

NYB

National Youth Ballet

Residential Performance Company 2022 - Auditions

Frequently Asked Questions

How do I know if my child is the right level to apply?

Dancers should be RAD grade 3 or equivalent* and above. If they have not taken part in formal exams they should have danced on a weekly basis for a minimum of three years.

*We accept all equivalent exam boards including: ISTD, BBO and IDTA and seek to include all dancers who have studied ballet regularly, even if they have not taken formal ballet examinations. Please email: admin@nationalyouthballet.org with any concerns or further queries.

Please follow the guidelines on our registration form to select the most appropriate group for your child.

Do you have any guidance for ages?

We understand that junior company dancers may be working at an advanced level but if they are aged between nine and twelve on the 4th September 2022 then they should apply for the junior rather than the senior company. Similarly, senior company dancers should be aged no more than eighteen years on the 4th September 2022.

Do I need to prepare anything for the audition? What does the audition include?

You do not need to prepare anything for the audition. The audition will include a 15 minute Moving Minds session designed to prepare the body and mind for the audition ahead and a 90 minute ballet class led by our professional team.

Is the summer course residential?

Yes, it is fully residential for 9 days at Elmhurst Ballet School, all meals and accommodation will be provided, apart from breakfast on day one and dinner on day nine.

Does NYB provide accommodation for performances?

NYB does not provide accommodation for performances but we will recommend local hotels and are looking into potentially finding host families to support accommodation needs.

I took part in the 2021 DDE company – do I need to attend the 2022 auditions?

You will automatically be allowed to attend the 2022 final auditions without attending the preliminary auditions, but please register your interest through Eventbrite and use the code sent to you. You do not need to pay for your audition fee.

What should I wear to the audition?

Dancers should wear appropriate ballet attire of their choice.

Will I need to do pointe work?

We will only expect pointe work to be shown by our senior dancers aged 14 upwards.

When will I hear if I am successful in the preliminary audition?

We will let you know within two weeks of the preliminary audition whether you have been successful and will be required to attend the final audition.

When will I know if I have received a place in the Residential Performance Company?

We will let you know within two weeks of the final audition if you have received a place in the Residential Performance Company.

Online Audition FAQs

Will we be in different groups for the online audition?

We are delighted to be able to offer online auditions so we can broaden our reach to as many young people as possible. You may be in a mixed class but our expert teachers will differentiate during the audition for all experience levels.

If we have already booked for an in-person audition, can we change to an online audition?

We are very excited to be working with young people in the studio again and we encourage young dancers to attend the in-person audition if they can, as this provides the authentic experience of a real audition. However, we do appreciate and understand that this is a time of uncertainty. We will review the situation regularly to provide the safest environment for all our staff and dancers, but please do contact us if you have any concerns.

Any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact us on:

admin@nationalyouthballet.org

Please be aware that the NYB team will be unavailable between Friday 17 December 2021 and Monday 3 January 2022. We will respond to any emails as soon as possible after our return.