



National Youth Ballet 2023 Season - Frank Freeman Choreographic Competition

Our Frank Freeman Choreographic Competition is open to all our dancers. This year's competition takes place at 7.00 p.m. on Thursday 17th August 2023 in the Studio Theatre at Elmhurst Ballet School. It will be judged by renowned choreographers [Jo Meredith](#) (NYB Creative Director) and [Vidya Patel](#). Parents and friends are invited to watch and can book 2 free tickets (per company member) [here](#)

There is no specific theme for the competition, however if you would like some guidance please take inspiration from this year's season Evolving Visions, which will look at themes of innovation and progress.

This is a fantastic opportunity to devise your own original pieces and as budding choreographers present your work on stage at the Elmhurst Studio Theatre. To our newcomers, do not be daunted; this is an ideal chance to showcase your talents as not only choreographers but as dancers too, in a relaxed environment. Many winning alumni have gone on to be professional choreographers as a result of National Youth Ballet's encouragement. National Youth Ballet is incredibly supportive of student's efforts and we enjoy seeing new talent evolve each year.

This year, for the first time, we will be making a simple in-house film of the Choreographic Competition and sharing the footage with each choreographer. This is included in the entry fee and we hope will be a nice memory of your time with NYB, and also a valuable asset for choreographers' future showreels. Please note: you will only receive your own entry. You may post this on social media but only with prior permission from the dancers in your piece and in line with our Social Media Policy. Permissions will be sought via our RPC Participation Questionnaire. And please remember to tag National Youth Ballet as we love to see all your posts!

To encourage the future choreographers of the next generation, students can join our Choreographic Hub during our Residential Performance Company. Students will have scheduled time in the evenings to develop their own original piece. They will have the opportunity to work alongside other students in the company.

The competition will be split into five sections:

1. Junior Solo 12 years & under

2. Intermediate Solo 14 years & under
3. Senior Solo 15 years & above
4. Duets all ages
5. Groups all ages

Ages are at competition date, 17th August 2023.

National Youth Ballet is committed to encouraging and nurturing young choreographic talent therefore only ORIGINAL choreography created by the dancer can be admitted. Pieces created by teachers or used in previous competitions and festivals are not applicable.

How to Enter

1. Please fill out our [Entry Form](#) (one form for each piece)
2. Transfer the £10.00 entry fee (one fee for each piece) to The National Youth Ballet of Great Britain, 40-01-13, 61772287, Reference: Choreo/ First and Last Name (All proceeds are donated to the National Youth Ballet)

Closing date will be 12.30 pm on Tuesday 15th August 2023.

Rules

1. ALL entries must be in by lunchtime on Tuesday 15th August 2023 at the Residential Performance Company
2. You may only enter 2 pieces - these have to be in 2 different sections out of the 5 and MUST BE YOUR OWN WORK. YOU MAY NOT SUBMIT A WORK THAT HAS BEEN CHOREOGRAPHED BY YOUR TEACHER FOR A FESTIVAL.
3. You may only perform as a dancer in 2 pieces; this includes being in your own pieces. You do not necessarily have to dance your own piece.
4. Solos must be no longer than 1.5 minutes.
5. Duets must be no longer than 2 minutes.
6. Groups must be no longer than 4 minutes.
7. Music MUST be cut to the correct length and uploaded via the [Entry Form](#). It is advisable to prepare music prior to arrival at our residential performance company, as no facilities exist for fading/cutting or stopping at a final position.
8. Please ensure your music does not end with an abrupt cut.