

NATIONAL YOUTH BALLET OF GREAT BRITAIN AUDITIONS 2012

Silver Jubilee Season

The main aim of the NYB is to offer talented young dancers, aged 8 to 18 years, an opportunity to participate in the creation, production and performance of ballet at a professional level. Dancers work with eminent composers, choreographers and teachers, gaining invaluable experience. NYB also encourages children from all walks of life to become involved with their Outreach Fit to Dance programme in schools and the community. Many alumni have contracts with major ballet and musical theatre companies throughout the world.

In 2012, NYB will present a diverse and exciting programme, including HRH The Prince of Wales' The Old Man of Lochnagar. We will be casting many classical and colourful character roles for a wide age range.

First round auditions in Birmingham and London will be 1 hour, giving the adjudication panel the chance to see dancers in small classes. All recalled dancers must make sure they are available **all day** for the **final** audition/casting dates.

Senior finalists will be recalled for a **full day** workshop on Sunday 25th March 2012. This will give the choreographers an opportunity to work with the dancers prior to the final casting audition.

PROVISIONAL PLANS FOR THE REHEARSAL AND PERFORMANCE SEASON

The NYB season will be structured as last season to minimise parents' and students' travel expenses. We will be returning to Tring Park School for the Performing Arts for our 10-day Summer School in August. Tring Park School is set in the most beautiful parkland and this year we will have the added bonus of the use of their spacious new dance studios. Provincial performances will all take place during the summer holidays. The London Gala will take place in early September.

Summer School / Rehearsals

Main cast dancers will be asked to sign an acceptance contract committing them to attend a residential Summer School. This season, Summer School will be held from Sunday 12th to Tuesday 21st August 2012 inclusive at Tring Park School for the Performing Arts, Hertfordshire.

The Junior Associates (*those under 12 years of age on 01/09/12**) will be asked to sign an acceptance contract committing them to rehearse as day pupils during Summer School at Tring Park School, Hertfordshire, between Monday 13th and Tuesday 21st August inclusive.

* If you are of JA age but would like to be considered for the Main Cast, please state this on your application form.

Provincial performances

Performances will be at the E M Forster Theatre, Tonbridge School, Kent, 23rd – 25th August 2012.

Gala Performance

The provisional date for the London Gala will be announced at the final auditions.

Please call us at the office on 01732 864781 if you have any questions. Please leave a message if necessary and the auditions administrator will call you back asap or e mail:- info@nyb.org.uk

Please retain these pages for your records and return the Application Form. Please print clearly and remember to enclose three s.a.e.'s, a cheque for £20 made payable to National Youth Ballet and two passport size photos (please do not staple) to Auditions Administrator, The Old Dairy, Wintersell Farm, Dwelly Lane, Edenbridge, Kent TN8 6QD.

Please do not send recorded or special delivery as the post arrives at dawn before the office is manned!

FIRST ROUND AUDITIONS

Each class will be 1 hour. Candidates will be streamed into classes according to age and/or grade.

BIRMINGHAM at Elmhurst School for Dance, Edgbaston

Sunday 29th January 2012

LONDON at English National Ballet School, Hortensia Road, Chelsea

Sunday 22nd January, 29th January, 19th February 2012

Early application is advised though there is no set deadline. if you are applying within 7 days of the audition, please call to check availability and to book your place on Tel: 01732 864781

RECALL AND CASTING LONDON

Sunday 25th March 2012 – Senior finalists full day workshop

Sunday 22nd April 2012 – JA's (please be prepared to stay until 6pm)

Sunday 29th April 2012 – Main cast and JA's (please be prepared to stay until 6pm)

Please note that all those recalled will not necessarily be cast.

COSTUME FITTING AND PHOTO CALL

To be announced

FEES

Main Cast £650 covers the cost of full board and lodging at residential Summer School (includes £350 non-returnable deposit on acceptance of contract).

Balance of fees must be paid by Friday 1st June 2012

Junior Associates £350 covers the rehearsals at Summer School (includes £150 non-returnable deposit on acceptance of contract).

Balance of fees must be paid by Friday 1st June 2012

There are no costume costs but dancers must provide a new pair of tights and shoes for each role danced.

SCHOLARSHIP & BURSARY SCHEME - Main Cast Dancers only

Application form on request **if recalled** to final auditions

3 Senior Scholarships, Award £200

3 Junior Scholarships to dancers (under 14 yrs on 1st September 2012), Award £150

3 Bursaries to dancers who, without support, could not apply for the NYB season, Award £200

New Silver Jubilee Awards to be given on merit and needs.

Deadline for submission of scholarship/bursary application forms: Friday 30th March 2012

We regret that we cannot accept late applications

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*The National Youth Ballet Company has been one of the most inspiring and creatively developmental environments I have ever experienced. To have that wonderful opportunity at such a young age is totally priceless. Jill Tookey is passionately fearless and has inspired me to be the same. **Drew McOnie.***

*With such inspirational ideals it is little wonder NYB proved to be so successful. **Jonatoan Gray - Editor Dancing Times***

*Thank you doesn't seem enough! I have had the most amazing experience and journey being part of the NYB family and learned so much on the way. I have so many wonderful memories I will never forget. **Andrew McNicol – Rainbow Bear***

*NYB was my lifeline and world for 10 years and despite not being a dancer anymore, I carry all the lessons I learnt with me still. **Jessica Brown Finlay - Actress***