

# AN INTRODUCTION

FOR SCHOOLS & COLLEGES



# DANCE

# LIVE!<sup>®</sup>

STRENGTHENING • RAISING • SUPPORTING



# WELCOME TO... **DANCE** *LIVE!*<sup>®</sup>

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



With a focus on raising aspirations, strengthening health and wellbeing, and developing skills, Dance Live! is an amazing, inclusive, developmental experience for your students.

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.



# WHY SHOULD YOU CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN DANCE LIVE?



## RAISING ASPIRATIONS

- Give your students the chance to perform on stage and experience the future of performance in a high standard professional environment
- Improves attainment and aspiration levels of students
- A unique highlight for your school's prospectus

## STRENGTHENING HEALTH & WELLBEING

- Develops resilience
- Bring your students together as a team and develop friendships
- Grow the confidence of your students
- Provide the health and well-being benefits of participating in dance

## SUPPORTING SKILLS & DEVELOPMENT

- Students experience, and work with, modern technology, expanding technical skills.
- Develop off-stage technical and creative skills – FREE workshop days in venues for all schools.
- Gain access to a range of FREE resources to support your Dance Live! Journey and your school's creative arts provision
- Cultural engagement for all, contributing to your school's STEAM activities
- Links to Ofsted and the Gatsby benchmark
- Credible and constructive feedback for students

## EVALUATION SHOWS:

- 100% of participants had an increase in confidence after participating
- 100% developed skills
- 96.2% developed their ability to work as part of a team

“... I saw children overcome barriers that they previously had, and come into school today with a totally different outlook. Positive about being in school and wanting to share their experience with others, when normally they don't contribute within the class.”

- **THE BAY CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

“... It genuinely is the MOST memorable day and our children have come away excited, inspired and full of enthusiasm for the creative arts.”

- **CORNERSTONE COFE SCHOOL**

“I loved learning about the technical side of theatre productions in a professional environment from professionals!”

- **ST EDMUND'S CATHOLIC SCHOOL**

“I can not believe how much goes into making a performance successful - it is not just about the dance, all the backstage elements are just as important.”

- **JESS - YEAR 9, THE EASTBOURNE ACADEMY**



## 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', The Eurovision Song Contest and West End theatre shows like 'Frozen', 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 workshop to all schools and colleges that participate in 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
  - Sound Track Production

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. Schools compete with each other in a local venue.

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 and Dancing.

The winners of the Junior and Senior competitions will each receive certificates and awards along with recognition throughout the year from local media and local authorities as well as recognition on the Dance Live! website and social media.

Tickets to be in the audience 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.

The Guildhall Trust has worked with schools since 2014 on a range of skills and development projects including the Creative Careers Roadshow.

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 £14 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. Registered schools will receive access to a range of free resources and teaching aids.

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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## OTHER WAYS TO GET INVOLVED IN DANCE LIVE!

### SPONSORS AND PARTNER OPPORTUNITIES

Dance Live! has various sponsorship and partner packages available. If you are interested in your business, or organisation, being affiliated to the largest school's dance event in the south, please contact the team.

### VOLUNTEERING

We are looking for a range of volunteers who have interests in the following career pathways to help and engage with our participants throughout our Dance Live! Projects and Events:

- Dance
- Drama
- Technical and backstage
- Event management and production
- Teaching

Get in touch if you would like to be involved, and hear about the range of benefits that are available as a volunteer Production Assistant.



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