East Grinstead Music & Arts Festival

Dance Syllabus

DANCING
17/18 April, 24/25 April, 1/2 May 2027

Dance closing date is 1 November 2026 unless we are at capacity prior to this date.

Rules

1 Group and Troupe entries - please put the school name not the title of the dance.

2 One parent only in the Dressing Rooms. Schools are welcome to send licensed chaperones if they wish.

3 Duets, Trios and Quartets - please put the dancers names not the title of the dance.

4 Payment of entries is 31 December 2026 and if payment is not received we will go to the reserve list, which is being compiled, to replace those unpaid entries.

5 All England Dance qualifying year for 2028. All ages groups will run in line with AED. Please see their website.

Adjudicator

Karen Blackburn

AIDTA, RAD, RTS

Karen received her formative training at The Phyllis & Hilda Skinns Ballet School (Hull) and with Louise Browne (York Scholars). At the age of twelve, she was the British Junior Ballet Champion, a silver medalist at the All England Dance Finals (Sunshine Festival) and runner-up at the IDTA Miss Dance of Great Britain.
Upon graduating, she furthered her professional training at the Urdang Academy of Ballet & Performing Arts and performed as a classical and contemporary dancer for several years, touring nationally and internationally.

As a freelance choreographer and director, she has devised award-winning pieces for many UK dance schools, as well as ensemble pieces for youth theatre company productions. In addition, she created the first-ever summer season show at Alton Towers, with commercial work for Dansez, Euro Disney, and Adidas.

Her professional affiliations also include being a Royal Ballet School Affiliate Teacher and a

registered teacher with Rambert Grades and Progressing Ballet Technique (PBT). She is an Examiner for the Royal Academy of Dance (Musical Theatre) and a Certified Adjudicator for Acrobatic Arts.

Karen holds a Master's Degree in Dance Research for Professional Practitioners and is passionate about holistic, student-centred training, focusing on creativity, individuality, and encouraging self-esteem through a love of dance.

MUSIC

Teachers/Performers will need to upload their music - MP3, MP4, .WAV files with their entries.

PRE-JUNIOR - 6 years & under

Class	Age	Time	Fee
301 PRE-JUNIOR - Classical	6 and younger	Up to 1.5 mins	£11.00
302 PRE-JUNIOR - Stage Style	6 and younger	Up to 2 mins	£11.00

CLASSICAL BALLET

Class	Age	Time	Fee
303 A - CLASSICAL BALLET 7 and 8 years	Age 7 and 8	Up to 1.5 mins	£11.00
304 B - CLASSICAL BALLET 9 and 10 years	Age 9 and 10	Up to 1.5 mins	£11.00

CLASSICAL BALLET OR STYLISED BALLET

Class	Age	Time	Fee
305 C - CLASSICAL BALLET OR STYLISED BALLET 11 and 12 years	Age 11 and 12	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
306 D - CLASSICAL BALLET OR STYLISED BALLET 13 and 14 years	Age 13 and 14	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
307 E - CLASSICAL BALLET OR STYLISED BALLET 15 to 18 inclusive	Between 15 and 18	Up to 2 mins	£11.00

CONTEMPORARY OR MODERN BALLET

Class	Age	Time	Fee
308 D - CONTEMPORARY or MODERN BALLET 13 and 14 years	Age 13 and 14	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
309 E - CONTEMPORARY or MODERN BALLET 15 and 18 inclusive	Between 15 and 18	Up to 2 mins	£11.00

CHARACTER (Demi)

Class	Age	Time	Fee
310 A - CHARACTER (Demi) 7 and 8 years	Age 7 and 8	Up to 1.5 mins	£11.00
311 B - CHARACTER (Demi) 9 and 10 years	Age 9 and 10	Up to 1.5 mins	£11.00
312 C - CHARACTER (Demi) 11 and 12 years	Age 11 and 12	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
313 D - CHARACTER (Demi) 13 and 14 years	Age 13 and 14	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
314 E - CHARACTER (Demi) 15 to 18 inclusive	Between 15 and 18	Up to 2 mins	£11.00

