, exact times TBD
Missouri Baptist University

Friday, December 12-Sunday, December 14, 2025
moSTLy Holidays Performances
Exact times TBD
Missouri Baptist University

STLRC Student (Ages 14-25) Ensemble Activities & Important 2025-2026 Dates:

We're very excited to announce that STLRC Ensemble activities include a new expanded season with additional performance opportunities!

Student Ensemble members will participate in mandatory summer boot camp and rehearse weekly throughout our newly expanded season that runs September 2025-March 2026. Dancers receive the opportunity to work alongside special guest artists and our professional moSTLY TAP ensemble members to hone their skills in a wide variety of areas, including learning how to collaborate and improvise with musicians. Student Ensemble members will receive a variety of performance opportunities throughout the season. These performances include STLRC's annual moSTLY Holidays Production at Missouri Baptist University and new this year, the Student Ensemble Spring Concert, comprised of works performed by our Student Ensemble dancers.

Commitment Outline:

Note: All dates are subject to change.

Tuesday, August 5 from 4:30-9:00pm & Wednesday August 6 from 4:30-9:00pm

Team Building and Choreography Bootcamp

St. Louis Academy of Dance

Fridays, starting September 5, 2025, between 5:30-8:30pm

Weekly Rehearsals

Note: Weekly rehearsals will run as scheduled throughout the duration of the season, minus holidays, show weekends, etc.

St. Louis Academy of Dance

October 3-5, 2025

Tentative performance during STLRC's fall dance festival

Missouri Baptist University

Sunday, November 16, 2025

In-studio band rehearsal for moSTLY Holidays

Exact time TBD

St. Louis Academy of Dance

Sunday, December 7, 2025

In-studio dress rehearsal for moSTLY Holidays

Exact time TBD

St. Louis Academy of Dance

Thursday, December 11, 2025

Technical rehearsal for moSTLY Holidays Performance

Evening, exact times TBD

Missouri Baptist University

Friday, December 12-Sunday, December 14, 2025

moSTLY Holidays Performances

Exact times TBD

Missouri Baptist University

Sunday, March 8, 2025
STLRC Student Ensemble Spring Concert
Exact times TBD
St. Louis Academy of Dance Blackbox

Additional Requirements:

Each Youth and Student Ensemble dancer is required to have a family member serve in a minimum of 2 volunteer roles throughout the duration of the season. More information and sign-ups for volunteer roles will be available at a later date.

For optimal growth, students are strongly encouraged to regularly attend a weekly tap class in addition to their work within our Pre-Professional Ensembles. These can include weekly classes at your home studio or weekly classes with STLRC.

Program Cost:

Tuition for both the Youth Ensemble and Student Ensemble are to be paid monthly.
First tuition payment will be due August 1, 2025.

Youth Ensemble Tuition: \$150/month
Monthly tuition will be due on the first of each month, August 1, 2025 through December 1, 2025.

Student Ensemble Tuition: \$200/month
Monthly tuition will be due on the first of each month, August 1, 2025 through March 1, 2026.

Additional costs may include:
moSTLy Holidays Performance tickets
Student Ensemble Concert tickets

If you have questions or need additional information:

STLRC Youth Ensemble Director:
Greta Johnson

STLRC Student Ensemble Director:
Kelly Ging

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We look forward to seeing you at auditions!