



Dissonance Dance Theatre

New Voices of Dance Application

Founded in the Summer of 2016 by Shawn Short, New Voices of Dance (NVD) is a new program that promotes the development of choreographers dedicated to contemporary ballet and modern choreography by providing opportunities to develop their talents.

NVD's goal is to increase the number of working choreographers, that are currently emerging - not aspiring - choreographers working towards full-time choreographic employment.

Choreographers receive travel fare to Washington, D.C. and receive an honorarium for their work. Choreographers also obtain a HD quality MP4 of their produced work for their professional reels. Choreographers currently set their work on Dissonance Dance Theatre (DDT). Choreographers are directed and guided by DDT's Founder/Principal Choreographer Shawn Short.

Process:

Thank you for your interest in our new choreographer program.

Currently, we ask for a candidates to send an email with their dancer and choreographic resume, headshot, video work samples. Please attach the below questions with answers to application email in a PDF format. Send all materials to Shawn Short, Founding Director/Principal Choreographer, at sshort@ddtdc.com. **Deadline for applicants is April 15th, 2017. 2018 Selectee announced in mid-May.**

Questions

1. How will completing the NVD program, aid to your career as a choreographer?
2. The NVD's rehearsal process works in a commercial way. Selectees only have eight hours to complete their new work; two hours of the eight are used for class. **Selectee works are between three to five minutes in duration length.** Please give us a brief example of how you work as a choreographer, and how time management filters into your process.
3. NVD Selectees are supervised and guided by our Founder/Principal Choreographer Shawn Short. How are you with feedback about your work? How do use critiques?
4. Dissonance Dance Theatre - a contemporary ballet - focuses on developing new choreographic innovations through our Principal Choreographer Shawn Short and new choreographers alike. Please provide a short artistic statement of your choreographic style.