



Workshops

Proto-Company Life for the Aspiring Professional

1 week intensive, Ages 12-adult, intermediate-advanced level

July 10 – 14, Mon-Fri, 10am-3pm

Teacher: Ormao Alumni, Alex Betka; BFA Cornish School of the Arts, MFA NYU Tisch School of the Arts

Sampling the obligations of a dance company life, 5 hours daily include:

- 1) Company class, ballet/contemporary
- 2) Seminar/mentorship, everything from brown bag Q+A to pre/post performance somatic strategies to movement research practices such as How to Dance Forever!
- 3) Rehearsal, where either an existing work is reset, a new work by the choreographer is made, or a new work generated by the ensemble is made.

The goal is to expose dancers to a company paradigm, to note the differences between Hubbard Street rep-company, Pascal Rioult single-choreographer, Gallim Dance Company where the ensemble-as-creators generates the choreography.

Intensive culminates in a final day open house to observe company class, a brown bag Q+A for parents and friends and an open rehearsal/showing.

Workshop Fee: \$350

Acting for Dancers

1 week intensive, ages 8-adult, ALL LEVELS WELCOME!

July 24-28, Mon-Fri, 12-3pm

Teacher: Prentiss Benjamin

As dancers, we use our bodies to communicate. But sometimes, we get hung up on looking perfect and doing the “right” steps. We are also often taught to remain silent. In this class, we will use principles of drama to play with all facets of expression, including things silly, outrageous, ugly, and ridiculous. Using a variety of techniques including theatre games, improvisation, and scene building, we will work on storytelling, freeing our bodies and voices, enhancing group cohesion, and building character. In the latter part of the workshop, we will use these skills to create, cast, rehearse, and perform an original fairy tale. Throughout the week, we will consider how this freedom of expression can make us better dancers.

Workshop fee: \$175

Choreographers' Workshop

2 week Intensive, ages 12-adult, intermediate-advanced level

July 31-Aug 11, Mon-Fri, 12-3pm

Teacher: Patrizia Herminjard, Associate Professor Colorado College

An annual FAVORITE at Ormao Studio! In an intensive studio setting, students will have the opportunity to explore their own creative ideas and inspirations for building a dance. An extremely unique workshop experience for aspiring choreographers, typically only offered in college level coursework!

Workshop fee: \$350

*Includes costume rental and studio performance Fri, Aug 11.