CLASSICAL GREEK

Class	Age	Time	Fee
315 A - CLASSICAL GREEK 7 and 8 years	Age 7 and 8	Up to 1.5 mins	£11.00
316 B - CLASSICAL GREEK 9 and 10 years	Age 9 and 10	Up to 1.5 mins	£11.00
317 C - CLASSICAL GREEK 11 and 12 years	Age 11 and 12	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
318 D - CLASSICAL GREEK 13 and 14 years	Age 13 and 14	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
319 E - CLASSICAL GREEK 15 and 18 inclusive	Between 15 and 18	Up to 2 mins	£11.00

GLOBAL DANCE

Class	Age	Time	Fee
320 A - GLOBAL DANCE 7 and 8 years	Age 7 and 8	Up to 1.5 mins	£11.00
321 B - GLOBAL DANCE 9 and 10 years	Age 9 and 10	Up to 1.5 mins	£11.00
322 C - GLOBAL DANCE 11 and 12 years	Age 11 and 12	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
323 D - GLOBAL DANCE 13 and 14 years	Age 13 and 14	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
324 E - GLOBAL DANCE 15 and 18 inclusive	Between 15 and 18	Up to 2 mins	£11.00

MODERN

Class	Age	Time	Fee
325 A - MODERN 7 and 8 years	Age 7 and 8	Up to 1.5 mins	£11.00
326 B - MODERN 9 and 10 years	Age 9 and 10	Up to 1.5 mins	£11.00

Class	Age	Time	Fee
327 C - MODERN 11 and 12 years	Age 11 and 12	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
328 D - MODERN 13 and 14 years	Age 13 and 14	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
329 E - MODERN 15 and 18 inclusive	Between 15 and 18	Up to 2 mins	£11.00

LYRICAL MODERN

Class	Age	Time	Fee
330 D - LYRICAL MODERN 13 and 14 years	Age 13 and 14	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
331 E - LYRICAL MODERN 15 and 18 inclusive	Between 15 and 18	Up to 2 mins	£11.00

TAP

Class	Age	Time	Fee
332 A - TAP 7 and 8 years	Age 7 and 8	Up to 1.5 mins	£11.00
333 B - TAP 9 and 10 years	Age 9 and 10	Up to 1.5 mins	£11.00
334 C - TAP 11 and 12 years	Age 11 and 12	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
335 D - TAP 13 and 14 years	Age 13 and 14	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
336 E - TAP 15 and 18 inclusive	Between 15 and 18	Up to 2 mins	£11.00

MUSICAL THEATRE

Class	Age	Time	Fee
337 A - MUSICAL THEATRE 7 and 8 years	Age 7 and 8	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
338 B - MUSICAL THEATRE 9 and 10 years	Age 9 and 10	Up to 2 mins	£11.00
339 C - MUSICAL THEATRE 11 and 12 years	Age 11 and 12	Up to 2.5 mins	£11.00
340 D - MUSICAL THEATRE 13 and 14 years	Age 13 and 14	Up to 2.5 mins	£11.00
341 E - MUSICAL THEATRE 15 and 18 inclusive	Between 15 and 18	Up to 2.5 mins	£11.00

CLASSICAL DUETS

Ballet
Classical or Stylised Ballet
Classical Greek
Contemporary or Modern Ballet
Global Dance
Character

Class	Age	Time	Fee
342 JUNIOR CLASSICAL DUETS Group of 2 people	10 and younger	Up to 2.5 mins	£17.00 per duo

Class	Age	Time	Fee
343 INTERMEDIATE CLASSICAL DUETS Group of 2 people	14 and younger	Up to 2.5 mins	£17.00 per duo
344 SENIOR CLASSICAL DUETS Group of 2 people	21 and younger	Up to 2.5 mins	£17.00 per duo

STAGE DUETS

Tap - up to 2.5 mins
Modern - up to 2.5 mins
Lyrical Modern - up to 2.5 mins
Musical Theatre - up to 3 mins

