

# GLOUCESTER DANCE FESTIVAL

## Welcome & Introduction

### Classical & Cabaret Saturday October 26<sup>th</sup> – Friday 1<sup>st</sup> November 2019

**Adjudicator ~ Miss Deborah Norris** MA, BA (Hons), AISTD  
*Adjudicator for the British and International Federation of Festivals*

### Urban Dance Competition ~ Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2019 Adjudicator ~ Matt Walker

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**Welcome to Gloucester Dance Festival 2019.** We provide a competitive platform for amateur performers during the October half term school holidays. Children and young adults aged 4-18 years compete in genre sections by age and are willing to be measured for an artistic standard by professional adjudicators. We aim to create a well organised and friendly stage competition for the many talented young performers in Gloucestershire and the surrounding counties.

Gloucester Dance Festival, in addition to the traditional festival dances of Ballet, Tap, Modern, Lyrical, Song & Dance, National, Character and Classical Greek, also offers Stylised Ballet and Contemporary & Modern Ballet for age 11+, Own Choreography, Song without Dance, Modern with Acro, Improvisation and Urban Dance. Novice solo sections are available for dancers aged 7-18 years who have never been placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> at any previous competitive festival.

Children compete by age as on September 1<sup>st</sup> in keeping with the academic school year. Many solos, especially in ballet, tap and modern are competed one class per one year of age usually from the age of 7 years. Sections with a large number of entries will be further split, ie: September-February & March-August. *View the 2018 results on our website to see the 2018 age sections.*

Ribston Hall High School is an excellent venue. It has plenty of parking, a lovely performance hall with a large stage. There are ten changing rooms, eight for female only competitors and their female only carer. When the programme requires the following changing rooms will be available (a) Male/female competitive children aged 5 years & under with female carer. (b) Female only for 17 & 18 years. (c\*) Male competitor aged 6-16 with female carer. (d\*) Male competitor age 4-16 with male carer. (e\*) Female aged 4-16 years with male carer. (f\*) Male only for senior boys aged 17 & 18 years. \*Rooms situated on the lower ground floor next to boys toilets.

To help principals, teachers and parents plan their Festival week at GDF, we have a proposed schedule with Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> - Friday 1<sup>st</sup> for classical & cabaret and Saturday November 2<sup>nd</sup> for all urban dance sections. We do try to be consistent with the programming each year.

### **Classical and Cabaret Group Dances. Age as on September 1<sup>st</sup> - minimum 5 dancers**

We endeavour to allocate schools entering group dances their own changing room hence the importance of completing the group entry form indicating number of female and male dancers per age group as a school may need to share depending on numbers.

Saturday October 26 <sup>th</sup>	All group dances for 10 years & under	Junior
Sunday October 27 <sup>th</sup>	All group dances for 14 years & under	Intermediate
Friday November 1 <sup>st</sup>	All group dances for 18 years & under	Senior

Groups dances placed, may purchase the appropriate medals @ £2.00 each.

## Classical & Cabaret Open, Novice Solos and all Duet / Trio / Quartet Sections

The festival is programmed so competitors should not need to attend more than 3 or 4 days for their open classical and cabaret sections. (*age as on September 1<sup>st</sup> 2019*).

Novice solo sections are available for dancers aged 7-18 years who have never been placed 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> at any previous competitive festival.

Novice	Junior 7-10 years	Classical & Cabaret Solos	Tuesday
Novice	Inters 11-14 years	Classical & Cabaret Solos	Tuesday
Novice	Seniors 15-18 years	Classical & Cabaret Solos	Tuesday or Friday
Open	4-6 years	Classical and Cabaret Solos	Tuesday
Open	7-9 years	Saturday / Sunday / Monday / Tuesday	3 of 4 days
Open	10-13 years	Saturday – Thursday	3-4 of 6 days
Open	14 years	Sunday / Wednesday / Thursday / Friday	3 or 4 days
Open	15-18 years	Wednesday / Thursday / Friday	
Open	Boys class any genre	Friday	

**GDF Junior & Senior Championships** for 10-13 years & 14-18 years. During the Festival, dancers may qualify to perform again in our prestigious Championships to be held on the final day. Those placed for their ballet, tap and modern open solo will be invited to enter. The entry fee is £5.00 although there is no obligation to enter. The winners will be announced at the presentation

**Urban Dance Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** *see 'all about GDF Urban Dance' & 'syllabus'*

The Urban Dance (street/hip hop) is a separate competition held on the second Saturday and is the one part of the Festival where you can whoop, cheer and make as much noise as you like!!

**Entries** will only be accepted using the official entry forms, one per competitor. Complete the correct entry form for Open, Novice or Urban Dance. Consult your teacher if you are unsure. (i) Open classical & cabaret. (ii) Novice classical & cabaret (iii) Urban Dance Competition. All entry & payment forms must be completed in full, signed by a parent/guardian and sent together via post or email with full payment at the time of entry. Confirmation for all entries are sent electronically

**Late entries may** be accepted subject to availability and terms & conditions being met.

**Payment:** via bank transfer is the preferred method. *Full details are on the payment form.*

Cheques made payable to Gloucester Dance Festival will **not** be processed **before** Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup> Cheques will **not** be accepted **after** Saturday July 13<sup>th</sup>.

Please do not post cash or postal orders through the Royal Mail.

### Important timeline dates

Closing date	Saturday July 13 <sup>th</sup> <i>This date does not guarantee entry acceptance</i>
Late entries	subject to availability
Provisional running order	mid August
Provisional timetable	mid-late September
Timetable	late September
Printed programme	approximately Wednesday October 9 <sup>th</sup>
Programme amendments	by Wednesday October 16 <sup>th</sup>
Audience Festival Pass	Saturday October 19 <sup>th</sup> (email jpeg) last day to order
Championship entries	closing date and time as on individual invitations

**News and information** will be posted on the Gloucester Dance Festival Facebook page

If you have any queries please do not hesitate to contact:-

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