

## Freestyle Scholarships 2024

VENUE: MIDLANDS ARTS CENTRE, CANNON HILL PARK, BIRMINGHAM, B12 9QH

Date: Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> May 2024

Doors open for registration from 8.15am

Scholarships start 9.00am

Candidates for the IDTA Freestyle Scholarships are initially nominated by the Association's Examiners when taking a Freestyle Solo medal test at Star 1 level or above, through a qualified teacher. Candidates must obtain a mark of at least 90% and show outstanding / exceptional potential.

Awards are granted in the following age groups for Freestyle Solo performances:

Class A – up to 13 years inc

Class B – 14 – 15 years inc.

Class C – 16 – 17 years inc.

Class D – 18 years and over

The Scholarships will be held annually in the Spring. Nominations are taken from 1 March to 28/29 February the following year.

Winners will receive a trophy and a cheque prize to further their dance training.

Certificates are awarded to every nominee.

An additional trophy and voucher towards further training to be presented by Anna Jones for the nominees in each age group showing outstanding potential

### Format of Scholarships

#### **Warm-Up**

Warming up/stretching must be carried out in the assigned area only and not in other public areas of the building. Dancers are responsible for their own warm-up and must make sure that they are fully warmed up before taking part in their class.

All nominees will participate in a class (Class A, Class B, Class C or Class D depending on age) after a warm up.

Approximately 12 semi finalists from each age group will be selected to give a solo performance, followed by a repeat solo performance by approximately 6 finalists.

Solo performances will be in age groups and will be 20 seconds in length, 40 seconds in Slow Dance, choreographed by teacher. (Must be based on Freestyle rather than Street Based.)

Judges will select the winner from each age group.

Class taught by guest choreographer

**Class A**            **Freestyle - Slow Dance – Please note change**

Class B            Freestyle – Slow Dance

Class C            Freestyle – Fast Dance

Class D            Freestyle – Fast Dance

Solo spots for Class A –20 secs – Freestyle Fast Dance

Solo spots for Class B –20 secs – Freestyle Fast Dance

Solo spot for Class C – 40 secs – Freestyle Slow Dance

Solo spot for Class D – 40 secs – Freestyle Slow Dance

**Music for all solos will be selected by the faculty and not pre-released before the event.**

Fast Dance music track will be approx. 160 beats per minute (between 155-165 bpm).

1. **Dress:**  
Clothing should be plain throughout the day. (one colour)  
**NO HOLOGRAPHIC MATERIAL**  
No rhinestones or added decorations  
Boys must wear tops.  
Colour is of the choice of the candidate  
No face / body make up or false eyelashes for under 12's  
Over 12's may use light makeup  
No fake tan or jewellery for any age group  
Footwear for all age groups is optional  
No ornate head gear
2. **Music:**  
For the class, music will be provided by the class instructor – radio edit.  
For the solo performance:  
**Music for Class A, B, C and D will be provided by the Freestyle Faculty and will not be pre-released before the event**  
For the fast Freestyle, approximate tempo 160 beats per minute (between 155-165 bpm).
3. **Age Groups:**  
Class A – under 14                   ie: up to and including 13 years of age  
Class B – under 16                   ie: 14 – 15 years of age inclusive  
Class C – under 18                   ie: 16 – 17 years of age inclusive  
Class D – 18 and over               ie: 18 years and over  
  
The nominee's age on the date of the finals will determine the class / age group they participate in.  
**It is essential that the nominee's date of birth is provided by their teacher when acknowledging the nomination to Head Office.**
4. **Registration:**  
All nominees are required to register 45 minutes prior to the commencement of their class. Failure to do so may result in them being unable to take part.
5. **Re-dances** will not be allowed except in the case of music failure or at the discretion of the MC.
6. In the event of a nominated candidate being unable to take part, entry **may not** be deferred to the following year.
7. In the event of a nominated candidate changing schools, written permission to take part must be supplied by both school principals.
8. In accordance with Child Protection Guidance video cameras, cameras and mobile phone cameras **may not** be used. A professional photographer will be in attendance. Any objections to the photographing of the scholarships should be submitted in writing to IDTA one month before the event.
9. **Entry fees:**  
For nominees and spectators £14 in advance and £16 on the door if available.
10. **Exclusions:**  
Rotating no-handed movements are not allowed. Chest rolls are not allowed.
11. **Professional qualifications:**  
Nominees who have taken any professional exams including the Level 3 Diploma in any genre cannot participate in the Scholarships.

**Please note that candidates who violate any of the rules will be disqualified.**