

# ENGLISH YOUTH BALLET

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## TORQUAY ONLINE AUDITION

Dear Parents, Students

19th June 2020

Due to the present situation in the country that the Corona virus pandemic has caused English Youth Ballet has been obliged to consider the options of a new way of working until such time as we can be allowed to audition in theatres again.

With the numbers of up to 200 children who attend our auditions we cannot carry this out adequately with social distancing in place and therefore we are not allowed to hold our auditions on stage in the theatres. As an alternative we are asking children to audition by an online video-film.

**We ask you to complete and submit the Registration form with your child's contact details. Once you have completed this and returned the form and paid the £15 audition fee by Bank Transfer (see Bank details below) we will send you a receipt letter with the link that will demonstrate the 5 audition sequences that we ask your child to learn.**

On the link you will see Julianne Rice-Oxley, our Ballet Mistress has demonstrated either the five sequences of steps for the Junior audition ages 8-11 years or five more advanced steps for the senior audition ages 12-18 years.

Once learnt and practised please return your online video film on-line via computer to [misslewis@englishyouthballet.co.uk](mailto:misslewis@englishyouthballet.co.uk) by the closing date of Monday 27th July 2020.

The closing date for submitting your online video film is 27<sup>th</sup> July 2020  
You will hear the result of your audition on email within ten days.

English Youth Ballet has been successfully teaching and nurturing children in their love of classical ballet for the past 21 years and it is important that we continue to do this in whatever way we can. We are determined to sustain EYB's activities through to the finale of the pandemic

Yours sincerely,

Miss Lewis

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## **THE BALLET NUTCRACKER AUDITION PERFORMANCES 2020**

The English Youth Ballet is now well-established for its successful productions of classical ballet in the regional theatres of the UK. EYB chooses 100 young dancers at the audition from within an area 80-100 mile radius of the theatre, therefore giving young ballet dancers the opportunity to experience the creative process from rehearsal to performance in our colourful production of The Nutcracker for 3 performances 13<sup>th</sup> 14<sup>th</sup> November 2020 at the Princess Theatre Torquay.

**The audition on 6<sup>h</sup> July has be re-scheduled for Monday 27<sup>th</sup> July when all the video films that have been submitted online will be assessed by Miss Lewis, Miss Julianne Rice-Oxley and Mr Dominic Marshall**

## **THE AUDITION EXPERIENCE AND REGISTRATION FEE**

The new online registration fee is £15 and we will be looking for young dancers who love their dancing and who would benefit from the EYB Performance Course. As I say when the auditions are 'live' - a smile and presentation goes a long way. We will be offering between 80 and up to 100 places we hold a reserve list in case anyone does not take up the place that is offered.

## **EYB PERFORMANCE EXPERIENCE**

**If successful auditionees are offered a place at the audition. The fee for the Course is £490 payable to English Youth Ballet in advance in 4 instalments (initial deposit £130 + 3 instalments of £120) prior to the first rehearsal/casting day. This fee covers the production costs of costumes, headdresses, scenery, and running costs of school rehearsals hire, all artistic, administrative and technical staff fees, travel, hotels, publicity and marketing.**

This is still a very competitive fee is based on 11 rehearsal days of 6 hours in duration, 2 stage rehearsals and 3 performances (16 sessions) and works out to £31.00 per session and under £5.50 per hour (less than the cost of a weekly ballet class) Three/four rehearsals take place simultaneously and are always preceded by a ballet technique class. There is a 20% reduction for 2nd and 3rd siblings. English Youth Ballet will award 3 Junior and 3 Senior half scholarships thus reducing the fee to £245.

## **REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE DATES 2020 ALL TO BE CONFIRMED AS OCTOBER PERFORMANCE DATES ARE STILL THERE.**

**The original rehearsal dates in October will apply if October performances go ahead.  
Wed 23<sup>rd</sup> September (Casting & Press Photos)**

**Rehearsal below for November performances.**

**Fri 9<sup>th</sup> Sat 10<sup>th</sup> Sun 11<sup>th</sup> October (3 Days) Fri 16<sup>th</sup> Sat 17<sup>th</sup> Sun 18<sup>th</sup> October (3 Days)  
Fri 6<sup>th</sup> Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Sun 8<sup>th</sup> November (3 Days)**

*NB We are flexible with the various weekend Associate programmes.*

**Thurs 12<sup>th</sup> November at the Princess Theatre 6.00-10.00pm**

**Fri 13<sup>th</sup> November Dress rehearsal 2.00pm and Evening Performance 7.30pm**

**Sat 14<sup>th</sup> November Matinee performance 2.30pm Evening Performance 7.30pm**

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