



Frequently Asked Questions for 2023 Performance Company

How will the 2023 Performance Company differ from the 2022 company?

The 2023 company residency will take place over 7 days, and there will be an in-house performance in Elmhurst's beautiful Studio Theatre instead of a public performance. Students will develop their skills, working together as a company and will explore the work of a variety of creatives, enabling them to gain an even deeper understanding of the complexity of the creation process and being a company dancer.

If I am part of the 2023 performance company will I have to re-audition to be a part of the performance company in 2024?

Yes, you will need to re-audition for the 2024 company. The 2023 residency is a standalone experience, allowing performers to hone and develop their skills. The content we create in 2023 will be developed as a part of the artistic direction of our 2024 season. Auditions are an important part of a young dancers' development. All auditions are judged against a rigorous set of criteria. However, if you have been a part of the 2023 company, the choreographers and team will naturally be more familiar with your work.

Will I still have to pay to take part in the audition workshop in 2024, if I have taken part in the 2023 performance company?

Yes, you will still need to pay to take part in the audition workshop in 2024.

Will there be a return to public performances in 2024?

Yes, there will be a return to public performances in 2024.

Will the same choreographers be working on the 2023 and 2024 performance seasons?

Yes. Our new two-year format allows us to build even stronger foundations, giving choreographers and company members additional time to get to know each other during the 2023 residential. We are excited to see what this will allow us to deliver in 2024.

Will we be performing the 2023 content in 2024?

Yes, we plan to perform the content developed in 2023 in 2024.

If I am 18 in 2023 will I be able to take part in 2024?

Yes, in 2024 we will be accepting applications from those students who are aged 19 at the time of the 2024 performance.

What are the timings of the Residency?

The residency will commence in the afternoon of Sunday 13th August and finish on the afternoon of Saturday 19th August.

Will the experience cost the same in 2023?

No. The experience will cost less than it did in 2022 reflecting the number of days that the students are present at the residency. Our decision to reduce the length of the residency will hopefully make NYB a bit more affordable for families this year.

Can I pay by instalments?

The audition fee cannot be paid in instalments. It will be possible to pay the fee for the residential in three instalments, with the final instalment due prior to the RPC. Further details will be published to successful applicants.

Will I get a refund if I am unable to attend the audition?

We will try, wherever possible, to accommodate you either at another face to face audition or at an online audition. Audition fees are non-refundable.

Can I audition online?

Yes, we have organised an online preliminary audition for those students who are unable to attend in person

What do I need to bring to the audition?

- Reusable water bottle (can be refilled throughout the day if needed)
- Dancewear- Leotard/Tights/Socks/Skirt/Shorts (All items must be clearly named)
- Warm up clothes
- Flat ballet shoes
- Pointe shoes (If already working en pointe)
- Named Bag suitable for carrying dance-wear, shoes, etc. to classes

What should I not bring?

PLEASE DO NOT BRING NUTS. NYB is a Nut-Free zone.

Can I bring a mobile phone to the audition?

Mobile phones are permitted but should not be used in the studio at any time. You are welcome to take photographs for your memories and to record your day, but please take these outside of the building and be mindful not to take photographs of other young dancers.

What happens at the audition registration?

- Registrations will take place in the main foyer of the venue

- You should come ready to dance with appropriate clothing over your dance-wear and your hair ready for ballet class
- You will be given an audition number and safety pins to secure the number
- Students will not be permitted to leave the building until their audition class is finished so please make sure you have enough water and snacks to keep you going before and after class.

I am a part of London Children's Ballet and I notice that the date of the final audition for NYB is on the same day as a performance, what should I do?

NYB and London Children's Ballet will talk about how we can accommodate students who are taking part in both LCB performances and the NYB auditions as we do not want students to miss out on either experience.