



# The Ballet Academy Awards

6th & 7th September, 2025

Westlake Girls

Adjudicator: Philippa Pidgeon



## How TBA Ballet Awards Work and Rules

- Competition classes based on competitors' age as at 5th September 2025
- Two sections of entry; Solo Classes and the TBA Award Classes

### TBA AWARD CLASSES:

- Each competitor will compete in two dances, two classes; Classical and Own Choice/Variation, in their age category.
- For classes that have more than 10 competitors entered a first, second and third, fourth and fifth place will be awarded at each age level. For classes that have less than 10 competitors entered a first, second and third place will be awarded at each age level.
- The placed competitors will then compete against each other again at the Finals Awards.
- One winner will be awarded The Ballet Academy Award for their performance at their age group level. This winner will receive a trophy.



## Entry Registration and Fees

**Entries Open:** Monday 14th July, 2025 - 7.30pm

**Entries Close:** Monday 11th August, 2025 unless capacity is reached sooner

### **ENTRIES ARE STRICTLY LIMITED**

If able to accommodate late entries, these will incur an additional \$20 late fee

### Fees:

These fees cover both dances and the finals should your child be successful in getting through

Solo Classes	\$18
TBA Solo Award (U8, 8 years, 9 years, 10 years, 11 years)	\$50
TBA Variation Award (2x dances) (12 years, 13 years, 14, years and 15+ years)	\$60
Administration Fee (compulsory and includes entries to the preliminaries)	\$25
Digital Programme Emailed	Free



**Payment Method:**

Payment made with Debit/Credit Card at time of entry and confirms your entry.

## Rules of Entry

1. **Online Entries** ONLY are accepted forms of competition entry
2. **Payment** must accompany online registration form as completion of your entry
3. **Age** of dancer is taken from the first day of competition 5th September 2025.
4. The Ballet Academy Awards are open to amateur dancers only. Up to and including 18 year olds.
5. **Competitors perform at their own risk.** The Ballet Academy is not liable for any accident or injury of any description. First Aid certified members and volunteers are present should there be any injury requiring intervention. Serious injury or accident will result in you or The Ballet Academy calling emergency services.
6. **Music** needs to be uploaded via The Ballet Academy Awards APP when requested by the competition.
7. **Photographs** may be taken of your dancer and shared on The Ballet Academy social media platforms.
8. Images or videos where The Ballet Academy has been tagged may be re-shared by The Ballet Academy on our social media platforms.



9. You may not photograph or video another dancer (other than your own) unless you have explicit permission from their parent or guardian.
10. **The Order of Performance** will stay the order stated in the programme, unless otherwise directed by the Stage Manager. If a registered competitor is absent when called to stage, they, at the discretion of The Ballet Academy forfeit their competition time.
11. **Placed Competitors** awarded first, second or third place during preliminaries **must** be available and present to compete at the Final Awards.
12. **Time Limits** will be strictly adhered to and are 3 mins per dance.
13. **Copyright.** All non-variation dances must demonstrate original/ un-plagerised choreography. The competitor and their tutor/ choreographer are responsible for clearing all performance rights to any choreographed works that are not in the public domain. The Ballet Academy accepts no responsibility for potential plagiarism of choreography, nor identifying it.
14. **The Adjudicator's** decision is final in all classes and is not open for discussion or dispute.
15. COMPETITORS WHO HAVE HAD COACHING, TUITION or LESSONS more than once with the adjudicator within the last 12 months are not eligible to enter the competition.
16. There is to be no communication with the adjudicator at the competitions by competitors, their supporters (including and not limited to; parents, whanau, family, teachers, advisors).



17. The Ballet Academy reserves the right to replace the advertised adjudicator at the discretion of The Ballet Academy. Should this result in entrants no longer being able to participate in the The Ballet Academy awards, a refund will be given.<sup>1</sup>
18. Only registered competitors and ONE accompanying parent/ caregiver/ support/ manager (plus their minors) are allowed access to **backstage areas**.
19. No product, solvent or otherwise to be brought or used back and side stage, other than resin.
20. All **Cups and Trophies** remain the property of The Ballet Academy and must be returned to the Trophy Steward, upon request, in advance of the following years Award.
21. **Photography and Videography** is STRICTLY of your own registered competitor. Flash photography and videography is prohibited at all times.
22. NO photography or videography is permitted at the finals evening of The Ballet Academy Awards.
23. The Ballet Academy reserves the right to remove any person who is deemed to be behaving inappropriately; dangerous, bullying, thieving, abusive and/ or not respecting the requests of The Ballet Academy representatives and volunteers.
24. Should The Ballet Academy fail to reach **sufficient entries** to ensure Awards are viable, we reserve the right to cancel the competition in which all fees paid will be refunded.
25. **No smoking** is permitted on the premises or on the grounds of the theatre and surrounding school.
26. The Ballet Academy reserves the right to interpret these rules as they see fit. The Ballet Academy decisions are final and not open for discussion.

