



Ballet Cymru  
Associates Programme  
Application Pack 2024



## **Ballet Cymru**

Ballet Cymru is an international touring ballet company for Wales, committed to inclusion and innovation in dance and classical ballet, and to the highest standard of collaboration. Its extensive access and outreach programme is committed to breaking down barriers to accessing the arts.

Ballet Cymru is based in Rogerstone, Newport, and has been hosting dance intensive courses in Wales for over twenty years.

## **Ballet Cymru Associate Programme**

Ballet Cymru's Associate Programme is designed to compliment students' existing dance training, and aims to give young, talented ballet dancers the opportunity, understanding and insight into what life as a professional dancer may entail through a closer and more regular working relationship with Ballet Cymru. Ballet Cymru is an inclusive company and welcomes applications from young disabled dancers and dancers from protected characteristics.

The programme runs monthly on Sundays from September 2024 to August 2025 at Ballet Cymru's dance studios in Newport, and is available to dancers from the ages of 9+\*. It works on 3 levels:

1. Junior Associates: aged 9 – 11
2. Mid Associates: aged 11 – 13
3. Senior Associates: aged 14 +

\*Age from 31<sup>st</sup> August 2024

Ballet Cymru Associate sessions run from 2 – 3.5 hours each month, depending on the associate level. Associates will have the opportunity to work with the professional dancers, Artistic Directors and guest teachers of Ballet Cymru. Associate sessions will consist of ballet technique classes, pointe work/strength coaching (where appropriate), repertoire, contemporary, and other dance/movement training. Over the duration of the course, Associates will also enhance their choreographic skills by completing creative and explorative tasks.

The Associate Intensive is also included in the programme, which is a week-long summer course held at Ballet Cymru's studios in Newport, concluding in a performance to showcase the Associates' work over the academic year and the choreography developed during the intensive week.





## Dates

### Junior Associates Dates:

08/09/24	08/12/24	09/03/25	08/06/25
13/10/24	12/01/25	06/04/25	06/07/25
10/11/24	09/02/25	11/05/25	

Optional Summer Intensive Week: **Mon 28<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025**  
Performance Date: **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025, The Riverfront**

### Mid Associates Dates:

08/09/24	08/12/24	09/03/25	08/06/25
13/10/24	12/01/25	06/04/25	06/07/25
10/11/24	09/02/25	11/05/25	

Summer Intensive Week: **Mon 28<sup>th</sup> July – Fri 1<sup>st</sup> August 2025**  
Performance date: **Sat 2<sup>nd</sup> August 2025, Riverfront Theatre**

### Senior Associates Dates:

15/9/24	15/12/24	16/3/25	15/6/25
20/10/24	19/1/25	13/4/25	13/7/25
17/11/24	16/2/25	18/5/25	

Summer Intensive Week: **Mon 21<sup>st</sup> July – Fri 25<sup>th</sup> July 2025**  
Performance date: **Sat 26<sup>th</sup> July 2025, Riverfront Theatre**

## Fees

**Mid Associate Cost: £400\*** (this includes monthly sessions, Associate Intensive, performance, Associate t-shirt and notebook/pen)

**Senior Associate Cost: £400\*** (this includes monthly sessions, Associate Intensive, performance, Associate t-shirt and notebook/pen)

**Junior Associate Cost: £250\*** (this includes monthly sessions, Associate t-shirt and notebook/pen) Participation in the optional Associate Intensive will incur an additional cost of £75)

\* If the cost of the course is a barrier for you and your family, please do not let it stop you applying. If accepted, we can offer different payment and/or scholarship options, at the discretion of Ballet Cymru. Bursary applications are available upon request if your audition is successful.

## Audition Dates

Auditions for the Ballet Cymru Associate Programme will be held at the Ballet Cymru Studios, Rogerstone, Newport on **Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> and Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> July 2024**. There is no cost/fee to audition. Places on the programme are allocated by the Ballet Cymru team, and are based on ability, strength, and potential.

## Application Process and Deadline

**Applications need to be received no later than Friday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2024**. In order to help reduce our carbon footprint, digital applications are preferred but we can accept postal applications if necessary. Applications can be accepted in Welsh or English.

To apply, please complete and return the following application form including a current **headshot** and a **ballet photograph** of your choice. You will be notified of your audition date/time through email.

\*Please note that if you are successful in auditioning for a place on our Associate Programme, you may be offered a place on a different course level than you originally applied for. This may be due to the fact that the audition panel think that this would be a better fit for the candidate, and/or depending on the standard of auditions we see.

TO COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION FORM, PLEASE CLICK [HERE](#)

