

Dear Student,

We are glad that you have taken an interest in becoming a member of Mahogany-N-Motion (M-n-M). There are many things that you need to know before you commence the audition process.

M-n-M is an integral part of the Morehouse College "House of Funk Band." We are a team of dancers who perform at all football games & specific basketball games. We are a jazz, precision, and hip-hop dance team, open to only currently enrolled Spelman students. Team membership requires a minimum G.P.A. of 2.8, a commitment to daily rehearsal and weekend travel, and a love for dance!

To be chosen for the team you must command the audience's attention through eye contact, facials, energy, and mastery of choreography. Our audition process is designed to assist with developing your dance skills--so don't worry if you are not "technically trained"--we will help you! Additional tricks are always a plus. Just make sure you are stretching for your splits and taking the advice of the coaches!

Please read through all 4 pages of this document so that you will be well informed about the events to come. Good Luck!!

Sincerely, The M-n-M Coaching Staff

## **Apply for Auditions**

- Step 1 Click this link to begin the process. [Audition Application Link](#)
  - a . Pay the \$45 application fee– please specify in the note “Mahogany Audition Fee”. Must select pay to friends/family.
  - b . Submit the online form to be assigned an audition number and receive the required choreography no later than March 9, 2023 6pm EST
  - c . Submit your Audition video by March 10, 2023 by 6pm EST.
- If you are an incoming Freshman, you must submit a teacher recommendation. Please send this link to your current dance instructor, band director, or coach. Remember, we must receive it by March 9, 2023 at 6pm. Remember to give them plenty of time to complete the form.  
<https://forms.gle/9EiU53VwUS6XoiKCA>
- Applications and videos will be reviewed and we will send out invitations to Round 2 no later than March 13 8pm.
- Everyone reporting to Round 2 in-person auditions must be fully vaccinated or have medical exemption documentation. Masks can be worn at the dancer's discretion.
- Download and sign the Liability Waiver at this link  
[Audition Liability Waiver](#)

## **Final Audition Schedule & Breakdown**

- **Thursday, March 30, 2023**
  - 5pm - 9pm: Stands and review dance part 1
- **Friday, March 31, 2023**
  - 6pm - 10pm: Learn walks, struts and dance part 2
- **Saturday, April 1, 2023**
  - 8am - 8:30pm: Fan Favorite Photo, review dance part 2 and learn dance part 3
- **Sunday, April 2, 2023**
  - 8am - 6pm: Interviews, perform final audition dance and first team meeting

### ***On March 30, please arrive with:***

- Spelmanites Only- printed copy of your Unofficial Transcript for verification of GPA
- Signed Audition Participation Waiver
- Bring 2 printed photos, size 5x7.
  - Photo #1 must be a headshot - a clear, unfiltered photo of just your face.
  - Photo #2 must be a full body photo wearing a sports bra and bike shorts, or a two-piece swimsuit.

# Frequently Asked Questions

- What should I wear?

The daily attire for M-n-M auditions is a black, cropped, fitted, tank or short sleeved top (sports bra ok), black biking shorts or briefs, tights, and sneakers or dance sneakers. Tights should match your skin tone. Please cover all tattoos and remove all piercings. Bring Jazz shoes

- What are the coaches looking for?

Remember you are being judged the entire time. Professionalism is paramount. Coaches are putting together the best team. Do you learn quickly, do you get along with others? Do you take corrections well, and apply them? Always keep a positive attitude—The coaches and judges can make a cut at anytime--so always be on point!

- Is there anything I should bring?

Bring lots of water to drink! Pack a few light snacks. Bring hygiene and grooming items to retouch your makeup and hair between rounds. Bring your fully stocked dance bag (knee pads, and braces or wraps, extra tights and shoes). Be ready to work hard.

- Can I still audition if I have not been accepted to Spelman yet?

Yes— Acceptances will be sent during the audition process. We only ask that you keep us informed on your status in real time.

- If I make the team, when does my season start?

If you are chosen for the team, please be prepared to meet immediately after the final auditions and to begin practices immediately. Be reminded that a dues deposit of \$250 will be due before May 5, 2022.

- What do auditions consist of?

Dancers will learn a dance similar to our field show style, Stands and Parade drills, sit for an interview and perform a solo for our judging panel. SOlos should be no longer than 1 minute.

- What are some specific skills I should work on?

Dancers should work to be proficient in Jazz and Hip Hop. This includes turns, jumps, and performance quality. Double/Triple pirouettes are mandatory. Advanced turning jumps (calypso, axle, Disc) and Turning combinations are some skills that can set you apart from the competition. Flexibility in the legs and back allow for ease of movement.

Note: If you need assistance with some of the terms, you can attend our Technique clinics AND/OR google/search for them and locate definitions, pictures and videos of the skills. We recommend the “Just for Kix” Youtube channel.