

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

- Complete our online application at this link to begin the process and be assigned an audition number. Application deadline is March 19, 2022 which is one day before the Round 1 video is due. Everyone must apply online this year.
- If you are invited to Round 2, The cost to audition is \$10. This can be paid via PayPal at morehousebandalumni@yahoo.com, or CashApp (\$morehouseband - please specify the payment is for Mahogany auditions). If paying by cash app, please email a screenshot of your payment to us at Mahoganynmotion@gmail.com.
- 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 14, 2022. Remember to give them plenty of time to complete the form. <https://forms.gle/9EiU53VwUS6XoiKCA>
- Everyone reporting to in-person auditions must provide proof of Vaccination OR Medical exemption documentation, and a negative Covid 19 test from the past 72 - 24 hours. Masks will be required for auditions.

Final Audition Schedule & Breakdown

Saturday: March 19, 2022; 12:00am – Application Deadline

Sunday: March 20, 2022; 12:00am – Round 1 Video Submission Deadline

Monday March 21, 2022 - Round 2 Invitations sent out.

Friday: April 8, 2022; 6:30pm – 9:30pm (Round 2 Basic Skills and Stands) *please read below for items to bring with you*

Saturday: April 9, 2022; 9:00am – 12am (Round 3 Dance Part 1)

Saturday: April 9, 2022; 1:00pm – 3:00pm (Round 4 Dance Part 2)

Saturday: April 9, 5:00pm – 8:00pm (Dance Review & Interviews)

Sunday: April 10, 10am – 2pm (Solos & Final Auditions)

Sunday April 10 2:30pm (First Team Meeting)

On April 8, please arrive with:

- Bring a printed copy of your Unofficial Transcript for verification of GPA
- Signed Audition Participation Waiver, Proof of Vaccination or Medical Exemption, negative Covid Test from 72 - 24 hours prior.
- 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. Please arrive on time each day, with proper attire, and 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 grooming items to retouch your makeup and hair between rounds. Be ready to work hard.

- Are the final auditions open to the public?

The final auditions are no longer open to the public. You will audition privately, for a panel of judges on Sunday April 10. The judges' decisions are final.

- 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.

Final Audition Rounds & Scoring Details

- Auditions will be scored in 5 rounds:

DAY 1

- Round 1- Across the Floor- Dancers will need to demonstrate proper dance technique, agility, showmanship, energy and proficiency in basic movement combinations.

Skills needed are:

- Round 2- Basic Skills- Skills needed are:

🎬 Splits (right, left, center)

🎬 Jazz Walks

🎬 Chassé

🎬 Pas de Bourrée

🎬 High Kicks (Battement)

🎬 Split Leap

🎬 Split Leap in 2nd position

🎬 Toe Touch Jump

🎬 Chainé Turn

🎬 Piqué Turn

🎬 Double Pirouette

🎬 Turns A La Seconde

🎬 Heel Stretch

🎬 Axle

🎬 Turning disc

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.

- Round 3 - Stand Routines - Dancers will be taught short stand routines indicative of the Mahogany style. This will allow judges to see how well a candidate can perform in the expected style.

DAY 2

- Round 4 – Dance Routine – Dancers will be taught a routine representative of the Mahogany field show style. This will allow judges to see how quickly a candidate picks up choreography and assess their ability to memorize and retain what they have learned.
- Round 5 – Interview – Dancers will be asked questions by the judges/coaches to evaluate their speaking ability, poise and maturity. Professional Attire will not be required this year.

DAY 3

- Round 6 – Solos, will be scored for creativity, performance quality and originality. Wear something to accent your choreography and wow the judges. Solos should be no more than 1.5 minutes long.
- Round 7 –Final Performance of Dance - Dancers will be judged by a panel of dance professionals on their performance and presentation. Dancers are given a score for each round. The audition process is closed to ALL spectators. All audition rounds and performances will be recorded, and ALL judges decisions are FINAL.