



South West Theatre Ballet Auditions

21st May (PM) 2017 at Queens College, Taunton, Somerset
21st May (AM) 2017 at Darlington Hall, Totnes, Devon

Thank you for your enquiry for the South West Theatre Ballet production
2018

Beauty and the Beast

Performing

at

The McMillan Theatre, Bridgwater, 8th – 10th November 2018

or

The Palace Theatre, Paignton, 15th – 17th November 2018

We have pleasure in enclosing our audition pack for your information.

If we can be of further assistance please do not hesitate to contact us on
07948 188293 / 07835 835766

Please return to the address below or via email to:
southwesttheatreballet@gmail.com

We look forward to meeting you

Lisa and Olivia

Lisa Hollinshead – Artistic Director
Olivia Pickford – Director of Dance
20 Truemans Heath Lane, Wythall, B47 5QB



MIDLAND THEATRE BALLET & SOUTH WEST THEATRE BALLET

MTB was born from the need for a youth ballet in the Midlands and over the past 6 years we have produced 6 full length ballets and have enjoyed watching young talent grow as dancers. South West Ballet has evolved due to the success of MTB and wanting to celebrate the incredible talent in Somerset and Devon.

The unique part of this project is that the pupils are trained as a ballet company over a year. They are taught technique, performance skills and repertoire, enhancing their work with their own ballet teachers and building towards their performance of Beauty & the Beast in 2018

We feel it is important that every student has their opportunity to "shine" and therefore we try to keep casts to a minimum. Those who are cast in smaller roles will be given several parts giving every child their "moment" on stage.

When auditioning we will be looking for dedicated pupils who have a passion for performing and can show this through their dancing. We hope the audition process will be an enjoyable experience and we wish you all the best of luck.



AUDITIONS

Auditions will be held in each venue. Candidates can choose either Somerset branch on Sunday 21st May (PM) or Devon branch on Sunday 21st May (AM), times to be confirmed on application. Children will be split into age groups which are listed below, along with approximate timings to be confirmed with your audition confirmation.

Audition places should be booked prior to the date of audition but late entrants may be able to book by phone if there are places left.

However we would advise early booking to avoid disappointment.

Confirmation of date, time of and additional audition information will be sent by email however if postal confirmation is required please specify on application form.

AUDITION DAY

Candidates will register on arrival at the venue. Parents are unable to accompany students to changing rooms so please ensure your child has their leotard and tights under their clothes and has their hair tied back before arriving. Queens College and Dartington also request that parents leave the site once you have dropped your child off as there is limited parking.

Unfortunately parents are unable to wait in the reception area during the audition.

Normal class attire and ballet shoes are all that are required. Older students may require pointe shoes but only if they are well established on pointe. Pointe ability will not determine a place in the company. The audition takes the form of a normal ballet class, including a small mime relating to the current ballet.

After their audition, students will be brought to the reception area for collection by parents. If older students are travelling alone please indicate on their application form.

NOTIFICATION OF PLACEMENTS

Students will be informed within seven working days of auditions if they are awarded a place. Some children may be placed on a waiting list in case places become available at a later date.

COURSE

The course is split into 5 rehearsal periods, commencing in June 2017 and culminating in theatre week in November 2018. This will cover 25, rehearsal sessions each comprising of 1 hr technique class & 1½ hr Rehearsal.

FEES

£750 for the complete course. Fees cover all classes, theatre and costume costs however students will be required to supply their own shoes, tights/socks and weekly practice clothes.

On accepting a place, a non-refundable deposit of £100.00 is required. Should a student have to leave after the place has been accepted unfortunately the deposit will be forfeited.

There are various payment options.

A) **PAYMENT OF FEES IN FULL.**

£100 deposit followed by £650 at first lesson

B) **COURSE SPLIT INTO 5 PAYMENTS.**

£100 deposit followed by 5 standing order payments of £130 payable in June, September 2017 and January, April and September 2018.

SCHOLARSHIPS

There are limited scholarships available for exceptional students which will be awarded at finals at our discretion.

Audition dates and timetable - Somerset

Sunday 21st May (PM)

Venue

Queens College
Trull Road, Taunton
Somerset
TA1 4QS

Times (approximately TBC)

(Age limits apply from 31/08/2017)

Groups will be allocated by our staff depending on age and standard but will follow the rough guideline below:

Group A

7-12yrs 2:00pm Registration
3:30pm Collection

Group B

13-19yrs 3:30pm Registration
5:00pm Collection

Times will be confirmed by email on receipt of application

Audition fee £25.00 – Payable with application
Cheques Payable to Midland Theatre Ballet.
Please write Childs name & SWTB on back of cheque
Or

Via bacs transfer
Lloyds Bank
Midland Theatre Ballet
Sort code: 30-97-57
Account no: 22030268
Reference: Childs initial & Surname

Audition dates and timetable DEVON

Sunday 21st May (AM)

Venue

Space,
The Dartington Hall Trust,
Totnes
Devon TQ9 6EN

Times (approximately TBC)

(Age limits apply from 31/08/2017)

Groups will be allocated depending on age and standard but will follow the rough guideline below:

Group A

7-12yrs 9:00am Registration
10:30am Collection

Group B

13-19yrs 10.30am Registration
11.00am Collection

Times will be confirmed by email on receipt of application

Audition fee £25.00 – Payable with application
Cheques Payable to Midland Theatre Ballet.
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SOUTH WEST THEATRE BALLET

AUDITION APPLICATION FOR:

Somerset **Please tick the performance venue**
Devon **you are applying for**

PERSONAL INFORMATION

SURNAME: FORENAMES:
ADDRESS: D.O.B:
..... AGE ON 31st AUG 2017:
POST CODE: HEIGHT IN METRIC:
E MAIL ADDRESS:
HOME TEL NO: MOBILE:

BALLET INFORMATION

LAST EXAM TAKEN: GRADE: DATE:
RESULT: SYLLABUS: (e.g. RAD/IDTA etc):
DO YOU STUDY POINTE WORK? yes/no
IF YES: HOW LONG HAVE YOU BEEN ON POINTE?: HOW MANY HOURS OF DANCE/WEEK?:

ALL STUDENTS MUST HAVE THEIR DANCE TEACHERS PERMISSION TO JOIN SOUTH WEST THEATRE BALLET

NAME OF DANCE SCHOOL: SIGNATURE of TEACHER:
ADDRESS OF DANCE SCHOOL.....POST CODE.....
DANCE SCHOOL EMAIL:.....

AUDITION INFORMATION

- PLEASE TICK PREFERRED AUDITION VENUE DATE: MAY 21st (PM) **SOMERSET** [] MAY 21st (AM) **DEVON** []
You may audition at either venue regardless of performance venue chosen
- PLEASE TICK RELEVANT AGE GROUP: A [] B []
- IF WE CAN CONFIRM DATE BY E MAIL PLEASE TICK [] IF YOU PREFER POSTAL CONFIRMATION PLEASE ENCLOSE S.A.E. []

I ENCLOSE £25.00 AUDITION FEE PAYABLE TO: Midland Theatre Ballet, send to: 20 Truemans Heath Lane, Wythall, B47 5QB

SIGNED.....parent/guardian

Please notify us of any medical conditions which we need to be aware of for the audition on a separate sheet and attach.

• Photographs may be taken during auditions, rehearsals and performances for promotional purposes. Please sign below to give your permission.

Signature.....parent/guardian

- My son/daughter may/may* not leave the studios unaccompanied after the audition (*delete)

Signature.....parent/guardian

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