

ENGLISH YOUTH BALLET

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WOLVERHAMPTON 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 by the closing date of Monday 20th July 2020.

The closing date for submitting your online video film is 20th July 2020
You will hear the result of your audition on email by the end of the week 24th July.

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 2021

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 in 2021 at the Grand Theatre Wolverhampton.

The audition on 7th July has been re-scheduled for Monday 20th 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 only £10 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, headresses, 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 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 2 Junior and 2 Senior half scholarships thus reducing the fee to £245

'Tchaikovsky's Ballet Highlights'

EYB'S GALA AUTUMN PERFORMANCE COURSE PROPOSED DATES

Friday 28th Saturday 29th Sunday 30th August (These dates could be put into Sept. tbc)

Friday 25th Saturday 26th Sunday 27th September

Saturday 3rd Sunday 4th October

Friday 9th Saturday 10th Sunday 11th October

10/11 Days in a Wolverhampton school

EYB has devised new health and safety protocols with regard to COVID'19. (See website statement)
The Course would be separated into smaller numbers of children needed at any one time practising social distancing and hygiene. *Ballet Highlights from EYB's lovely repertory* of classical ballets would be taught. At the end of and as part of the Gala Course we would offer a film made of the production again filmed in smaller sections and edited together.

The Grand Theatre Wolverhampton are re-scheduling our Theatre Performance dates for 2021.

Auditions are for both projects, if accepted parents have the choice of one or both. Costs for the Autumn Course in school £370 (in 3 instalments)

Cost of 2021 Theatre Performance Course £490 (in 4 instalments to be paid next year)

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