

# AN INTRODUCTION

FOR SCHOOLS & COLLEGES



# DANCE

# LIVE!



WELCOME TO...

# DANCE LIVE!

Dance Live! is an annual dance event for Schools and Colleges brought to you by The Guildhall Trust.



Open to Key Stages 2-4 and those in Further Education, Dance Live! embraces the ever-evolving digital world and how this is changing the face of modern performance.

Dance Live! sees young people compete with choreographed routines to the backdrop of a giant digital LED screen, showcasing a range of dance, performance and creative design skills and off-stage technical capability.

With a focus on raising aspirations and developing skills for creative career choices, Dance Live! is an amazing, inclusive, developmental experience for your students.



# WHY SHOULD YOU CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN DANCE LIVE?



- Links to Ofsted and the Gatsby benchmark
- Give your students the chance to perform on stage and experience the future of performance in a high standard professional environment
- Develop off-stage technical and creative skills – FREE workshop for schools/ colleges that are new to the event!
- Bring your students together as a team and develop friendships
- Grow the confidence of your students
- Provide the health and wellbeing benefits of participating in dance
- Cultural engagement for all
- Improves attainment and aspiration levels of students
- Credible and constructive feedback for students
- A unique highlight for your school's prospectus
- £1000 prize and exclusive experience for winners!

“An amaaaazing first Dance Live!!! So wonderful to have such an experienced judge who knows what he is looking for! We thoroughly enjoyed ourselves, well organised and the children had a fantastic time. Loved the LED screen!!!!!”

- SOLENT JUNIOR SCHOOL

“Thank you so much for an amazing day. You have put so much hard work into the event and it was a huge success. Parents, children and staff all commented what a relaxed atmosphere it was and how the whole day including the evening performance ran smoothly. You made it all about the children and them having an amazing day. The LED screen was amazing”.

- THE FEDERATION OF NETTLESTONE AND NEWCHURCH PRIMARY SCHOOLS

“Thank you so much for an amazing day. The event was so well organised and my children had the best time”.

- WIMBORNE JUNIOR SCHOOL

“Thank you so much Dance Live for the best day ever yesterday! The kids had great fun and the atmosphere was lovely. Thank you to the whole team who have been so welcoming, positive and helpful through the whole journey”.

- CORNERSTONE C OF E PRIMARY SCHOOL

“We have had the best day ever! Not because of the placings but because of the friendly supportive and relaxed atmosphere, super well organised and all about the children having the best experience”

- DURRINGTON HIGH SCHOOL

## THE PERFORMANCE

We live in a digital age where much of what we see, hear and do is defined by the latest technology. At the forefront of this are our young people who embrace today's digital culture naturally, often with greater certainty than older generations.

Dance Live! challenges schools and colleges to create a largely dance based, original and creative performance piece with a strong narrative, that is 5-7 minutes in length, and which embraces and interacts with all aspects of digital content including the backdrop of a giant LED screen.

Following the lead of programmes like BBC's 'The Greatest Dancer', ITV's 'Britain's Got Talent' and West End theatre shows like 'An American in Paris,' Dance Live! gives young people the opportunity to experience and produce their own modern production.

More than just on-stage performance, Dance Live! encourages as many young people as possible to participate in off-stage roles from choreography, direction, music, costume and prop making to filming, graphic design and illustration, video production and lighting design. Teamwork is key!



## THE JOURNEY TO DANCE LIVE!

The Dance Live! team are here to support you throughout the whole process from your initial expression of interest, through rehearsals and to performing on stage.

We offer a FREE 2-hour workshop to all schools and colleges that are new to the event for teachers, students or both, from a choice of themes including:

- Filming - the creation of your digital and LED screen content
  - Lighting Design
- Choreography/Performance Skills
  - Costume Design

We also provide a range of online teaching aids and information via our website, including simple step-by-step guides.

Schools and Colleges record their Journey to Dance Live! as a 2-minute video which is played on the LED screen as an introduction to their performance with awards given for the best film.

For those in SEN/D settings, we offer the opportunity for your students to visit the venue ahead of the performance to familiarise themselves with all areas including the stage, backstage areas and the dressing rooms.





## STAGES OF THE COMPETITION AND PRIZES!

The competition is in two categories, 'Juniors' for KS2 and 'Seniors' for KS3 and above.

The first phase of the competition is the Heats. The highest scoring three schools/colleges from each night of the Heats automatically go through to the Finals for their retrospective category, along with the best 4th place school or college.

The Finals take place approximately 6-8 weeks after the Heats.

A panel of judges who have all worked within the stage industry, ensure pupils are provided with credible and constructive feedback with the performance and creative process assessed on a range of criteria.

Special recognition awards are also made for the Video Journey, Technical, Fellowship and Creative Achievement. Past judges include Mark Smith of Deaf Men Dancing and Patron of the Imperial Society of Teachers of Dancing.

The winners of the Junior and Senior competitions will each receive £1,000 for their arts budgets and a money can't buy opportunity for participating pupils to spend the day and enjoy a range of workshops at a first class venue such as Sadler's Wells Theatre, with their coach transport provided!

The runners up of both competitions will receive £500.

Tickets to be in the audience for the Heats and Finals are available for the family and friends of participants.

## MORE ABOUT THE ORGANISERS - THE GUILDHALL TRUST

It is the vision of The Guildhall Trust, registered charity 1153358, to become one of the country's leading cultural organisations - inspiring, entertaining and transforming lives.

The Guildhall Trust provides a range of inspirational opportunities through its interactive 'Get Involved' programme which is focussed on supporting the Community, Skills and Creative Career Development and Emerging Artists and Creatives.

The Guildhall Trust manages the iconic Concert and Conferencing venue, Portsmouth Guildhall and has extensive event management experience producing and managing events including Portsmouth Comic Con – International Festival of Comics, Guildhall Games Fest and Big Mouth Comedy Festival.

Dance Live! is an exciting addition to the Trust's 'Get Involved' programme that is set to grow and develop across the UK.



# GET INVOLVED - HOW TO ENTER!

To enter, we ask Schools and Colleges to give an 'Expression of Interest' while the window to do so is open (please contact us or see our website). After this stage you will be sent an Agreement to sign and return which will confirm your entry into the competition.

There is a participation fee of £12 per student (dancers, crew, technicians) to support the production and delivery of the event which will be invoiced to your school. There is no fee for teachers or support staff.

A detailed information pack about the competition and requirements is available on our website along with videos and photos of past Dance Live! events and a range of teaching aids.

<https://portsmouthguildhall.org.uk/get-involved/schools-colleges/dance-live/>

We understand how daunting taking part in a new extra-curricular activity can be and we are here to support you!

If you have any questions or would like to discuss your school or college's participation in Dance Live! please don't hesitate to contact us and speak to one of our team.

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## COVID SAFETY FOR DANCE LIVE! 2021

We will be following all Government guidelines to ensure Dance Live! 2021 is delivered safely for your pupils, staff and attending audiences.

We will also be offering practical support and information to help you bring your performance together in a 'Covid Safe' way.

- Your school will be provided with a Covid Safe guidance document, advising how you can create a performance following the current guidelines
- Social Distancing Measures in place
- Clean environment with sanitisation and additional cleaning procedures in place
- Limited capacities with live streaming of Heats and Finals
- 'We're Good to Go' certified venue



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