

FLEXUS DANCE COLLECTIVE
AUDITION APPLICATION & INFORMATION PACK 2023

Thank you for your interest in the Flexus Dance Collective Youth Sector Auditions for 2023/24, we are thrilled to announce the auditions will be delivered on **Sunday 24th September 2023**, offering youth dancer contracts for Sterran Touring Company & Flexus Youth Dance.

Flexus Dance Collective are based in Wolverhampton, providing innovative creative opportunities and high-quality cultural experiences to Youth Dancers, Young people, and developing/emerging practitioners.

Founded by Artistic Director Katy Sterran, the Flexus reputation and profile has been built on standards of provision for creativity, dance training, performance, and industry preparation.

With an ongoing commitment and investment throughout Education, Professional Training and early careers, FDC take pride in their ability to inspire, empower and nurture creative potential and talent, providing access to skills and experiences fundamental for our creative landscape.

A general overview of criteria for each company has been provided below, but please be aware that dancers at times are selected on their potential, and not on experience.

A Flexus dancer will demonstrate an excellent attitude with discipline, passion and commitment, which is often valued higher than technical experience. Following audition, dancer selection will also be in response to the choreographers' artistic vision for their work.

Please note that Flexus Youth Dance and Sterran Touring Company are not drop-in dance sessions; successful applicants will be contracted to the company for the 2023/24 academic year.



FLEXUS YOUTH DANCE

For dancers aged 11 – 18 Years

Tuesday Evenings: 6pm – 8pm *(Day of week subject to change)*

£90 per half-term

(6 payments to be made across the year)

Flexus Youth Dance have an excellent reputation based on the standards, creativity and discipline nurtured in the dancers, who receive technical training and artistic development in the creation of new works each year. Choreographed this year by FDC Ambassadors Ruby Clews & Rosie Hardwick, these works are performed at platforms, theatres and festivals throughout the year.

During their contracted year of training, Flexus Youth Dancers will also have the opportunity to achieve a Bronze Arts Award, receiving a Level 1 qualification recognised on the Regulated Qualifications Framework (RQF).

Flexus Youth Dancers should demonstrate a strong level of technical understanding and competence, have performance experience or have the ability to display strong understanding of performance requirements, individuality and sensitivity in performance. Dancers will have choreographic experience or display creativity in the production and manipulation of material.



STERRAN TOURING COMPANY

For dancers aged 15 – 21 Years*

Tuesday Evenings: 6pm – 9pm

£120 per half-term

(6 payments to be made across the year)

Choreographed by Artistic Director Katy Sterran, Sterran Touring is an audition-only company with a reputation of pushing the boundaries of Youth Dance. On top of their intense technical training, the dancers within the company are challenged as performers, educated through a Leadership Programme to find their artistic voice, and provided industry skills so they are at the centre of developing dance for their generation.

Sterran has developed an artistic style based around psychological and social issues that focus on physical and emotional challenge, producing theatrical, cross art form works. Sterran recognises and nurtures the artistic skills of the individual, that provide an experience and journey for both the dancers and audience at the intersection of the Arts.

Sterran Touring Company is for extremely committed and driven dancers, who demonstrate an advanced level of technical understanding and competence, or with the physical potential to achieve the required level. Dancers will have a high level of fitness and excellent performance presence, displaying versatility, a willingness to take on challenges and have experience or skills in a range of styles or other art forms. Dancers will demonstrate a high level of discipline and sensitivity, showing originality in choreography and good communication skills.

AUDITION PROCESS

- Please complete the FDC Audition Application form and return to flexusdanceco@outlook.com
Deadline: Friday 15th September, 5pm
- On receipt of your completed application form, please ensure your **£5 registration fee** is paid via bank transfer. (All details are provided on your application).
- On confirmation of your audition payment, you will be provided a **specific time slot between 10am – 5:30pm** to attend your audition at **Coppice Performing Arts School on Sunday 24th September 2023.**
- The audition will consist of a technique class and creative tasks - you do not need to prepare any material for the audition.
- Please note, dancers will not find out the result of their audition on the day - this will be communicated via email over the following week.

If you have any questions or queries, please contact flexusdanceco@outlook.com