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<sup>1</sup> Refund of Class Entry Fees. Administration Costs will not be refunded.



## Classes

### Solo Classes:

6 yrs & under	601	Classical
	602	Barefoot
	603	Own Choice
7 & 8 yrs	801	Classical
	802	Barefoot
	803	Demi- Character
	804	Character
	805	Own Choice
9 & 10 yrs	1001	Classical
	1002	Barefoot
	1003	Demi- Character
	1004	Character
	1005	Own Choice
11 & 12 yrs	1201	Classical
	1202	Barefoot
	1203	Demi- Character
	1204	Character
	1205	Pointe
	1205	Own Choice
13 & 14 years	1401	Classical



	1402	Barefoot
	1403	Demi- Character
	1404	Character
	1405	Pointe
	1406	Own Choice
15 years +	1501	Classical
	1502	Barefoot
	1503	Demi- Character
	1504	Character
	1505	Pointe
	1506	Own Choice

## Solo Classes Rules:

- Each competitor is assigned and represented by a number (name is withheld from adjudicator)
- Each dance must be 3 minutes or less.
- Own Choice Dance MUST BE one of the following: Neo-Classical, Lyrical, Contemporary. It may not be choreography from an examination syllabus or a second Classical Variation.
- Solo Classes will be awarded the traditional: 1st, 2nd, 3rd, VHC, HC, C placings. Not limited to assigning each place nor only one competitor per placing.

TBA Awards:

### Solo Award Preliminaries:

Class Name:	Age	
AS7	U8 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A: Classical Dance</li> <li>- B: Own Choice</li> </ul>
AS8	8 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A: Classical Dance</li> <li>- B: Own Choice</li> </ul>
AS9	9 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A: Classical Dance</li> <li>- B: Own Choice</li> </ul>
AS10	10 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A: Classical Dance</li> <li>- B: Own Choice</li> </ul>
AS11	11 years	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- A: Classical Dance</li> <li>- B: Own Choice</li> </ul>

### Specific Solo Award Rules:

- Each competitor assigned and represented by a number (name is withheld from adjudicator)
- Each dance must be less than 3 minutes.
- Own Choice Dance MUST BE either: Barefoot, Neo-Classical, Demi-Character, Lyrical or Contemporary. It may not be choreography from an examination syllabus.
- Both dances are to be costumed in appropriate attire for the dance styles.
- Own dance may use props.



- All competitors will dance in the assigned order for their classical dance section, then their own dance section will immediately follow in the same assigned order. Bear this in mind when determining drastic changes between dances e.g. hair styles.
- At completion of dancing both Classical and Own Dance; first, second and third places will be awarded. The three placed dancers will then be required to compete again in the Finals evening.
- You must be prepared and side stage before your number is called for your Own Dance. There will be no waiting for a competitor or swapping order of competing between sections.
- Solo Award classes may be joined depending on entry numbers.

## TBA Award - Solo with Variation Preliminaries:

Class Name:	Age	
AV12	12 years and under	- A: Classical Dance - B: Variation
AV13	13 years	- A: Classical Dance - B: Variation
AV14	14 years	- A: Classical Dance - B: Variation
AV15	15+ years	- A: Classical Dance - B: Variation

## Specific Variation Award Rules:

- Each dance must be less than 3 minutes.
- Variation MUST be from a Classical Ballet.
- Female dancers must perform Variation en Pointe if 13 years or older. 12 years, variation may be performed either on pointe or demi-pointe.
- Both dances are to be costumed in appropriate attire for the dance styles.
- All competitors will dance in the assigned order, firstly for their Classical dance then for their Variation dance.
- At completion of dancing both Classical and Variation; first, second and third place will be awarded. The three placed dancers will then be required to compete again in the Final Awards.
- You must be prepared and side stage before your number is called for your Variation. There will be no waiting for a competitor or swapping order of competing between sections.





## TBA Awards Finals

### Performance Rules:

(additional to overall competition rules and guidelines)

- Competitors will dance in the order assigned by The Ballet Academy and announced in advance of the Finals Award Performance.
- TBA Solo Awards Finalists will perform their Classical Dance
- TBA Variation Awards Finalists will perform their Variation Dance
- All dancers will be called onto stage at the conclusion of performances for the Awards Ceremony.

### Sponsorship:

- \$75 sponsorship - Donate a trophy
- Ribbons sponsorship - sponsor the ribbons cost for a class
- \$30 Class Sponsor

If you would like to sponsor a trophy, please choose this option when entering the competition via the app. We will then be in contact to confirm what you would like on the trophy.