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Dear Cecchetti USA Members,

We are pleased to announce that Cecchetti Council of America (CCA) will be hosting the sixth Cecchetti International Classical Ballet Competition to be held July 20-27, 2024, at the Jack H. Miller Center for Musical Arts, Hope College, Holland, Michigan.

Cecchetti USA is seeking exemplary dancers to audition to be selected for "Team CUSA" at this prestigious event. The candidate requirements are as follows:

- Candidate must be prepared to assume the financial obligations required in order to attend the competition
- Potential scholarship opportunities will be announced at a later date
- Junior Candidates must be minimum age 14 and maximum age 16 at commencement of competition and must have successfully passed the Grade 8 or above exam, through Cecchetti USA, by **March 31, 2024**
- Senior Candidates must be minimum age 17 and maximum age 20 at commencement of competition and must have successfully passed the Grade 9 or above exam, through Cecchetti USA, by **March 31, 2024**
- Candidate must be a student of a CUSA member in good standing and a non-professional dancer
- Candidate may only audition through one CICB member organization
- Candidate selected for Team CUSA must be accompanied by a coach throughout the competition
- The CUSA candidate will submit digital copies of following:
 - An introduction by the student announcing their name, current age, the variation or piece being danced and the choreographer's name
 - A classical variation from the list of approved CICB variations, performed in a practice tutu or romantic skirt (as appropriate), on a bare stage or in an empty studio
 - A contemporary piece (neoclassical, contemporary or modern genre) not to exceed 2 minutes, performed in appropriate contemporary class attire, and not on pointe



Candidates will submit the following:

- application
 - dancer head shot against a plain background
 - copy of candidate's Grade 8, 9 or above exam report
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- If selected, both the classical and contemporary pieces presented in the audition video must be the same solos shown at the 2024 competition
 - **Qualified member teachers must submit their intent to enter candidates through the link provided below no later than November 1, 2023**
 - There will be a \$50 charge for entering each candidate, payable via PayPal. Candidates will be invoiced upon receipt of their application.

<https://forms.gle/cdgSVjdJRcggg3N8A>

- Put the digital video, application, headshot and exam report (if available) into the Dropbox link that will be provided following receipt of the letter of intent
- **Submissions received after January 1, 2024 will not be considered**
- **Candidates may have until March 31, 2024 to take the required examination**
- **If examinations are taken after the January 1, 2024 due date, please notify the Director of Examinations**

An adjudication panel, separate from and hired by CUSA, will evaluate the candidates. Upon scoring them and reaching a collective decision, they will advise the Board of Directors of CUSA with the top-rated candidates they feel would best represent Team CUSA in the 2024 CICB Competition. Entering teachers will be notified of candidates selected no later than April 1, 2024. **Deadline for candidate acceptance to Team CUSA is April 15, 2024.**

Competitor Information, including approved variations, is available online at: cecchettiusa.org

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors
Cecchetti USA