

**The State Ballet of Rhode Island  
RI'S First Established Classical Ballet Company  
Founded in 1960 by the Marsden Family  
Artistic Director, Herci Marsden**

**ANNUAL SBRI COMPANY AUDITION, MERIT & SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS**  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018 - 12:30 pm**

**Herci Marsden**, Artistic Director and Choreographer of The State Ballet, is holding open auditions for aspiring young male and female dancers. Dancers that are accepted into the Company may be a part of SBRI's spring performance "**ALICE'S ADVENTURES IN WONDERLAND**" a ballet in two acts with the fascinating music of Joseph Horowitz. The performance takes place on March 23 & 24, 2018 at the historic Park Theatre in Cranston, RI.

**The State Ballet of Rhode Island** is a non-profit, regional, repertory company which was founded in 1960 with a multi-fold purpose of promoting, educating, maintaining, and increasing interest in traditional classical ballet.

Not only is The State Ballet, Rhode Island's first established classical ballet company in residence, but it has striven to bring ballet to all Rhode Island communities. The State Ballet also has a firm dedication to dance education and for the preparation of aspiring dancers.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR COMPANY DANCERS:**

You must have studied dance for at least six years;  
Three years of pointe and be at least thirteen years old.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR APPRENTICE PROGRAM:**

You must have studied dance a minimum of four years, pointe for two years,  
and be at least eleven years of age.

**REQUIREMENTS FOR PRE-APPRENTICE PROGRAM:**

You must have studied dance a minimum of three years and be at least nine years of age.

**PROFESSIONAL DIVISION:**

Auditions arranged by appointment only.

**FEE**

\$20.00 audition class fee

**PLACE: The State Ballet of RI Rehearsal Studio**

52 Sherman Avenue Lincoln, RI 02865

10 Minutes North of Providence. Sherman Ave, exit, off Rt.146 NORTH only

**AUDITION ATTIRE:** Girls wear ballet leotard with pink tights. Pointe shoes are required if studied pointe. Boys wear t-shirt, tights and white ballet shoes.

**More Information, call (401) 334-2560, or visit [www.stateballet.com](http://www.stateballet.com)**

**Email: [info@stateballet.com](mailto:info@stateballet.com)**

**Note: \*SCHOLARSHIPS & Merit Awards AVAILABLE BASED ON FINANCIAL NEED and/or TALENT.**

**ANNUAL SBRI SCHOLARSHIP & MERIT AWARD AUDITION**  
***Tuition Assistance, Training & Recognition***  
***Brae Crest School of Ballet - Official School of The State Ballet of RI***  
**SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018 12:30 pm Class & 2pm Solo Presentation**

**Scholarships & Merit Awards**

The dancers of The State Ballet of Rhode Island are a dedicated group of young people who have achieved a certain level of technique and ability. Annual merit and scholarship are awarded on a competitive basis. You must be an auditioning dancer or current SBRI dance member to apply.

**The Madame Ana Roje Merit Award**

Chosen by SBRI Artistic Director & Judges (for female dancer)

**The Sir Anton Dolin Merit Award**

Chosen by SBRI Artistic Director and Judges (for male dancer)

**The Oskar Harnos Merit Award**

Chosen by SBRI Artistic Director and Judges (for male or female)

**The Joseph Levinhoff Merit Award**

Chosen by SBRI Artistic Director and Judges (for male or female)

**The Mia Slavenska Scholarship & Merit Award**

Chosen by SBRI Artistic Director and Judges (for male or female)

This scholarship is based on financial need and talent. An essay is required as well.

**The Herci Marsden Merit Award**

Chosen by SBRI Artistic Director and Judges (for male or female)

**The Directors' Scholarship & Merit Award**

Chosen by Audition Judges & select members of SBRI Board of Directors (for male or female dancer)

**Requirements:**

An applicants must take the 12:30 company audition class prior to applicants solo presentation that begins at approximately 2:00 pm. A solo presentation, up to 2 ½ minutes, is required of applicant.

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## SCHOLARSHIPS FOR BALLET CLASSES!

The State Ballet of Rhode Island offers scholarship awards towards tuition training at the Brae Crest School of Ballet.

**Based on financial need and talent**, dancers trying out must be between 7 to 22 years old, from Beginner Level to Advanced. Dancers can be currently enrolled at Brae Crest or interested in registering. An essay about financial need must accompany the dancer's audition registration

**AUDITIONS for scholarship and merit awards are Sunday, January 28 at 12:30pm**  
@ The State Ballet of RI Rehearsal Studio.

Auditioning dancers are asked to register in advance. For more information or to register for auditions, please contact the BCSB studio office: (401)334-2560 or [info@stateballet.com](mailto:info@stateballet.com)

### Additional Information about The State Ballet of Rhode Island

**MISSION: The State Ballet of Rhode Island (SBRI)** is Rhode Island's *first* established classical ballet company in residence that performs a service for its region. **SBRI** is one of the longest standing civic ballet companies in the United States; SBRI's founding Prima Ballerina, Herci Marsden, continues to serve as its Artistic Director. Its mission is to create, to present, to preserve and to extend the great repertoire of classical dancing through exciting performances and educational programming of the highest quality, presented to the widest possible audience.

Since its premiere performance in November 1960 at Veterans Memorial Auditorium, **SBRI** has sustained itself for over five decades, performing in a wide variety of venues. Also, **SBRI** is the state's first ballet company to offer a **Cultural Enrichment Program** to our community schools. *The Explore Ballet Workshop* is designed to offer an on-site ballet curriculum, including demonstrations and short performances. Program *Project Ballet in Education* gives an opportunity to attend a live ballet production at a theater, where students and faculty are guided through all aspects of a performance. It is in this venue where the choreographer is able to discuss the mechanics of staging, music, lighting, and the ballet itself. Discussions take place with the students, and include the physical training and history of ballet.

#### The State Ballet of Rhode Island maintains its mission:

- To provide artists with an opportunity to experience the arts through diverse and creative programs and performances,
- To provide a creative outlet for dancers, composers, musicians, writers, costume designers, and artists of many genres,
- To serve as a place where talented dancers can share in their passion.
- To provide opportunity to develop new generations of ballet patrons through our "Project Ballet in Education" programs.

Over The State Ballet's long history, **SBRI** has performed with the Opera Providence, Rhode Island Philharmonic Orchestra, Providence Opera, at numerous state-wide civic celebrations and has represented Rhode Island around the United States and Europe.

Former Company Dancers of The State Ballet of Rhode Island have gone on to work with many prestigious dance companies all over the world. Many male and female dancers have established their own companies. For more information about The State Ballet of RI, its school and programs, visit [www.stateballet.com](http://www.stateballet.com) or call (401) 334.2560. Location: 52 Sherman Ave. Lincoln, RI 02865.