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STEP SHOW GUIDE

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INTRODUCTION

On behalf of The Frontier Fiesta Association in collaboration the Center for Fraternity and Sorority Life at the University of Houston we would like to thank you for your participation and interest in the Step Show that will be taking place on **March 24, 2022 from 8:30pm-10:00pm.** Your participation in this event is greatly appreciated and we look forward to seeing you perform and engage in the culture and longstanding tradition of Frontier Fiesta. Below you will find some of the guidelines and rules that each team is expected to follow as well as the "Core Values" that we intend to uphold during the performance.

QUESTIONS?

Step Shows are being co-organized by the Director of Performances and Director of Productions. Please feel free to reach out to either Director for questions or concerns.

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CORE VALUES

- CREATIVITY – Frontier Fiesta encourages all participants to express themselves throughout the performance, with this idea in mind all participants will be required to create their own theme for each performance.
- SPIRIT - Performers participating in Frontier Fiesta are expected to express the spirit of Frontier Fiesta through performance and show the pride in their respective schools
- SIBLINGHOOD – Participants are expected to demonstrate brotherhood and sisterhood, developing friendships and continuing in personal development. Stepping is supposed to provide an outlet for the audience and participants to explore respective cultures.
- DEDICATION – Dedication is the key success. Participants are facing the challenge of developing their ideas and bring them to life. Participants are dedicated to creating the best step show with the tools given and time allotted.
- ORIGINAL CHOREOGRAPHY – Students are given the opportunity to express themselves through original choreography.

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CONSIDER THE POSSIBILITIES

Discuss with your organization the possibility, benefits, costs, and time requirements of participating in a Frontier Fiesta production. Having a well-organized team to share responsibilities can help ease the demand of live productions.

- **Financial Considerations**
  - There is a $50 refundable security deposit required to compete in the step show. This is due on **Monday, February 14th.**
  - There will be two prizes awarded
    - 1st Place: $1,000
    - 2nd Place: $500
- **Financial Support**
  - The Activities Funding Board (AFB) at the University of Houston is an agency of the Student Fee Advisory Committee (SFAC). Funding is for student organizations to utilize. Refer to the website for requests. https://www.uh.edu/afb/
  - AFB Funds cannot go towards the security deposit. For questions, concerns, and refund schedule refer to the FFA Operations Redbook.
  - Activities Funding Board may reimburse up to $3,000 spent on Frontier Fiesta related purchases per organization.
  - An advance pay may be available through AFB for up to $500.00, but paperwork must be submitted 6 weeks in advance.
  - Keep itemized receipts that are neat and without tears. Unreadable receipts will NOT be accepted. It is highly recommended that you make a copy of the receipt to print out in case you lose the original.
  - The deadline to turn in AFB funding requests is **February 11th, 2022.**

PREPARING A STEP SHOW

- **Planning Ahead**
  - All Steps Shows are *required* to have a Dress Rehearsal and Stage Rehearsal with the **Director of Performances and Fiesta Chair** on the dates listed. Time slots will be announced prior to all rehearsals. An excel sheet will be sent out to Step Show Leaders to request time slots.

Slots will be given on a first come, first served basis. Should the Board of Directors determine an additional rehearsal is needed for a group, the group will need to work to schedule the new date.

- Dress Rehearsal: Tuesday, **March 8, 2022, 6PM-10PM**
- Stage Rehearsal: Wednesday, **March 23, 2022, TIME TBD**

CHOREOGRAPHY

Choreography is important to step shows. This is your team's opportunity to showcase your ability of stepping and representing your organization. Choreography adds energy and excitement to any production and should therefore be very well thought out and planned. **Choreography must be demonstrated to the Frontier Fiesta Association during scheduled rehearsals.**

- **How big is the stage?**
  - The stage size for Step Show will be no smaller than 24' X 32'.
  - Minimum of 3 participants in order to compete in step show
  - Maximum 15 participants on stage at one time.
- Each routine may consist of any combination of skits and steps. However, each routine should have stepping for at least 50% of the routine time.
- Teams may consist of 3-15 members with two additional members allowed as "stagehands" or assistance, if needed.
- Organizations can form teams if the team does not exceed 15 participants.

PERFORMERS

The next task is to assemble your production team. It is **required** that each main role of your cast has enlisted a substitute to take their place should someone be unable to perform.

- **Requirements to be a performer**
  - Must be affiliated with registered student organization within last two semesters.
  - Performers must have at least a 2.0 GPA and be an enrolled student.
  - Performers list with PeopleSoft ID's (of all current members and potential participants) must be submitted by **February 11th, 2022.**
    - Late submissions will result in a deduction of points.
    - Any groups that do not drop an ineligible member after notification will be disqualified for any awards.

MUSIC

Generally, Showcases and Step Shows use prerecorded music to go along with dances or other performances. Many shows use popular music while others use orchestral music.

- **What can be played during the show?**
  - Do not play a popular song just to play it, rather choose the best song you can incorporate into your performance.
  - Make sure all music selected is clean, tasteful, and family-friendly.
  - A typed list of all music used in any shows MUST be submitted to the **Director of Performances** by **February 18th, 2022** for approval by the Frontier Fiesta Association.

