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Royal Academy of Dance announces scholarships for The Fonteyn 2023 ballet competition

Opportunities at world-renowned dance schools & companies are on offer for candidates of The Fonteyn 2023



The Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) announces the launch of scholarship opportunities for candidates of its annual The Margot Fonteyn International Ballet Competition (The Fonteyn), one of the oldest and most prestigious ballet competitions in the world which has awarded the Genée Gold Medal since it first began in 1931.

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In addition to the medals and cash prizes, all candidates will have the opportunity to be considered for a variety of tuition scholarship opportunities from renowned dance companies and schools across the globe. The list of opportunities continues to grow but currently includes:

- American Ballet Theatre - Jacqueline Kennedy Onassis School
- Australian Ballet School
- Canada's National Ballet School
- Dutch National Ballet Academy
- Elmhurst Ballet School
- English National Ballet School
- Houston Ballet Academy
- New Zealand School of Dance
- Queensland Ballet Academy
- Rambert School of Ballet and Contemporary Dance
- The Royal Ballet School
- Tulsa Ballet Training Programme
- University of North Carolina School of the Arts

Gerard Charles, Artistic Director of the Royal Academy of Dance, commented: *"On behalf of the RAD we are delighted to be awarding such exciting scholarship opportunities at this year's The Fonteyn. More than just a competition with prizes, The Fonteyn seeks to deliver memorable experiences and create a community for all participants. The Fonteyn is an amazing opportunity for the Royal Academy of Dance to gather dancers from around the world to share their dancing, learn together and to celebrate their achievements."*

The Fonteyn (formerly known as The Genée) is dedicated to promoting dance, providing educational experiences and recognising excellence in young ballet dancers internationally. This is achieved by offering aspiring dancers the unique opportunity to work with world-renowned choreographers and professionals, as well as the chance to perform on an international stage.

Past medallists of The Fonteyn have gone on to work for some of the best ballet companies around the world including: The Royal Ballet, Royal Ballet of Flanders, The Mariinsky Ballet, American Ballet Theatre, National Ballet of Canada, Birmingham Royal Ballet, Estonia National Ballet, Northern Ballet, Australian Ballet, English National Ballet, San Francisco Ballet and The Hong Kong Ballet.

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The Fonteyn 2023 semi-finals will take place at RAD headquarters in London on 26-27 October 2023, with the final held at His Majesty's Theatre 29 October 2023.

To find out more about The Fonteyn 2023's scholarship opportunities and to apply visit: <https://www.thefonteyn.org/applications>. Applications close on **30 June 2023**.

To find out more about Royal Academy of Dance's events and space hire, visit: <https://www.royalacademyofdance.org/about-us/venue-hire/>

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Notes to Editors

Royal Academy of Dance

Royal Academy of Dance (RAD) is one of the most influential dance education and training organisations in the world with a strong global membership in 85 countries.

Established in 1920 to improve standards and re-invigorate dance training, the Academy helps and encourages its teachers to perfect their teaching skills and pass on this knowledge to their students. There are currently over 1,000 students in full-time or part-time teacher training programmes with the Academy and each year the examination syllabus is taught to thousands of young people worldwide, with around a quarter of a million pupils per year going on to take RAD exams.

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