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Kashtan The Ensemble...

Since its inception in 1979, the Kashtan Ukrainian Dance Ensemble has been a prominent part of Cleveland's cultural scene. Showcasing its energetic style and exciting collection of dances at concerts and festivals locally throughout Ohio, and also throughout the Midwest and Eastern United States, Kashtan is spectacle of Ukraine's rich dance heritage. Loved by audiences everywhere for their vibrant repertoire steeped in culture, Kashtan is a true gem of the Ukrainian community in Cleveland, Ohio.

Throughout the years, Kashtan adapted to the needs of its performers and refocused as more of a school than a performing ensemble. Now, under the direction of Artistic Director Diana Prodan, Kashtan is adapting again to maintain both Kashtan School of Ukrainian Dance, and Kashtan Ukrainian Dance Ensemble, with the school being comprised of artistically talented students and the ensemble being comprised of an elite group of performers who have been invited to audition for the ensemble because they have demonstrated polished technique, refined skill sets, and their dedication to the school. While both groups will learn new dances each year and perform at major shows and festivals, the ensemble will learn a more exclusive selection of dances and take on smaller shows and performances at local venues who request entertainment on short notice.

As students from the school become performers of the ensemble, Kashtan as a whole looks forward the future and will always continue preserving the soul of Ukraine through the beauty of Ukrainian folk dance.

Rules, Requirements & Expectations...

- All ensemble performers must have been enrolled in the Kashtan School of Ukrainian Dance for a minimum of one year
- Each ensemble performer must be invited to audition in front of an artistic panel each summer (Including veteran performers)
- Ensemble performers are chosen based on input from the artistic panel which is chosen by the the Kashtan Artistic Staff - decisions are final
- In addition to dance ability and skill level, each performer's cooperation, effort, attitude and dedication will be considered
- Ensemble performers are expected to actively participate in rehearsals, performances and events and strive to improve their personal dance skills, abilities and technique
- Performers are to exhibit positive attitudes toward Artistic Staff, fellow performers, students, parents, and volunteers.
- Ensemble performers are to act in accordance with the Ukrainian Cultural Arts Association Code of Conduct, and positively represent Kashtan and the UCAA at all events and performances as well as daily interactions within the community.
- Performers are to attend all standing and specially scheduled rehearsals. Missing more than three consecutive rehearsals, or six rehearsals throughout the course of one year are grounds for release from the ensemble.
- All ensemble performers are required to pay an annual participation fee of \$100.00. (Fees are waived for UCAA Executive Board Members/Committee Members and Artistic Staff

Kashtan Dance Ensemble Mission and Goals...

The mission of the Kashtan Ukrainian Dance Ensemble is to encourage Kashtan alumni, high school-aged students, and the young adults of the Ukrainian community to maintain their involvement in the Ukrainian performing arts.

As Kashtan strives to become the premiere Ukrainian dance group in North America, the ensemble is dedicated to providing members with a meaningful, educational, and cultural Ukrainian dance experience while constantly and consistently improving Kashtan's performance quality by polishing technique and knowledge of Ukrainian Dance.

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