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Q: What is ATMTC's Pre-Professional Company?

A: The Pre-Professional Company prepares committed and gifted musical theatre students in grades 4-12 for college and/or a professional career. Led by a highly qualified faculty, the Pre-Professional Company curriculum provides its Companies with inclusive training in singing, dancing, acting, and performance. The Pre-Professional Program is exclusive and admits only 60 talented and exemplary students into the program each year.

Q: What will a company member receive through ATMTC's Pre-Professional Company?

A: Each Saturday, from September through May with a January break; company members will receive six hours of specialized training in the core disciplines of musical theatre including Ballet, Jazz, Tap, Music, and Acting, as well as a weekly all company rehearsal. Company members also benefit from two additional weeknight augment classes, allowing them to train for up 8.5 hours per week.

Additionally, Pre Professional Company Members will benefit from:

- Over 160 classroom hours per season in the five core disciplines of musical theater;
- Small class sizes;
- Ensemble rehearsal classes, which integrate core disciplines through the instruction of musical theatre repertoire;
- Additional weekday classes at ATMTC Academy, included as part of the annual tuition (as assigned; minimum enrollment and attendance conditions apply);
- Performance opportunities including the *Cabaret*, limited VIP events in the DC region (*ATMTC Gala*), and an end of year capstone project (*Spotlight 2018*);
- Pre-Professional Exclusive NYC: Annual Bus to Broadway trip including a Broadway Master class and seats to a Broadway performance;
- Guaranteed audition for ATMTC Mainstage productions (when appropriate);
- Preferential Casting for ATMTC Summer Stock Production (addtnl. fees apply);
- Master Classes w/Industry Professionals;
- Performance with a Broadway Star;
- Company T-Shirt;
- Professional audition recommendations, endorsements & potential agent representation;
- Kid's Open Call- waived fee/endorsement;
- Smart Stage Parent- 1 ticket included;
- Marketing exposure via social media when cast professionally;
- Comp Attendance at ATMTC mainstage performances and Invited Dress Rehearsals;
- Inclusion on Comp ticket offers to regional theatre/performance/rehearsals (as available);
- Preferential Casting for Winter Student Production (addtnl. fees apply);
- Opportunity for additional work with ATMTC's Artistic Director;
- Complimentary college audition prep (for juniors/seniors);
- Access to private coachings to prepare for auditions (addtnl. Fees apply);
- Personalized feedback & progress reports;
- Student/parent conferences;
- Peer 2 Peer mentorship program; and
- Parent community meetings/inclusion in private online portal.



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Q: Who can enroll?

A: There are several routes to becoming a company member of the ATMTC Pre-Professional Company:

- Serious, talented, and aspiring musical theatre performers in Grades 4-12 may audition to become a company member during the summer before the season starts, as space allows;
- Current company members who pass juries at the end of a season gain re-entry without a re-audition; or
- Conservatory students who show exemplary promise and dedication to their craft may be invited to join the companies, as space allows at any time during the year.

Q: How is the program structured?

A: Students are leveled in each discipline based on assessment and observation on the first day of the season, and/or familiarity of each student's individual capability. Class sections are designated by level. Company members are instructed in 55 minute core classes each Saturday by specialized master instructors and are led in a mid-day all company rehearsal class to focus on musical theatre materials, and in preparation for the *Cabaret*, *VIP Events*, and *Spotlight*. All-Company specialized master classes are held during the season. In addition, the progress and well-being of all students are monitored by the ATMTC Academy faculty and staff via consultation, evaluation, and assessment.

Q: What kind of Professional Training does the staff have?

A: ATMTC hires the most educated and talented musical theatre professionals in the D.C. and New York regions. We are proud to employ qualified individuals who are:

- Graduate degree holders in musical theatre, theatre, dance, vocal performance, and youth education from top national institutions;
- Musical theatre professors at prominent regional universities;
- Former company members of prestigious dance performance companies such as Alvin Ailey American Dance Theatre and the Debbie Allen Dance Academy; and
- Professional and award-winning musical theatre choreographers, singers, actors, and directors.

