

Viennese Ball Audition FAQs

First audition Saturday October 3, 2009 noon-2pm
Callback audition Sunday October 4, 2009 10am-noon
Roble Studio 38

What are the auditions like?

Fun! We will review basic waltz steps and then members of Opening Committee from previous years will dance with you as we run some waltz variations and teach you a short choreography. Callbacks will include more advanced waltz variations and polka.

Do I need to know how to waltz?

We prefer that you do, or that you have prior dance experience in another type of dance (doesn't have to be social dance) so we know you can learn the steps. If you do not know a basic turning waltz, see below about our pre-audition workshop.

Do I have to be a Stanford student?

You have to be Stanford-affiliated, meaning current students and young alumni of the university. We invite staff members to audition as well though they must be Stanford alumni.

What if I don't know the basic turning waltz? What if I'm a little rusty?

We will be holding a pre-audition workshop on Thursday, Oct. 1 at 9pm in Roble Studio 38. Come join us for an hour lesson followed by an hour of open dancing!

What is the time commitment?

The Opening Committee practices four hours a week until the ball (Friday, February 19, 2010). Rehearsals are Thursday night from 9-10:50pm and Saturday morning from 10am-noon. First rehearsal is Thursday, October 8. We do expect that you will practice and review the choreography on your own so that you come to rehearsals prepared. There will be one dress rehearsal on a Friday or Saturday evening usually two weeks before the ball. **The ball is Feb. 19, 2010. If you are not free on this date, you are not eligible for the committee.**

What shoes should I wear?

Street shoes are not acceptable in Roble studio as they damage the floor. Please wear dance shoes or socks.

When will I know if I was cast?

We will let you know via email in time for the first rehearsal. If you have not heard by that time, please contact John (johnpoon@gmail.com) and Jackie (jpham@stanfordalumni.org).