COSTUMES/ATTIRE

Costume design and show attire should attempt to represent your organization effectively.

- **What should you wear?**
  - Costumes/attire can either be rented, bought, or made. Keep in mind the comfort-level of the costume/clothing, as it will affect your performance on-stage. Remember to include make-up, as it can accentuate a performer/character's attributes and make them "come alive" for performances where stage lights might otherwise wash out vibrant features.
  - All costumes/attire must be tasteful and family friendly.
    - Costumes must not feature loose glitter, excessive nudity, or profane language
  - All groups MUST submit images or drawings of costumes/attire for approval by **February 25th, 2022**.
  - Do not purchase costumes/attire until it has been approved.

PRACTICE MAKES PERFECT

Practice makes perfect. Frontier Fiesta is a perfect opportunity to showcase the skills the organizations have as a whole. Practicing the show beforehand allows to get any

last-minute changes out of the way before it is showcased in front of the UH community.

- **What time are rehearsals?**
  - Frontier Fiesta scheduled rehearsals will be held on the dates on your Step Show Registration Form as well under section "Preparing a Step Show".
  - Please ensure that you sign up for rehearsals with the **Director of Performances** *ffper@central.uh.edu* .
  - You will be sent a confirmation email that includes your rehearsal schedule as well as a checklist of what will be required at each rehearsal.
  - Rehearsals shall be conducted by the Frontier Fiesta Association at designated dates and locations for approval of content. A rehearsal is defined as a run-through of the entire step show.
  - Any organization that does NOT attend rehearsals for the Frontier Fiesta Association without written approval will NOT be eligible for any Step Show awards and may NOT be permitted to perform on-site
  - All performers must be in attendance or points will be deducted.
    - Exemptions will be made for students who are in class during rehearsal times.

STEP SHOW ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- Content will be judged subjectively for any offensive content or any material not appropriate for a family-oriented atmosphere.
- There is no theme for the Step Show; each group is responsible developing their own show.
- No free-standing props will be allowed unless they do not represent a safety hazard to the participants on the stage. (This does not include chairs.)
- The Step Show at Frontier Fiesta will consist of one round, the duration being no less than 7 minutes, no more than 15 minutes of time. You must not exceed the maximum time limit, or go below the minimum, or deduction to the final score will be made at the discretion of the judges.
- You must agree to the Rules & Policies in order to participate.

LEADING UP TO SHOWTIME

Promotion is key leading up to Showtime. Promoting your show can bring the UH community together and get excited to attend Frontier Fiesta. Remember this is showcasing all the hard work each group has put in creating a show for UH to possibly visit again and again.

- **Advertising and Promotions**
    - While show locations and times are listed in the official Frontier Fiesta program, many organizations choose to do additional internal promotions for their show.
    - Consider creating videos and post promo-videos on your social media accounts to let your friends, family, and alumni know about your show in Frontier Fiesta.

SHOWTIME

The step show is currently scheduled for Thursday, March 24th, 2022 at 9pm.

All participants MUST arrive 30 minutes before the show. Check in information will be given by the Director of Performances at the stage rehearsal.

WHO ARE THE JUDGES?

They are those that are not involved in organizations that participate in Variety Show to prevent bias judging and to keep it fair for all groups.

Judges are chosen:

- UH staff
- Faculty
- Alumnae

JUDGING CRITERIA

Teams will be judge based on the following criteria. A rubric will also be attached below:

- Performance (25 points)
  - Complexity and execution of choreography – level of difficulty, synchronization
  - Overall organization of show
  - Each organization has equally strong presence throughout show.
- Precision/Execution (20 points)
  - Have quality and clean performance
- Creativity/ Originality (20 points)
  - Overall uniqueness of show
  - Variety of talents
  - Unique acts, choreography, choice of music
  - Display of originality, concept, completeness
- Stage Presence/Appearance (15 points)
  - Be cohesive in appearance
- Energy (10 points)
  - Level of crowd interaction and audience reaction to the show
- Crowd Appeal (10 points)

STEP SHOW POLICIES

- **No profanity, violence, substance abuse, nudity, or sexual content will be allowed**. The judging criteria will allow for scoring reductions for unsportsmanlike-like behavior, profanity, obscenity, violence, and sexually explicit material.
- **No alcohol consumption should take place prior to the step show.** Any individuals who violate this policy will face consequences according to the Student Code of Conduct, and teams will face point deductions or disqualification at the discretion of the Frontier Fiesta Association.

READY? SET? FIESTA!

SIGN US UP!

The registration form for the step show can be found online at **uh.edu/fiesta**.

CONTACT

If you have any questions relating to the step show, please contact the **Director of Performances**.

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WHAT DAY WAS THIS DUE?

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
					Step Show Application Due	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
					-AFB Paperwork Due -Performer List Due	
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	Security deposit due				**Music list Due**	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
					Costume Images Due	
27	28					

March 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
		Dress Rehearsal				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
			Step Show Stage Rehearsal	**STEP SHOW**		
27	28	29	30	31		