Q: What results can I expect from the program?

A: Every student receives specialized training in the core areas of musical theatre performance in order to compete for acceptance into top colleges and/or to prepare them for a professional career.

Q: Where do company members rehearse and perform?

A: Students train each Saturday at ATMTC Academy in Wintergreen Plaza on Rockville Pike, Rockville MD in one of our six training studios. Special events and performances take place regionally at area venues, including ATMTC's own stage in Glen Echo Park.

Q: What kind of commitment is required?

A: Students begin the season in mid-September and break for the month of January. The program culminates in May with the annual capstone project performance of *Spotlight 2018*. Additionally:

- Students are expected to attend all Saturday classes and *Spotlight* rehearsals; however, students are granted up to six absences annually, up until tech week of *Spotlight*, beginning Monday, May 21, 2018. **All rehearsals are mandatory during tech week.** Early departures and late arrivals in excess of 20 minutes are considered half-day absences. Additional absences will be considered for students due to a prolonged illness or circumstance, or who are cast in professional or other ATMTC staff-approved productions, and are considered and approved on



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- a case-by-case basis;
- Participation in *Spotlight* is required for re-admission invitation into the program in subsequent years, unless a student has a professional conflict; however
- *The Cabaret* and *VIP Special Events* are optional for all company members.

Q: What is the cost?

A: The Pre Professional Program’s non-refundable annual tuition is \$4,150.00. Tuition payments may be made in monthly installments, due on the first of each month. There is a one-time payment plan administrative fee of \$35. New and prospective students are required to pay a non-refundable \$35 application fee, due at the scheduling of their audition date and time.

Q: What does the day's schedule look like?

A: A typical schedule for company members includes 55 minute classes in ballet, jazz, tap, music, and acting year round. Each student will be assigned an individual schedule based on skill levels in the various disciplines. All students will come together for a mid-day All Company Rehearsal.

On an average Saturday, the schedule is as follows:

Pre Professional CoSchedule					
11:30am	Morning Meeting (10)				
11:40–12:35pm	Jazz 5	Tap 3	Acting 1	Ballet 2	Music 4
12:35–1:30pm	Jazz 1	Tap 4	Acting 2	Ballet 3	Music 5
1:30–2:25pm	Jazz 4	Tap 2	Acting 5	Ballet 1	Music 3
Afternoon Break (20)					
2:45–3:40pm	Company 1		Company 2		
3:40–4:35pm	Jazz 3	Tap 1	Acting 4	Ballet 5	Music 2
4:35–5:30pm	Jazz 2	Tap 5	Acting 3	Ballet 4	Music 1

Q: What do company members need to provide?

A: Participants are asked to bring a water bottle, a pencil, a binder, a recording device to record vocal parts and rehearse at home, and any other provided scripts/scores each Saturday. All materials need to be clearly labeled with student’s name.

To maintain consistent dress code, participants must at their own cost provide ballet, jazz, tap, and character shoes, as well as required rehearsal dance attire. ATMTC Academy partners with Footlights Studio Direct Program for dance attire. Upon enrollment, Pre Professional Program Company Members will be provided with a link to the ATMTC catalog of approved footwear and dance attire.



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Q: How do I secure my student's place in the Pre-Professional Company for the 17–18 season?

A: Potential 2017–2018 Company Members are being seen by audition and pay a non-refundable application fee of \$35. To secure an audition time and date, please visit our website: www.adventuretheatre-mtc.org. Upon acceptance into the program, enrollment is secured by registering online and making the first payment.

Current Company Members of the Pre-Professional Company, upon successful completion of end-of-year juries (*Spotlight*), are invited to join the program for the upcoming season without a re-audition. Re-enrolling company members must secure their position in the program by no later than Friday, June 30, 2017 by registering online and making their first payment.

Mid-season invitations to the Pre-Professional Company will be extended only to current ATMTC Academy Conservatory students, made by virtue of merit and on a case by case basis, are at the discretion of the ATMTC Academy faculty, and are based on availability.