

**FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS for  
Taylor Summer Intensive hosted by Sam Houston State University Department of Dance**  
June 12-24, 2023. Classes are held at Sam Houston State University **Department of Dance**

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**1) How is the day structured?**

The day begins with ballet, yoga, or GYROKINESIS followed by a modern class in the Taylor style. After the students have lunch and an opportunity to chat with faculty, they explore contact improvisation or somatic study to re-warm up. The rest of the afternoon they are learning Taylor's repertory from distinguished Taylor alumni, and an element of the creative process connected to Taylor. The day ends with a cool down/stretch.

**2) What are the hours of the Intensive?** The Intensive classes run 9:30 AM- 4:30 PM, Monday-Friday, and Saturday 9:30 AM- 1:00 PM.

**3) What kinds of activities are there?**

We will screen videos of Taylor's repertory and relevant documentaries plus provide the dancers with creative process prompts to find their artistic voice as they engage with the work of a master choreographer. This year we are offering contact improvisation, composition, and somatic study.

**4) Are there classes every day, or will we have days off?** Classes are Monday- Friday, June 12-16, and June 19-23, and Saturdays June 17 and 24 from 9:30 AM to 1:00 PM after the showing. Students will have the day off on Sunday, June 25, 2023.

**5) What should I bring?** Please come prepared to dance with plenty of clothes; a yoga mat; a water bottle; kneepads; sneakers; an open mind and a positive attitude.

**6) Are room and board provided or do I have to find my own housing?** Yes, SHSU room and board options. Single room and board=\$754 and Double room and board=\$624

**7) Is the hotel housing option supervised?** Yes. There will be RAs.

**8) Should I bring lunch every day, or will I be able to leave and buy food nearby?** Students will have time to purchase food or use boarding meal cards at the dining hall during our lunch break. Or pack a lunch and beverage, but there is limited refrigerator space available, so pack accordingly.

**9) How old do you have to be, and how old is too old?** Dancers must be 13 years- professional level for the intensive. Students must be 13 years by June 12, 2023, in order to attend.

**10) I'm not in school. Who can write my evaluation?** Please have a mentor or a teacher with whom you take a class often complete the Teacher Evaluation Form.

- 11) For making travel arrangements, what time does the SHSU Intensive begin on the first day, and what time does it end on the last?** The Intensive registration check-in will be at 9:00-9:30 AM on Monday, June 12, followed by introductions and an audition at 9:30 AM. The Intensive will end at 1:00 PM on the final day, Saturday, June 24 after the showing.
- 12) Do I have to make my own travel arrangements to and from the local airports?** Yes, you are responsible for making your own travel arrangements to and from the Intensive. George Bush Intercontinental Airport is an hour away by car.
- 13) Is there a dress code?** There is no dress code. Please wear clothes you will feel comfortable moving in that are appropriate for class (i.e., fitted clothes, so that teachers can see your body alignment).
- 14) Are there showings? How many? When are they? Can I invite my friends?** There is a showing at the end of each week on Saturdays from 12:00-1:00 PM. We will also have a special feedback discussion with Michael Novak, Artistic Director of the Paul Taylor Dance Company.
- 15) What kinds of clothes should I bring for showings?** Please bring a variety of colored and black leotards and tights or unitards and kneepads.
- 16) How many different works will we learn?** You will learn a different selection of repertoires each week.
- 17) How many students are in each class?** Class sizes may be 15-25 dancers, but repertoire groups will be smaller with 8-12 dancers.
- 18) Are there different levels? How are levels determined?** Yes, there will be an audition/placement class on the first day to determine levels, which are based on age, technical ability, and experience in the Taylor style.
- 19) Can I request to be at the same level as my friend?** No.
- 20) Are there any breaks in the day? If so, how long will they be?** There is an hour break for lunch, in addition to 5 minutes between classes.
- 21) If I will not be able to attend the full intensive, may I still apply?** We are only accepting full-time applications.
- 22) Do I need to audition to attend the Intensive?** No, complete the application online which includes uploading a resume and simple headshot, and have a teacher submit a Teacher Evaluation online on the Taylor webpage.
- 23) How long does it take to hear if I have been accepted?** You will receive an email 1-2 weeks after we receive all of the required application documents.
- 24) What happens if I get sick?** Please call the SHSU Department of Dance office at 936-294-1875 or Connie's cellphone to notify us if you cannot make it to class or running late. Remember, this is a commitment, and the rehearsal process runs most smoothly when everyone is present. If you get really sick during the day and need to go to the hospital, we will make sure you get the help you need.