Class	Age	Time	Fee
345 JUNIOR STAGE DUETS Group of 2 people	10 and younger	Up to 2.5 mins	£17.00 per duo
346 INTERMEDIATE STAGE DUETS Group of 2 people	14 and younger	Up to 2.5 mins	£17.00 per duo
347 SENIOR STAGE DUETS Group of 2 people	21 and younger	Up to 2.5 mins	£17.00 per duo

CLASSICAL TRIOS/QUARTETS

Ballet
Classical or Stylised Ballet
Classical Greek
Contemporary or Modern Ballet
Global Dance
Character

Class	Age	Time	Fee
348 JUNIOR CLASSICAL TRIOS/QUARTETS Group of 3 to 4 people	10 and younger	Up to 2.5 mins	£19.50 per group
349 INTERMEDIATE CLASSICAL TRIOS/QUARTETS Group of 3 to 4 people	14 and younger	Up to 2.5 mins	£19.50 per group
350 SENIOR CLASSICAL TRIOS/QUARTETS Group of 3 to 4 people	21 and younger	Up to 2.5 mins	£19.50 per group

STAGE TRIOS/QUARTETS

Modern - up to 2.5 mins
Lyrical Modern - up to 2.5 mins
Tap - up to 2.5 mins
Musical Theatre - up to 3 mins

Class	Age	Time	Fee
351 JUNIOR STAGE TRIOS/QUARTETS Group of 3 to 4 people	10 and younger	Up to 2.5 mins	£19.50 per group

Class	Age	Time	Fee
352 INTERMEDIATE STAGE TRIOS/QUARTETS Group of 3 to 4 people	14 and younger	Up to 2.5 mins	£19.50 per group
353 SENIOR STAGE TRIOS/QUARTETS Group of 3 to 4 people	21 and younger	Up to 2.5 mins	£19.50 per group

GROUPS

Ballet
Classical or Stylised Ballet
Classical Greek
Contemporary or Modern Ballet
Global Dance
Character

Class	Age	Time	Fee
354 JUNIOR GROUPS Group of 8 to 24 people	10 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£5.00 per person
355 INTERMEDIATE GROUPS Group of 8 to 24 people	14 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£5.00 per person
356 SENIOR GROUPS Group of 8 to 24 people	21 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£5.00 per person

SMALL GROUPS

Ballet
Classical or Stylised Ballet
Classical Greek
Contemporary or Modern Ballet
Global Dance
Character

Class	Age	Time	Fee
357 JUNIOR SMALL GROUP Group of 2 to 10 people	10 and younger	Up to 3 mins	£5.00 per person
358 INTERMEDIATE SMALL GROUPS Group of 2 to 10 people	14 and younger	Up to 3 mins	£5.00 per person
359 SENIOR SMALL GROUPS Group of 2 to 10 people	21 and younger	Up to 3 mins	£5.00 per person

TROUPES

Modern
Lyrical Modern
Tap
Musical Theatre

Class	Age	Time	Fee
360 JUNIOR TROUPES Group of 8 to 24 people	10 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£5.00 per person
361 INTERMEDIATE TROUPES Group of 8 to 24 people	14 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£5.00 per person
362 SENIOR TROUPES Group of 8 to 24 people	21 and younger	Up to 4 mins	£5.00 per person
363 JUNIOR SMALL TROUPES Group of 2 to 10 people	Between 2 and 10	Up to 3 mins	£5.00 per person
364 INTERMEDIATE SMALL TROUPES Group of 2 to 10 people	14 and younger	Up to 3 mins	£5.00 per person
365 SENIOR SMALL TROUPES Group of 2 to 10 people	21 and younger	Up to 3 mins	£5.00 per person

SAFETY OF PERFORMERS

It is necessary for teachers and parents to be aware of their responsibilities in entering any performers with limited physical capabilities or special needs, bearing in mind the limitations imposed by the surrounding environment. It is also necessary for the teacher or parent to pass on to the Adjudicator, via the Organiser, any such information that would impact on the Adjudicator's work.

One parent only in the Dressing Rooms. Schools are welcome to send licensed chaperones if they wish.