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National Dance Company Wales Associates Programme 2020/21

Audition Pack



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Thank you for your interest in auditioning for our Associates Programme.

For over a decade, National Dance Company Wales (NDCWales) has been nurturing some of the most talented dancers from across Wales and developing their skills.

Based at the Dance House, the home of NDCWales, our Associates (ages 14-19 years old) follow a programme created by our Learning Lead Dancer, with the guidance of our Artistic Team. Over the course of the year, our Associates programme focuses on improving creative and technical skills, along with developing work for performance opportunities that the Company creates for them through the year.

We have a limited number of places available and successful applicants are chosen through an audition. The audition consists of a contemporary technique class where dancers can show their skills and potential to our Company dance experts.

NDCWales Associates provides high level contemporary training for young dancers. Sessions run on Sundays during term time (Welsh schools' term timetable) from 10:30am – 12:30pm and are taught by Company Dancer and guest artists.

As part of the Associates programme, you will have;

- Assessments and guidance from our Learning Lead Dancer.
- Additional creation and performance opportunities available to those interested.

The Associates' programme starts at £420 per year for weekly contemporary training classes and the Dancer Wellbeing Days. If you want to join in the optional Creation Week, it will cost an additional £175. (Total amount payable, £595).

We are trying to make sure that money isn't a barrier to talented young people taking part in the Associates Programme. For that reason, two bursaries are available this year for both the weekly training and Creation Week.

- *With bursary one, you'll need to pay £210 for all of the weekly contemporary training classes and Dancer Wellbeing Days. The optional Creation Week package will cost an extra £87. (Total amount payable, £297).*
- *With bursary two, you'll need to pay £50 for all of the weekly contemporary training classes and the Dancer Wellbeing Days. The optional Creation Week package will cost an extra £20. (Total amount payable, £60).*

Bursary applications will be assessed based on financial need or evidence of disadvantage or barriers to accessing dance training. These are awarded after discussion as regards all applications. Proof of evidence will be requested. Please contact Guy O'Donnell, Learning and Participation Producer, at guy@ndcwales.co.uk for a bursary application form or for more

details. Postal address: National Dance Company Wales, Dance House, Wales Millennium Centre, Pierhead Street, Cardiff Bay, CF10 4PH.

Auditions take place on Saturday the 08th August. Please note that we are unable to offer an alternative audition date. All applicants should be Welsh or based in Wales.

Former NDCWales Associates have gone on to train at Trinity Laban, Rambert, Northern School of Contemporary Dance, London School of Contemporary Dance, Tring Park, Bird School and more. Some have even returned to us as Apprentices or Company Dancers.

Timeline for NDCWales Associates 2020-21 Applications

| Activity | Deadline |
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| Deadline for applications | Friday 1st May |
| Associates auditions | Saturday 08 August |
| Associates chosen and letters sent out | Friday 14th August |
| Bursary deadline | Friday 28th August |
| 2020-21 Term begins | Sun 27th Sep |

Timetable

Please note that this timetable is subject to change before the start of the programme. Associates will receive a finalised programme upon successful admission.

The Associates programme is very competitive, and we have a high volume of applications. We offer successful applicants a full programme which will help to nurture and grow their talent and offer them a real insight into the professional dance world. We know that many of our Associates are busy, which is why we try to give our weekly dates and creation week in advance, so that you know our attendance expectations. *Though we try our best to communicate accurate dates in advance, all dates below are subject to change before finalised timetable is distributed.*

If a member has a recurring injury or attendance drops below 60% over a number of weeks. We will discuss with the young person if they should continue and we may decide to remove the place and offer it to another dancer

Term 1 2020

| Session | Date | Time |
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| Session 1 | 27 th September | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 2 | 4 th October | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 3 | 11 th October | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 4 | 18 th October | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Creation Week | 25 th Oct – 29 October | 9.00am-3.00pm |
| Session 5 | 8 th November | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 6 | 15 th November | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 7 | 22 nd November | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Youth Dance Showcase | 28/29 th November | 10-9pm |
| Session 8 | 06 th Dec | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 9 | 13 Dec | 10:30am – 12:30pm |

Term 2 2021

| Session | Date | Time |
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| Session 10 | 10 th January | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 11 | 17 th January | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 12 | 24 th January | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 13 | 31 st January | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 14 | 7 th February | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 15 | 14 th February | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 16 | 21 st February | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 17 | 28 th February | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 18 | 7 th March | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 19 | 14 th March | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 20 | 21 st March | 10:30am – 12:30pm |
| Session 21 | 28 March | 10:30am – 12:30pm |

Creation Week

Creation Week is the opportunity to develop and create a new piece of dance with a prominent choreographer who has previously worked with the NDCWales main company. This is a hugely beneficial experience and we encourage all to take advantage of this opportunity. As noted earlier, an additional fee is payable for participation in Creation Week. This week's creation takes place in October half term. This year's Creation Week piece is planned to be performed in The Blue Room at The Dance House as part of the Youth Dance Showcase and at least one other external location.

This year's Creation Week Choreographer is still to be confirmed.