The Dance Institute

Dance Institute at The University of Akron is a pre-professional ballet-based program founded in 1967, nationally recognized for its curriculum which prepares students for careers in both dance performance and dance education. Directed for 28 years by Gena Carroll and for 14 years by her daughter, Lana Carroll Heylock, Dance Institute established a heralded reputation for training and performance excellence.

The Dance Company (DIDC)

Who can Participate?

The Dance Company is open to all Intermediate and Advanced Students at the recommendation of their teacher. Students must be enrolled in the Dance Institute.

When Do you Rehearse?

Rehearsals will take place on Saturday Mornings from 9:00 AM-12:00 PM. Rehearsals include conditioning and training as well as choreography.

Possible Performance Opportunities

The 2023-2024 Season

- VERB Ballet’s Little Nutcracker
- Rubber City Theatre’s Irving Berlin’s White Christmas
- Spring Commissioned Work TBA
- Heinz Poll

Company Cost: $675/Semester
Where passion, technique, and talent meet performance.

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